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General Thura Shwe Mann greets Deputy Chief of Staff (Army) of Russian Federation Colonel General Moltenskoï Vladimir I. — MNA

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

General Thura Shwe Mann receives Russian goodwill delegation

YANGON, 24 April— Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence received a goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of Staff (Army) of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation Colonel General Moltenskoï Vladimir I of Russian Federation at Zeyarthiri Beikman, Konmyintha, here

this morning.

Also present at the call were member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Security Affairs Lt-Gen Myint

Swe, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Oleg V Kabanov and Military Attache Colonel Vladimir I Konchakov.

Later, General Thura Shwe Mann hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel this evening.

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General Thura Shwe Mann receives Deputy Chief of Staff (Army) of Russian Federation Colonel General Moltenskoï Vladimir I and party.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Counter fabricated news and try to become effective media

In the world today, science and technologies are developing so rapidly that they have gained a dominant position in almost all fields and some big nations with the superiority of wealth and technology are also trying to widen their influence over other nations, especially the developing ones.

Some developed nations of the world with superiority in military, economy and technology, dominate, threaten and invade developing countries and it is found that they are trying to control those countries through media channels.

Ignoring the development of Myanmar, some big nations make others misunderstand Myanmar with the use of media as a weapon and they spread false news and rumours in order to weaken national solidarity, to break up Union Spirit and to undermine peace and stability. Therefore, it is the duty of mass communication to broadcast prevalence of law and order, unity and cooperation of the Tatmadaw, the people and the government.

The 11th anniversary of Myawady Television was held in conjunction with a prize-presentation ceremony for the best manuscript award of Myawady and Ngwetayi magazines and Myawady colour photo contest of Myawady Literary House at the Myawady Television on 23 April and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 urged all those from Myawady TV and Myawady Literary House to strive for improvement and integrity of their media work while serving the interests of the State and the people and try their best to be able to discharge duties assigned by the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare.

With rapid progress in technologies, media today has become quite at home with the people. Television and periodicals are the most effective means of the media in informing and educating people. It is now for eleven years that Myawady Television has been entertaining, informing and educating the people successfully.

We would like to call on all those responsible of the media, especially television and periodicals that are most intimate with the people, to work hard to broadcast the programmes that serve the best interest of the nation and the people and counter fabricated stories broadcast by some big nations.

မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာ နယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း အစိုးရ ဌာနဆိုင်ရာပိုင် မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များကိုသာ လုပ်ငန်းလိုအပ်ချက် အရ စီးနင်းခွင့်ပြုပြီး ဌာနဆိုင်ရာ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များတွင်လည်း ဌာနတစ်ဆိုင်ရပါမည်။ ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများအနေဖြင့် မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီး ဦးတင်ဆောင်းလျက် မေးသိုင်းကြိုးကို သေချာစွာ တပ်ဆင်ချည်နှောင်း စီးနင်းကြရန်နှင့် ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးဦးထုပ် မဆောင်းဘဲစီးနင်းခြင်း၊ နှစ်ယောက်နှင့်အထက် တင်ဆောင်းစီးနင်း ခြင်းများကို စစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူ ဆောင်ရွက် သွားမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် လိုင်စင်မဲ့ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များ၊ နယ်ကျော်စီးနင်းသည့် မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များအား စစ်ဆေး တွေ့ရှိပါက အဆိုပါ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များအား နိုင်ငံပိုင်အဖြစ် သိမ်းဆည်းပြီး စီးနင်းသူကိုလည်း ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူ ဆောင်ရွက် သွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများ

- * 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

Minister of Information Industry of PRC arrives

YANGON, 24 April— At the invitation of Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister of Information Industry of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Xudong and party arrived here by air yesterday evening.



Information Industry Minister Mr Wang Xudong and party visit Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

The Information Industry minister and party in the afternoon visited Shwedagon Pagoda at which they offered flowers, water and light and the minister signed in the visitors' book.

Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees conducted the Chinese minister and party round the pagoda.

In the evening,

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw hosted a dinner to the Chinese minister and party at Sedona Hotel.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Chairman U Aung Myint, Director of Signals of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Thein Tun, heads of department, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and officials and guests.

After the dinner, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister of Information Industry Mr Wang Xudong ex-

changed gifts.

The Chinese minister and party called on Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon.

At the call, they discussed matters on information and communications link (Myanmar) and cooperation in ICT between the two nations.

At the contract signing ceremony held at the ministry, Managing Director U Maung

Maung Tin and Vice-President Ms Niu Yuhong of Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd signed Contract on Myanmar Communication Project.

Also present at the ceremony were Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister of Information Industry Mr Wang Xudong, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu, officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd.

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Education Minister meets TEOs, school heads in Yangon Division

YANGON, 24 April—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein this morning met township education officers and school heads of townships in Yangon Division at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township.

The meeting was attended by Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu, Director-General of Myanmar Education Research Bureau Department Col Ohn Myint, directors, deputy directors, assistant directors, staff officers, township education officers and school heads.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein made a speech on the occasion.

Next, school heads of No 1 BEHS and No 2 BEHS in Dagon Township, No 2 BEHS in Latha Township, No 2 BEHS in Sangyoung Township, No 2 BEHS in Kamayut Township, No 2 BEHS in Bahan Township, No 5 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Botahtaung Township, No 2 BEHS in Yankin Township and Yangon Institute of Education's Practising School reported on arrangements concerning school enrollment, and Director-General U Aye Kyu gave a supplementary report.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Minister Dr Chan Nyein.

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Russian delegation arrives

YANGON, 24 April— At the invitation of Chief Justice U Aung Toe, President of Supreme Court of Russian Federation Mr Vyacheslav M Lebedev and party arrived here by air this evening.



President of Supreme Court of Russian Federation and party being welcomed at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

They were welcomed at the Yangon International airport by Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Deputy Chief Justice U Soe Thein, Russian Ambassador Mr Oleg V Kabanov and officials.

MNA

India, Pakistan close to gas pipeline deal with Iran

DOHA, 23 April—Iran, India and Pakistan are close to signing a gas pipeline deal, the Iranian and Pakistani oil ministers told *Reuters* on Saturday, overriding US opposition to the project. Speaking after talks with his Iranian and Indian counterparts, Pakistan's Oil Minister Amanullah Khan Jadoon told *Reuters* only technical issues had to be resolved. The 7 billion US dollars pipeline would link Iran's abundant gas reserves, the world's second biggest, to India's booming economy. Iranian Oil Minister Kazem Vaziri said he had an understanding with India

and Pakistan and was unconcerned by US opposition to the plan. "We have a very good understanding," Iranian Oil Minister Kazem Vaziri told *Reuters*. "They are willing and Iran is ready." The pipeline would be to carry 150 million cubic metres per day of gas for 25 years, he said. When asked when the deal would be signed, he said only: "I hope we are going to have a ministerial meeting in Teheran in June," adding it would be attended by the same three ministers. *MNA/Reuters*



Tourists ride camels in front of Giza pyramids on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET



Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, and India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, right, walk past a military parade upon Singh's official welcome at the Herrenhaeuser Gardens in Hanover, northern Germany, on 23 April, 2006. INTERNET



Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh attends the prize presentation of Audemars Piguet QE II Cup at Shatin race track in Hong Kong on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Bolivia's President threatens to bar US visitors

LA PAZ (Bolivia), 23 April—Bolivia's President Evo Morales threatened to bar some US citizens from visiting his Andean nation on Friday, after Washington denied a second Bolivian official permission to enter the United States.

The US Government refused to grant a visa this week to Bolivia's Deputy Minister of Basic Services, Rene Orellana, who was scheduled to travel on official government business, in the second such awkward incident. "I am asking the (US)

ambassador to provide us with a list of deputies, senators, ministers and deputy ministers that do not have a visa, so we can avoid problems," Morales said during a speech to Latin American indigenous lawmakers. "But the moment they give me

that list, I will also pass a list to the US ambassador naming the North Americans that have no visa for Bolivia. This is a question of defending our people's dignity," said Morales, a leftist and Bolivia's first indigenous president.

Currently, Americans are not required to apply for a visa to travel to Bolivia. US Ambassador David Greenlee in Bolivia was quick to minimize the incident, emphasizing it had no political motive whatsoever. "This is an administrative issue, it is not a political signal. We have to find out why our electronic system rejected the application, there may be a very simple answer, it could be a mix-up," Greenlee told local radio station Fides. *MNA/Reuters*

Mt Everest ice fall buries three Nepali Sherpa climbers

KATHMANDU, 23 April— At least three Nepali Sherpa climbers were buried in an ice fall in the upper Khumbu Region, Solukhumbu District, in Mt Everest area of eastern Nepal on Friday. A statement issued here Saturday by the Nepali Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation quoted a liaison officer and team leader as saying that Ang Phinjo Sherpa, Lakpa Tseri Sherpa and Dawa Temba Sherpa died when a huge chunk of ice fell on them at 7:00 am local time (0115 GMT) at an altitude of 5,630 metres.

300 kilometres northeast of Kathmandu. Three other Sherpas were injured in the accident. Ang Phinjo was working for the Great Escapes

Trekking company and the other two, Lakpa Tseri and Dawa Temba, were working for the Asian Trekking company. *MNA/Xinhua*



Ancient Roman legionaries impersonators march past the Colosseum in Rome, on 23 April, 2006, part of a series of celebrations marking the birth of Rome, which legend says was founded on 21 April in 753 BC.—INTERNET

Three US soldiers, 23 Iraqis killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 April—Three US soldiers were killed on Sunday when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb northwest of the capital, raising to eight the number of Americans killed this weekend in Baghdad area. More than 20 Iraqis also died in other violence Sunday, including seven who were killed in three explosions that occurred just outside the heavily guarded Green Zone in Baghdad, not far from Iraq's Defence Ministry.

The violence occurred one day after Iraq's parliament met inside the Green Zone to elect top government officials in a breakthrough in a long political standoff. US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad repeated his call Sunday for the quick creation of a Cabinet comprising "competent" ministers "who will work for all Iraqis and bring Iraqis together."

Prime Minister-designate Jawad al-Maliki has 30 days to assemble a national unity government of Shiite, Sunni Arab and Kurdish parties that US and Iraqi officials hope can stem sectarian violence that has swelled over the past months during a stalemate over the government. Parliament also elected a president, two vice-presidents, a parliament speaker and two deputies on Saturday. The US military said the three slain soldiers died at 11:30 am but did not give the exact location. Five American soldiers died on Saturday in bombings in the southern area of the capital.—Internet



A man inspects his sunflower crop in a farm on the outskirts of Chandigarh, India, on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Venezuela hopes to expand joint ventures

CARACAS, 23 April—Venezuela's state oil company wants to form joint ventures with oil companies extracting heavy crude in the Orinoco tar belt, a move that would bring the state a larger financial stake in the projects, a company official said in an interview published on Saturday.

Venezuela recently converted 32 other privately operated oil fields into "mixed companies" in which its company Petroleos de Venezuela SA holds majority stakes.

Eulogio Del Pino, a director of PDVSA, told the Venezuelan newspaper *El Universal* that the company would like four heavy oil upgrading projects in the eastern Orinoco River basin "to migrate to mixed

companies." Since taking office in 1999, President Hugo Chavez's government has passed legislation requiring a majority government stake in all new oil production projects.

"If the businesses are going to be adjusted to the new law, a complete job should be done and the state's participation should be 51 percent," he said.

Such a step would need

support from the National Assembly and Chavez, who has supported efforts for the state to draw more revenues from its huge oil industry.

Oil majors Exxon Mobil Corp, Total SA, Chevron Corp, BP PLC, ConocoPhillips and Norway's Statoil convert extra heavy crude in the region into some 600,000 barrels a day of synthetic crude, using specialized refineries.—*Internet*



A Panama container ship leaves the Panama Canal and heads into the Pacific Ocean, in Panama City, Panama on 20 April, 2006. The Panamanian government will announce 24 April that it is considering an expansion of the 90-year-old Panama Canal to allow bigger ships to cross to and from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

INTERNET

Groups question US plan to detain sick travellers

WASHINGTON, 23 April—Infectious disease experts and the American Civil Liberties Union raised concerns on Friday about an agreement that would allow US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and Customs agents to detain anyone who looked sick with bird flu.

The memorandum of understanding, a copy of which was provided to *Reuters*, also provides for Customs and Border Protection agents to give personal details of airline passengers to the CDC.

It was signed in October by Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. HHS spokeswoman Christina

Pearson denied it was secret or sinister. "We have had this agreement in place and it's to help CDC when there is a report of communicable diseases on an airplane," Pearson said. "It helps them quickly and efficiently to be able to locate passengers and to inform them that they may have been exposed to some kind of communicable disease, to reassure them and tell them how to get right

channels to treatment." The memorandum mentions H5N1 avian influenza, which experts fear could cause a worldwide pandemic at any time, and also makes provision for other diseases.

There have been no outbreaks of disease that would be covered by the agreement since it was signed. "CDC is authorized to isolate and/or quarantine arriving

Indonesian President to visit Middle East

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JAKARTA, 23 April — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will visit four Middle East countries in a week-long trip beginning next Tuesday, a spokesman said Friday.

The President will begin his trip from Saudi Arabia to meet King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz al-Saud and visit the Muslim holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

"President SBY will perform a pilgrimage in Mecca," presidential spokesman Dino Patti Djalal told reporters here,

calling the President by initials.

Included in Susilo's Saudi schedule were meetings with the president of the Islamic Development Bank and the secretary-general of Islamic Conference Organization, Dino said.

Susilo, who leads the world's most populous Muslim nation, will continue the trip to Kuwait on 28 April, Qatar on 30 April and wrap up his Middle East tour in the United Arab Emirates on 1-2 May, the spokesman said.— *MNA/Xinhua*



People stand at a sculpture of giant books with the names of famous German authors at the Bebelplatz square in Berlin on 23 April, 2006. The sculpture is part of the so-called 'Walk of Ideas' of the project 'Germany-Land of Ideas' for the upcoming FIFA 2006 Soccer World Cup.

INTERNET

Lost Costa Rican Minister found with tapir bite

SAN JOSE (Costa Rica), 23 April—Search parties found Costa Rica's missing Energy and Environment Minister on Saturday suffering from a nasty bite by a wild tapir, after he got lost in a jungle reserve two days earlier.

Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, 46, was found in the Sirena section of the Corcovado National Park in southern Costa Rica after getting separated on Thursday from a group of ministry employees which was patrolling the park for poachers.

The minister was taken to hospital in San Jose to treat a tapir bite in his side, Interior Ministry spokesman Benigno Rodriguez said. "He was bitten by the tapir, otherwise he was in good health," he said.— *MNA/Reuters*

Australian koalas to find way into South China

GUANGZHOU, 23 April— Six Australian koalas will be flown by a charter plane to the Xiangjiang Safari Park in Guangzhou, capital of South China's Guangdong Province on Thursday.

Donated by the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary in Queensland, Australia, the six koalas will be able to meet tourists after undergoing quarantine tests, said a spokesman with the safari park.

The donation is part of the global koala protection plan agreed upon by Australia and China and the Guangzhou-based safari park has been chosen by the Australian Government as a new ideal habitat of the cuddly koalas for its climatic environment, supply of fodders and technical support.

For food, the park has designated 13.3 hectares of land where some 40,000 eucalyptus trees were planted three years ago.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters

India's B-school grads now rake in the big rupees

AHMEDABAD, 21 April — It's spring, and at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) — a premier management school in this industrial town — the campus is abuzz with company recruiters offering fat pay packages to new grads.

Bagging a \$185,000 per year offer, Manan Ahuja, an affable 26-year-old lad, coyly notes that his salary package offered by Barclays Capital, a British investment bank, is far more than his father, a Delhi government bureaucrat, earned in his entire lifetime.

"It feels great to get an international offer," Mr Ahuja says. "Beyond the

salary, this promises an interesting job profile and great growth prospects." Ahuja's new job will take him first to London and later to the New York offices of Barclays.

Although securing jobs has never been difficult for students at India's top business schools, the rise in the number of jobs and the high salaries this year are

testimony to the premium multinational corporations now place on Indian talent, which, experts say, ranks among the best in the world. The eye-catching offers also reflect India's booming economy — clocking an 8 percent growth rate for the past three years — as well as a surging global economy that leaves many firms hunting for strong ma-

nagers.

Management recruiting firms confirm there's an international shortage of good management executives, and salary offers are up about 10 percent over last year.

In five days of recruiting here, 235 students at IIM Ahmedabad were offered 510 jobs — 90 of which are overseas — an average of two jobs per student.

The highest value package offered to an IIM student this year — a young man from the Bangalore branch of IIM — was \$193,000. That's a sharp jump from last year's top offer of \$111,000.

Even the highest Indian salary offer of \$75,000 was twice the top domestic offer last year

Internet



Villagers sit on the back of a truck as Mount Merapi is seen on the background in Prambanan Yogyakarta, central Java, Indonesia, on 23 April, 2006. Hundreds of people have evacuated from areas closest to the rumbling volcano, following days of pressure from officials who warned that it could erupt anytime. —INTERNET



Visitors read books at Argentina's 32nd International Book Fair in Buenos Aires on 22 April, 2006. The annual book exposition is a traditional cultural event eagerly awaited by bibliophiles and comprises of book sales, readings, discussions, workshops and educational activities. —INTERNET

Californian kidnapper glues hands and mouths of hostages

LOS ANGELES, 23 April — A Southern California man took two men hostage at gunpoint,

stripped them naked, bound their hands together with super glue and poured glue into their mouths,

police said on Friday.

Rene Avila, 36, was arrested early on Friday after releasing his hostages during the night. They were treated at the scene and released. The motive behind the bizarre incident was unclear but police speculate a possible relationship among the three may have triggered Avila's behaviour.

"There was some kind of dispute there and he put super glue in their mouths before calling his sister," Los Angeles police Lieutenant Ernest Eskridge said. "We don't know if that was his cry for help." —MNA/Reuters



Twin girls hold twin babies at a twins festival in Beijing. China's male-dominated gender imbalance will not prompt the government to change its stringent family planning policy. —INTERNET

Some detainees cleared to go, but still remain in Guantanamo

WASHINGTON, 23 April — Nearly 30 per cent of the Guantanamo detainees have been cleared to leave the prison but remain jailed because the US Government has been unable to arrange for their return to their home countries, the Pentagon said on Friday.

The Pentagon refused to identify these 141 men despite having released on Wednesday its first comprehensive list of detainees held at the prison for foreign terrorism suspects at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Of these 141 detainees among the 490 still at Guantanamo, various military reviews have cleared 22 to be freed in

their home countries and the remaining 119 for transfer to the control of their home governments.

"It's just an outrageous situation where people have gone through this system that has been established, such as it is, and the (US) Government itself has found there's no reason for them to be held any longer, and yet they continue to be held," said Curt Goering, a

senior Amnesty International USA official.

"It makes a mockery of any kind of system of justice," Goering added.

Defence officials said the United States has no interest in detaining any one for any longer than necessary and has been able to arrange for some detainees, but not others, to return to their home countries. —MNA/Reuters

Armenian stabbed to death in Moscow metro

Moscow, 23 April — An Armenian was stabbed to death in a central Moscow metro station on Saturday, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

An unidentified man with a shaved head went up to the Armenian on Saturday afternoon and knifed him several times, police sources told *Interfax*. The man, who had Russian citizenship, died on the platform of the Pushkin metro station. The motive for the attack was unclear, police sources told *Interfax*. — MNA/Reuters



Greater New York Orchid Society judges inspect some of the 50,000 orchids at the 26th Annual New York International Orchid Show in New York's Rockefeller Center, on 20 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Accused human smuggling ringleader charged in NY

NEW YORK, 23 April — An accused leader of an international human smuggling operation was extradited to New York on Friday and charged with illegally bringing hundreds of people into the United States over a five-year period, federal authorities said. Nafi Elezi, a 42-year-old Macedonian charged with conspiracy, alien smuggling and passport forgery and fraud for smuggling people into the United States between January 2000

and December 2004, pleaded not guilty in Manhattan federal court.

Elezi was indicted along with a dozen others in 2003. Since then seven of the 12 have pleaded guilty to alien smuggling charges and five remain fugitives. Elezi was arrested at the border between Macedonia and Bulgaria in July 2005 and was extradited after losing an appeal in Bulgarian courts, the US Attorney's Office said. —MNA/Reuters

Kachin State, paradise for tourists

U Min Thu (Advocate)

Kachin State is in the northern part of Myanmar, sandwiched between India and China. It is rich in precious jade and other minerals, medicinal plants and evergreen forests. It is decorated with towering snow-capped mountains, pristine forests with pine trees, rivers, waterfalls, fauna and flora. Its natural beauty is unrivalled. The ethnic Kachin people renowned for their bravery live here eons ago. Jinghpaw, Nung-Rawang; Lohvoh, Lachik, Zaiwa and Lisu are called Kachins, Jinghpaw dialect is Lingua Franca among the Kachins.

Mount Khakaborazi

The towering mountains stretching along the far north of Kachin State are the only snow-capped mountain ranges in the whole Southeast Asia region. It exists as the significant feature of Kachin State. Mount Khakaborazi which stands at 19,296 feet is the highest peak in Southeast Asia. It was conquered in 1996 by two heroes. Mr Ozaki from Japan and U Nama Johnson; a native Myanmar-Tibetan.

Those who are interested in Hiking and Mountaineering Phungan area will be an ideal place.

Kachin State is a place where the flora and fauna of both the tropical and temperate zones can be found. Black orchid, the rarest of the Orchid species that can be found only on the snow-covered mountains are found in Kachin State. A piece of black Orchid flower is valued at over 10,000 kyats.

The butterflies found on the mountain ranges of Kachin State are among the World's rarest Species. Khakaborazi National park was established in 1996. It covers an area of 1,472 square miles. Here some of the world's most endangered butterfly species like the Apollo, the Kaiser, Bhutan Glory, and the Bird wings can be found.

For tourists who wish to experience ecotourism and enjoy the beauty of nature, Khakaborazi National Park, Indawgyi wildlife Sanctuary and Pyidaung Sanctuary will be wonderful sites. Some of the world's most endangered flora and fauna can still be seen there. Takin, Red Panda, Musk deer and Leaf deer that are native to the northern part of Kachin State are little known to the outsiders.

The above-mentioned wildlife Sanctuaries are frequented by environmentalists, zoologists, botanists and anthropologists of the various parts of the world. Kachin State produces the best fruits in the country such as Washington navel, Ruby blood, Manila, honey-sweet orange, Grape-fruit, king fruit etc., which are not available in other places. There are passenger speed boats plying between Myitkyina and Bhamo. The first defile of the Ayeyawaddy

river, with colourful boulders is near Hsinbo village. Tourists can enjoy scenic natural beauties and bird-watch along the 150-mile Myitkyina-Bhamo riverine trip.

Indawgyi lake, inland freshwater Sea, measuring 4 miles in breadth and 14 miles in length with a pagoda named Shweminzu. The bottom of the Pagoda is surrounded by the lake water. But at the time of the Pagoda festival two parallel sand roads called "Nat Lan" and "Lu Lan" appear miraculously from the bank to the Pagoda. "Nat Lan" means road for the Spirits and Lu Lan means road for the human beings. After the festival the two roads are submerged till the next festival. The Pagoda festival is in February every year. Indawgyi is 4 hours' drive from Hopin.

N-mai Kha (Maykha) river

Maykha and Malikha rivers with their many tributaries make Kachin State an ideal place for tourists seeking adventure tours.

Kachin people call Maykha as N-mai Kha. "N-mai" means bad. "Kha or Hkha" is river or water. Hence, N-mai Kha means bad river. It is so named because it is a wild river with rapid currents. Maykha is just a corruption of N-mai Kha. "N" is pronounced as "In" and in the course of times "N" is simply dropped out and Maikha becomes Maykha.

N-mai Kha rises at the foot of snow-covered mountains in the far north of Kachin State. So the water is icy and clear round the year. It is 192 miles long and 180 feet deep. It flows through narrow valleys from north to south.

It is a very wild and angry river with rapid currents, the river can be an ideal natural watercourse for Rubber Rafters, Kayak riders and Canoe riders. Along the river Rubber Rafters or adventurers may enjoy breath-taking beauty of nature including the pristine forest, colourful huge boulders, fragrances of mountain flowers blooming around the areas and picturesque Kachin folk villages on both banks.

On 19-2-2003 a group of 6-foreigner adventurers led by Mr David Allardice of New Zealand with a native guide U Ah Yin (Snowland Travel & Tour Co Ltd), with a Rubber Raft and 4 Kayaks ventured the bad river N-mai Kha. Lasting 14 days, covering 199 nautical miles and on 12-3-03 they successfully landed at Chibwe town. U Ah Yin said during the 14 days, the Rubber Raft and the Kayaks flipped or overturned hundred times. The rapid currents and deadly waves engulfed them several times; dangers and difficulties are beyond description. But they had conquered the bad river. They had done a big work which formerly was unthinkable. Local people cheered their success.

They are heroes indeed! In February 2006 another group of foreigners from New Zealand, Australia, UK and US made the same Rubber Rafting and Kayaking successfully.

Malikha River

Malikha in Jinphaw means "4 rivers", Kachin people call the Ayeyawady river also as "Malikha". Malikha also has many tributaries. It is 136 miles long and 110 feet deep. This water is icy and clear round the year. It flows through wider valleys so the currents are gentle and smooth. Gold-panning rafts can be seen along the river. Tourists may find her as attractive as her sister N-mai Kha.

The Confluence

The confluence (local people call it Myitsone) of Maykha and Malikha rivers is at Tanghpri village, 27 miles north of Myitkyina, the capital of Kachin State. The confluence is a tourist attraction spot and is bustling with local and foreign visitors daily. The confluence is a beautiful scene that will refresh the mind of a traveller. The 1,350 miles long Ayeyawaddy river, the longest river rises from the Confluence and empties in the Andaman Sea. It is the greatest riverine system of the country.

Jade Land

Jade is produced in Pharkant and Putao in Kachin State. Pharkant produces the best Jadeite in the world with astounding abundance. There is a huge jade cross in Pharkant entirely made of jade. A Jadeite boulder, 70 feet long and 20 feet wide with a girth of 16 feet, weighed 3,000 tons was discovered 40 feet below the ground in 2002 in Pharkant. Package tours can be arranged to the site for tourists.

The Manau Dance

The Manau is such a huge celebration and dance in which hundreds even thousands may take part. The dance is led by two persons who are fantastically dressed. A kind of befeathered mitres (gup du ru) made of peacock feathers, being the chief attraction of their uniform. The steps follow a pattern displayed on the wooden pillars. The pattern symbolizes the route the ancestors of the Kachin people took 1785 years ago when they migrated from the Qinghai Tibet plateau to Dehong in China and Myitkyina, Kachin State. The male dancers brandish long silver knives and female dancers wear red skirts and black frocks studded with silver baubles. The dance continues till nightfall to be repeated every day for four days never more. Manau festival is held on the 10th January (The Kachin State Day) every year.

Kachin people are hospitable and helpful. "Kaja ei?" "how are you?" "Chyeju kaba sai" thank you very much. One will hear these sayings everywhere.

Kachin women use hand looms in weaving cloths, Kachin Longyis (sarongs), Kachin bags, purses etc. Because of their high quality and colour, they are attractive among buyers.

A visit to Kachin State is an exciting combination of beauty of nature, fauna and flora; ethnic diversity, tradition and culture which are wonders for all. Kachin State is indeed Paradise for tourists.

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Opening of self-reliant village libraries in Mandalay Division completes, cash and kind donated



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw delivers an address at the ceremony to mark completion of opening of self-reliant village libraries in Mandalay Division. — MNA

YANGON, 24 April — A ceremony took place at City Hall-1 of Mandalay City Development Committee this morning to mark the completion of opening of self-reliant village libraries in the whole

Mandalay Division and to donate cash, TVs, radios, cassettes, furniture and books.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Patron of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Pyone Win, wife of the commander, MCDC Chairman Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials. First, the commander and the deputy minister made speeches.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, the mayor, the deputy minister and officials accepted cash and kind worth over K 74.2 million donated public wellwishers.

Later, the commander and party viewed docu-

mentary photos featuring efforts for opening the li-

braries in the division and donated books. — MNA



Deputy Information Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw donates cash for village libraries through Deputy Information Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein. — MNA

Commander inspects collective cultivation of physic nut plants in Patheingyi Township

YANGON, 24 April— The collective cultivation of physic nut plants of Mandalay City Development Committee took place at Integrated Farm No 1 of MCDC in Patheingyi Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw.

Also present on the occasion were Patron of Mandalay Division Women Affairs Committee Chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Pyone Win, wife of the commander, and party,

Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Chief Justice U Han Shein, Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC Lt-Col Kyi Thein and party, division level departmental officials, the Secretary of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association and others numbering over 3,500.

The commander, the mayor and officials grew physic nut plants at the designated places, and those present on the occasion collectively grew over 30,000 physic nut plants at Integrated Farm No 1.

Next, the commander inspected the

growing of physic nut plants and gave necessary instructions.

The MCDC has targeted to put 100 acres under physic nut plants in 2006-2007 and now, it has already put 75 acres under physic nut plants.

After that, the commander and party inspected summer paddy plantations on either side of Mandalay-PyinOoLwin road and the thriving Manawthukha summer paddy of MCDC in Thammatav village and left instructions.

After inspecting Manawthukha paddy of Mandalay District MPF, the commander attended to the needs. — MNA

Summer courses, Saipyin Model Village opened in Dabayin Township

YANGON, 24 April — The second national culture, moral and public welfare courses of Sagaing Division Union Solidarity and Development Association were opened at the town hall of Monywa yesterday morning. The course opening ceremony was attended by Patron of Sagaing Division USDA Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, USDA CEC member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, departmental officials and secretaries of Division, District and Township USAs.

First, the commander spoke on the occasion. Next, the commander and the CEC member donated teaching aids and sports gear. This year, more than 120,000

trainees have been trained for the first time in 764 places in Sagaing Division. The courses for the second time now started for over 300,000 trainees in over 1,000 places.

The commander and party next attended the digging of a 5,000-foot canal at Okpo Dam, growing of 3,600 physic nut plants and opening of paddy husk-fired power station in Ngapayin Village in Budalin Township. After that, they explained to the village people the implementation of five rural development tasks in line with the guidance of the Head of State and donated exercise books and sports equipment to the village. The power plant was built at a cost of K 10 million. After attending the opening of Saipyin Model Village in Dabayin Township, the commander and party in-

spected the rural telephone exchange, village health centre, pre-primary school, library, cooperatives shop and water supply tasks.

Later, the commander, the CEC member and party attended the opening of a new school building named Myatama of BEHS (Branch) in the village.

The building cost K 8.1 million. Sagaing Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Wai Wai Khaing, wife of the commander, and party inspected the tailoring course and met with local women. The commander and party attended a physic nut growing ceremony held in the compound of the school and donated school uniforms, stationery and sports equipment to the students.

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General Thura Shwe Mann hosts dinner in honour of goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of Staff (Army) of the Russian Federation Col General Moltenskoï Vladimir I at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.
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30-ton hydrogen peroxide factory in Chauk opened to produce bleaching agent and import substitute goods



Prime Minister General Soe Win formally unveils the signboard of the 30-ton hydrogen peroxide factory in Chauk. — MNA

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and ministers also sprinkled scented water on the signboard and the plaque.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, Managing Director of Myanma Paper and Chemicals Industry U Nyunt Aung and Ms Liu Dan Li of China Machinery Complete Equipment Engineering Cor-

poration (CMCC) formally opened the factory.

Accompanied by officials, the Prime Minister observed the main unit of the factory, finished product warehouse and storage and related buildings and catalyst used in producing hydrogen peroxide.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang explained the factory's location and aims, and ways to use hydrogen peroxide and implementation of the

factory project. Next, the managing director reported on production process, daily hydrogen peroxide demand of the domestic industries, machinery imported from CMCC of China, and input requirement.

Concerning the investment and production value, Prime Minister General Soe Win stressed the need to carefully calculate initial cost and annual cost and conduct financial management systematically to enjoy an appropriate operation ratio.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, deputy ministers, senior military officers, local authorities, technicians of China, locals, and others.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win visits the 30-ton hydrogen peroxide factory in Chauk. — MNA

Myanmar technicians in cooperation with the government and the private machine tool manufacturing industries are successfully repairing and maintaining the Sale fertilizer plant. Good manpower and labour management is needed for the factory to run at full capacity.

Prime Minister receives Chinese Minister for Information Industry

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received the visiting Minister for Information Industry of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Xudong and party at Paunglaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw City at noon today.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office Col Thant Shin, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Managing Director of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications U Maung Maung Tin and officials. The visiting Minister was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu.

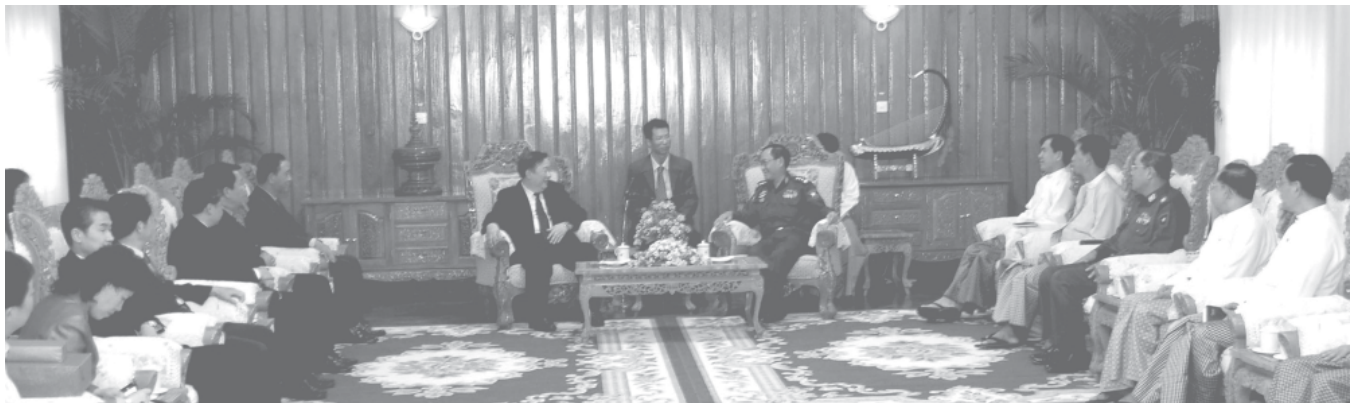
They discussed cooperation in information and communication technology between the two countries.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win greets PRC Minister for Information Industry Mr Wang Xudong.

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General Soe Win receives PRC Minister for Information Industry Mr Wang Xudong at Paunglaung Yeiktha, Nay Pyi Taw City. — MNA

30-ton hydrogen peroxide...

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Later, in the briefing hall of Chauk-Lanywa oil field of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Energy Ministry at Shwepon hill, the Prime Minister heard a report on offshore and inland oil and gas deposits, production and remaining natural reserves, joint-venture offshore oil and gas production with foreign companies, application of advanced techniques, and plans to drill a new well, by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and officials.

Accompanied by officials, the Prime Minister inspected the oil wells, the capacity of the LMP drilling machine, and production at the oil field.

At the No 2 Oil Refinery (Chauk), the deputy

minister explained the continued running of the factory which is over 50 years old thanks to the innovation of the employees. The Prime Minister said that as salaries have been increased, the government employees should work as a compact and efficient force. As the world is facing gradually dwindling oil and gas supplies, it is concentrating more on bio-fuel. Myanmar still has oil and gas resources, so it should use them effectively. In addition, it is in the process of producing ethanol from sugarcane and tapioca while producing bio-gas from physic nut. He then observed candle production.

The Prime Minister also inspected the No 1 Fertilizer Plant in Sale, that is improving its machines to produce 0.35 million tons of fertilizer annually.

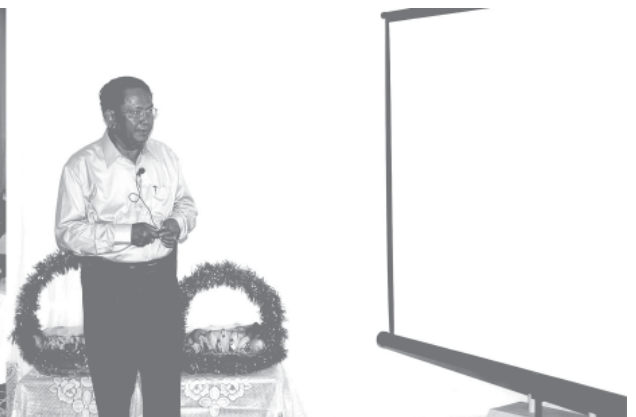
After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister said that Myanmar technicians in cooperation with the

government and the private machine tool manufacturing industries are successfully repairing and maintaining the Sale fertilizer plant. Good manpower and labour management is needed for the factory to run at full capacity.

During inspection of Uminkoebauk river water pumping station, he heard a report on irrigating 1,015 acres of summer paddy exceeding the target of 1,000 acres, plans to extend up to 3,500 acres of monsoon paddy, brick laying of the completed 26,950-foot canal, and building of tributary canals with a total length of 68,900 feet.

Arrangements should be made to supply adequate water for monsoon and summer paddy. After observing the irrigation work of the station he left for Nay Pyi Taw.

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General Soe Win hears a report on 30-ton hydrogen peroxide factory presented by Minister U Aung Thaug. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects No 1 Fertilizer Factory (Sale). (News on page 1) —MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Uminkoebauk River-water Pumping project. (News on page 1) — MNA



Dhamma literati honoured

YANGON, 24 April— With the sponsorship of Bhaddanta Nagasenabhivamsa of Chan Aye Yeiktha Kyaungtaik, the 10th ceremony to honour religious song singers was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony of the Third Chan Aye Dhamma Literary Competition at the Kyaungtaik on Thanthuma Street in Thingangyun Township this morning.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

Next, Pro-Rector of International Therevada Buddhist Missionary University Bhaddanta Dr Kumarabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts.

Later, Chan Aye Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nagasenabhivamsa presented offertories to Rector of ITBMU Bhaddanta Dr Nandamalabhivamsa, Pro-Rector Bhaddanta Dr Kamarabhivamsa, Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta

Pannasami, Bhaddanta Siddhiya (MA), and Bhaddanta Vissutabhivamsa (YMBA) who are monk literati.

Afterwards, Chairman of the Dhamma literati Selection Committee Chit Oo Nyo and members presented gifts to Dhamma literati Paragu, U Tun Yi (Minmahaw), U Thein Aung (Minsithu), U Ngwe Aung Mon, U Win Kyaing (Sasana University), U San Tin (Sasana University),

Dhammacariya U Khin Maung and Pyi Tun Shwe.

After that, Rector of ITBMU Bhaddanta Dr Nandamalabhivamsa gave Ovadakatha.

Chairman Chit Oo Nyo and Chief Editor Myinmu Maung Naing Moe presented prizes to Maung Nanda (Hmaw Wun) and Shwe Pyi Hein who won prizes in the Knowledge Age and Buddha Outlook Literary Contest. — MNA



U Chit Oo Nyo awards Maung Nanda who won prize in Dhamma Literary Contest. —H



Col Phone Maw Shwe briefs Prime Minister General Soe Win on extended cultivation of monsoon paddy. (News on page 1) — MNA

Winter hybrid corn harvesting ceremony takes place



ACMECS Chairman Dr Arjva Taolanon awards U Thein Oo who produced the highest yield of corn. — MNA

YANGON, 24 April — Organized by CP Yangon Co Ltd, a winter hybrid corn harvesting ceremony took place in Yelethaung Village, Zalun Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division, on 20 April morn-

ing. It was attended by local authorities, officials of Thai Embassy in Myanmar and responsible officials. Next, officials recounted experiences of local farmer U Thien Oo who won the

first prize in the high yield of CP strains of corn with 156 baskets per acre. Later, officials awarded U Thien Oo and other prize winners. The present ceremony is the 42nd of its kind.

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LBVD issues statement on enhanced preventive and control measures against bird flu

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department issued a statement on enhanced preventive and control measures against bird flu in Myanmar.

Outbreak of bird flu and control

Starting from early March 2006, the outbreaks of bird flu occurred in 13 townships in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, in central Myanmar. Altogether 9,206 fowls from 408 poultry farms and 5,606 quails from 137 quail farms were culled and 0.33 million of fowls and 0.32 million of quails were destroyed. About 100,000 eggs and 80,000 quail eggs were also destroyed.

During the outbreak of the disease, ban on transport of fowls, ducks, quails and their eggs and movement of equipment used in poultry farms, promotion of bio security and public education were undertaken. The bird flu was under control in those areas on 6 April 2006 with the supervision and assistance of local authorities and the cooperation of Myanmar Police Force and staff of LBVD and Health Department and farmers.

Transport

During the outbreak of the disease, the respective bird flu control committees banned sale of fowls and eggs temporarily in the affected townships and transport of fowls and eggs in disease-free states and divisions.

The disease was under control in the restricted zones and the committees will lift the ban before the end of April and are making arrangements for regular flow of commodities.

Support for animal health

The bird flu control committee will take measures on transport of fresh fowls and eggs and their products from one place to another with the support of LBVD, the respective laboratories and township LBVD.

International and technical cooperation programme

The staff of LBVD are carrying out tasks on spraying poultry farms and disease surveillance, public education and issuing press release. Bird flu control was conducted in cooperation with Regional Coordinator of FAO Dr K Wantanee, expert Dr Parasit, adviser of USAID Dr J Mac Arthur and expert of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Dr Sudarat. Moreover, LBVD staff together with FAO expert Mr Anthony Williams, a British citizen and Mr Harvey Westbury of Australia conducted disease control and discussed emergency measures for the project and performance of the department.

International assistance

JICA, FAO, National Laboratory for Animal Health (NAH) and Livestock and Development Centre of Thailand provided equipment, pesticides and laboratory equipment worth US \$ 660,000. Besides, the People's Republic of China also provided RMB Yuan 1 million for use in disease control and the Japanese government equipment, medicines and others worth US \$ 2.1 million.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries



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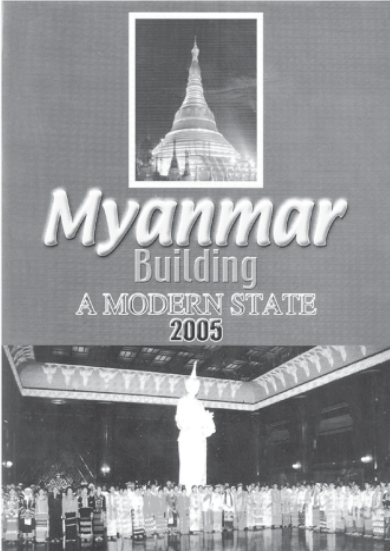
BBC to close final salary pension scheme to new entrants

LONDON, 23 April— Britain's publicly funded broadcaster, the BBC, said on Friday it was planning to change pension arrangements for its 21,000 staff. It said it would close its final salary scheme to new entrants, raise the retirement age to 65 from 60 and increase the contribution rates staff pay.

Unions reacted angrily to the proposals, saying they would create a "two-tier workforce".

"We will not accept attempts to make staff pay for the BBC's failure to properly fund the scheme," said Jeremy Dear, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists.

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Pakistan, India to share proposals on CBMs next week

ISLAMABAD, 23 April— Pakistan and India will share proposals on nuclear and conventional Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) next week in Islamabad, local newspaper *The News* reported on Saturday.

The three-day talks will commence on next Tuesday.

The first two days will be devoted to nuclear CBMs while the last day to conventional CBMs.

Two separate India delegations are reaching here on Monday, according to *The News*.

Pakistan's proposal for a strategic restraint regime will be on the table as Islamabad is keen to eliminate the urge of the two sides to pile up weapons of mass destruction in the region unnecessarily while the India proposal pertaining to risk reduction will be discussed in the parley, diplomatic sources were quoted by *The News* as saying.

Both the countries have already agreed on a number of steps under the clauses of the CBMs in question.

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INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

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US offers early warning system to secure Malacca Strait

JAKARTA, 23 April — The United States would soon provide Indonesia with an early warning system to support security maintenance in the Malacca Strait by three littoral neighbouring countries Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, Indonesian military chief said.

"The US agreed to provide technical assistance needed by the three littoral countries in securing the Malacca Strait. Indonesia at the present time needs an early warning system," *Antara* news agency Saturday quoted Indonesian Military (TNI) Chief Air Marshal Djoko Suyanto as saying.

The early warning system will be installed at several points along Indonesia's territory on the waterway, as well as on maritime patrol aircraft (MPA), Suyanto said on a flight from Batam to Jakarta on Friday night.

In addition, the US also promised to exchange intelligence information with the three littoral countries on various

matters relating to the situation and condition of the Malacca Strait, known as the world's busiest waterway.

"The US care about security in the Malacca Strait is expressed by the US Defence Secretary, at the same time confirming that they would not be physically present like sending their military

forces, but they will provide technical assistance to secure the Malacca Strait," Djoko said.

The 926-kilometre Malacca Strait has its boundary from Rondo Island to Pukhet in the north, and in the south bordered by Karimun Island to Piai Peninsula.

MNA/Xinhua



A Jordanian woman milks her sheep in Amman, Jordan, on 23 April, 2006.

INTERNET

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

The second best time is now.

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Queen Elizabeth turns 80

LONDON, 23 April— Queen Elizabeth, her fortunes revived after a turbulent decade for the royal family, turned 80 on Friday demonstrating all the stamina she needs to become Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

With a decade to go before she would rival Queen Victoria's 64 years on the throne, this sprightly working grandmother shows no signs of slowing down and seems to have genes on her side—her mother died at 101.

Crowned nearly 53 years ago, she firmly rules out abdication and opinion polls suggest republicans face a losing battle calling for the abolition of the

monarchy while she is still alive.

In an ITV News survey, she was rated the most popular royal. Bottom of the pack came Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, who last year married the Queen's eldest son Charles after a tortuous 35-year romance.

Britain's most famous octogenarian has opted for a strikingly low-key day of celebrations to mark her personal milestone.

She will be spending the day at Windsor Castle, ravaged by fire in 1992, the year she memorably called her "annus horribilis" after the marriages of three of her four children broke up.

The Queen, born in 1926, suffered a backlash from her children's disastrous marriages but now public opinion is broadly pro-monarchy—at least until she dies.

MNA/Reuters



Turkish children dance during the Children's Festival celebrations which mark the 86th anniversary of the opening of the Turkish National Assembly, in Ankara, on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Russia delivers "S-300" air defence systems to Belarus

Moscow, 23 April— Russia delivered the first batch of S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems to Belarus on Friday, Belarusian Defence Minister Leonid Maltsev said.

Maltsev told a news conference that S-300 missile systems were defensive weapons, and the deployment of the systems was an internal affairs deal between Belarus and Russia.

The minister also denied Western media claims that Belarus planned to re-export the systems to Iran.

"The report was nonsense. Under the

framework of the Joint Air Defence Group of the Union State, Belarus has no rights to transfer the systems to others," he said.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov, during a working visit to Minsk, said defence ministries of the two nations should coordinate their activities more closely and their cooperation was an important factor safeguarding the regional

security. Russia and Belarus signed an agreement last year on the delivery of the anti-aircraft missile systems. The S-300 systems, which can hit targets at altitudes of 20 metres-45 kilometres, and simultaneously engage six targets, will be a part of the Russian-Belarusian joint air defence system deployed in western regions in June.

MNA/Xinhua

DiCaprio given medical care in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 23 April— Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio was flown from location in Mozambique to neighbouring South Africa for medical treatment, a hospital official said on Saturday.

A Johannesburg newspaper said he had been injured while filming his latest movie "The Blood Diamond" but this could not be confirmed immediately.

MNA/Reuters



A mother and her sons run past Big Ben while dressed up as Snow White and Babes in the Wood in the 2006 London Marathon on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Briton robbed in Zanzibar island

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 23 April— A British national now dwelling in Pemba has been robbed of 19 million Tanzanian shillings (15,500 US dollars) worth of underwater filming equipment and cash, according to reports reaching here on Saturday.

Amir Makame Khatib, regional police commander for Pemba South, told reporters that an unknown number of robbers had broken into the house Joice John Braham was staying in Pemba, one of two major islands of the Indian Ocean archipelago of Zanzibar.—MNA/Xinhua

Conjoined twins to be separated in a month

SHANGHAI, 23 April— A Shanghai hospital said Saturday it will separate a set of conjoined twins, one of whom suffers congenital heart disease, before 1 June.

Doctors at Shanghai Children's Medical Centre confirmed after a thorough checkup that they will wait for another month to operate on the twin brothers, Huang Long and Huang Jianlong, who are not yet two months old and are connected from breastbone to navel.

Huang Jianlong, the younger one of the twins, will undergo a heart operation one week after their separation, hospital sources said on Saturday.

The twins were born through Caesarean

section on 25 February at a hospital in Minquan County in Shangqiu, central China's Henan Province. They share one liver but have separate galls, hearts, kidneys and digestive and hematogenic systems.

They arrived in Shanghai by train on Monday and have been put under intensive care at Shanghai Children's Medical Centre, a hospital that has separated several sets of conjoined babies.

Doctors said the twins are having good appetite. They appear to be quite happy most of the time and sometimes "fight" with each other.

When they came to Shanghai, their joint weight had increased to 7.27 kilogrammes from 6 kilogrammes at birth.

"Prenatal tests showed they were twins, but didn't say they were conjoined," said their father, who is a native of Shandong Province in east China and works as a junkman in Henan.

Experts say one set of conjoined twins are born out of every 50,000 to 100,000 babies. China has reported many successful cases of separation in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua



Middle Eastern filmmakers, Syrian Nidal al-Dibs (L), Palestinian Michel Khleifi (2nd L), Egyptian Oussama Fawzi (2nd R) and Lebanese Jocelyn Saab pose after taking part in a seminar on the 'Cinema of Arabia' in Singapore on 22 April, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS



Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne (R) hugs Russia's Elena Dementieva after their Fed Cup tennis match in Liege, Belgium, on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Villa denies Barca title shot with hat-trick

MADRID, 24 April— Barcelona were denied the chance of wrapping up the Spanish title on Sunday when a stunning quick-fire hat-trick from David Villa gave Valencia a 3-0 win at relegation-threatened Athletic Bilbao.

The Valencia striker grabbed the goals in the space of just four second-half minutes to hit one of the quickest hat-tricks ever recorded in the Primera Liga and take his total for the season to 22.

Barca's hopes of bringing a rapid conclusion to the title race were dealt a further blow when their late game at Sevilla looked certain to be called off because of a water-logged pitch after a heavy downpour at the Sanchez Pizjuan.

Real Madrid snatched a barely deserved 2-1 win over basement side Malaga after defender Sergio Ramos scored a last-minute header at the Bernabeu.

Barca, who have a game in hand and five left to play, lead the standings with 73 points, Valencia follow eight behind on 65, while Real have 63.

Osasuna are a point further back on 62 after an injury-time strike from French midfielder Ludovic Delporte gave the Navarrans at 1-0 win at Real Mallorca.

Real are away at Osasuna next week, while Barca host relegation-threatened Cadiz at the Nou Camp.

Malaga were left staring relegation in the face after their defeat at the Bernabeu and are now eight points adrift of Cadiz at the bottom of the table. The Andalucians, who drew 1-1 at home to Deportivo Coruna, are just a point behind Alaves, while there are six other teams within five points of the relegation zone.

Villa did not open the scoring against Bilbao until eight minutes from time



Real Madrid player David Beckham, left, from England jumps for the ball with Malaga player Ignacio Perez from Spain during their Spanish League soccer match at the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid, on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Champions Lyon made to wait for points record

PARIS, 24 April— Monaco stalled Olympique Lyon's chase for a Ligue 1 points record when they defeated the French champions 2-1 on Sunday.

Uruguay forward Ernesto Chevanton put Monaco ahead in the 33rd minute and Italian Marco Di Viao volleyed home in the second half.

John Carew got one back for Lyon with a close-range shot in injury time.

The defeat means that Olympique Lyon, who clinched a record fifth consecutive title last week, stay on 78 points, one shy of the Ligue 1 record they equalled in 2005. It was their first away defeat in the league this season.

"We played at 80 per cent tonight," said Lyon midfielder Mahamadou Diarra. "It was not like we were chasing for the title. We already have it. It's a defeat but it's okay."

"We beat the best side of Ligue 1," said Monaco captain Gael Givet. "If we had played all our matches like tonight's one we would be higher in the table."

Monaco are 10th on 49 points.
MNA/Reuters

West Ham beat Boro to reach FA Cup final

LONDON, 24 April— A superb late strike by Marlon Harewood gave West Ham United a 1-0 victory over Middlesbrough on Sunday and a place in next month's FA Cup final against Liverpool. Harewood blasted home a 78th minute winner at Villa Park to steer West Ham into the final in Cardiff on 13 May against a Liverpool side who beat Chelsea 2-1 in Saturday's semifinal at Old Trafford.

Outplayed by an impressive Boro in the first half, West Ham showed real flair and aggression after the re-start and a club who were playing in the Second Division last season finished up deserving winners.

With Liverpool set for the Champions League qualifiers next season, West Ham will take the vacant slot in the UEFA Cup whether they win or lose at the Millennium

Stadium.

For Middlesbrough, who have a UEFA Cup semifinal second leg looming next Thursday against Steaua Bucharest, having lost 1-0 last week, the defeat was compounded by losing keeper Mark Schwarzer to injury in the first half.

Schwarzer suffered a suspected broken cheekbone, that could raise World Cup doubts for the Australia keeper, after an aerial collision with West Ham striker Dean Ashton.

Middlesbrough, whose manager Steve McClaren has been heavily tipped to be the next England coach, made by far the better start and created more chances in a scrappy first half.

A header from their Dutch striker Jimmy Floyd

Hasselbaink was charged down and a more powerful one by French midfielder Franck Queudrue fizzed over the bar from a corner. Boro subsequently lost Schwarzer, replaced by substitute Bradley Jones, but kept up the pressure with Brazilian midfielder

Fabio Rochembank firing over in stoppage time.

West Ham came out looking much more positive in the second half, but were nearly caught out by a counter-attack led by Hasselbaink but then wasted by Rochembank.

MNA/Reuters



West Ham United's Marlon Harewood, centre, scores against Middlesbrough despite the challenge of Gareth Southgate, left, during the FA Cup semifinal match at Villa Park, Birmingham, England, on 23 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Bayern move step closer to 20th title with draw

BERLIN, 24 April— Bayern Munich moved a step closer to their 20th Bundesliga championship on Sunday after coming from two goals behind at lowly Mainz to escape with a 2-2 draw.

With second-placed Hamburg SV upset at home by Bayer Leverkusen 2-0 on Saturday, Bayern moved up one point to 70 with three games remaining. Hamburg were stuck on 65 points after squandering their chance to close in on Bayern.

The defending champions had taken only 12 points from their previous eight league matches and watched nervously as their nine-point lead melted to four. Hamburg could have cut the gap further this weekend.

Egypt striker Mohamed Zidan beat

Germany defender Philip Lahm with a fine move on the right to put Mainz ahead in the ninth minute and Manuel Friedrich doubled the lead four minutes later by outleaping Michael Ballack to head in a corner kick.

For the first 20 minutes, Bayern had no remedy for Mainz, who are in 15th place and battling relegation. Even though they had failed to score in their last three matches, Mainz dominated the lethargic Bavarians and had a number of scoring chances.

MNA/Reuters

Juve lead over Milan cut to 3 points

MILAN, 24 April— Juventus had their lead at the top of Serie A cut to three points after being held to a 1-1 draw at home by Lazio on Saturday, while second-placed AC Milan kept up the pressure with a 3-1 win at Messina.

With three matches remaining Juventus have 82 points, with Milan on 79 and third-placed Inter Milan, who beat Reggina 4-0, on 74 points.

Juve needed an 86th minute goal from French striker David Trezeguet to get their fifth successive draw after Tommaso Rocchi had put Lazio ahead in the 29th minute. Lazio played the final 55 minutes of the game with 10 men after their French midfielder Ousmane Dabo was sent off.

Milan came from behind with goals from Marek Jankulovski, Gennaro Gattuso and Alberto Gilardino giving them victory in a game which included four red cards— three of them for Messina.

MNA/Reuters



South Korea's Sung Ah Yim hits onto the 18th green during the third round at the Florida's Natural Charity Championship golf tournament in Stockbridge, Georgia on 22 April, 2006. Sung Ah Yim is one stroke behind leader Annika Sorenstam.

INTERNET

Democrat chief says Bush "cut and run" on Katrina

NEW ORLEANS, 24 April — Democratic Party chief Howard Dean said on Saturday the Bush Administration had "cut and run" on Gulf Coast hurricane recovery and created a political legacy of deficits, divisiveness and deceit.

Dean, speaking at the Democratic National Committee's spring meeting, said November's congressional elections would be a choice between real change from Democrats or more of the same from Republicans.

"There has been enough of fear, incompetence and corruption," Dean told DNC members. He said voters would

judge President George W. Bush's Administration and the Republicans on their slow response to Hurricane Katrina and failure to develop a suitable recovery plan.

"Republicans have cut and run when it comes to rebuilding the Gulf Coast, and we will not do that," he said.

The Democrats chose New Orleans for their

spring meeting in part to highlight the Administration's heavily criticized handling of Katrina, which killed more than 1,300 people, displaced hundreds of thousands of people and shattered New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Dean said Democrats offered values based on community and opportunity and a more inclusive vision for the future.

"I think Americans are tired of being lectured

to by Republicans who have brought a culture of corruption, cronyism and incompetence to Washington," he said. "They offer a legacy of more of the same — deficits, divisiveness and deceit."

Control of Congress is at stake in November's elections, when Democrats need to gain six seats in the Senate and 15 seats in the House of Representatives to claim majorities.

MNA/Reuters



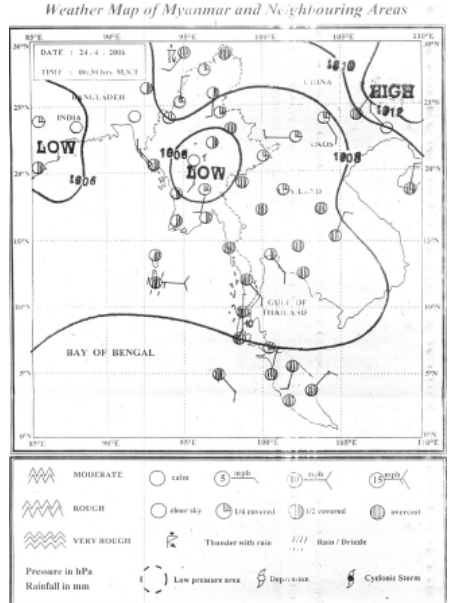
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATED:
President Mrs Shirley Kuk of the Rotary Club of Essendon of Australia, on 24-4-2006, donated medical equipment worth US\$ 34,500 to the Children's Hospital through Director (Admin) Dr U Win Myint of the Health Department. Today's donation is the sixth time the Rotary Club has made for the Children's Hospital. — NLM

Daw Tin Tin Hla (a) Marjorie Kha Coop-Officer (Retd) PynOoLwin/Thazi Age 67 years

Beloved daughter of U Mauk Kha-Daw Ngwe Yin of Ward 6 of Thazi, beloved daughter-in-law of (U Maung Maung-Daw Khin Tha), beloved wife of Assistant Division Education Officer (Sports) (U Hla Pe), sister of (U Zaw Win) B.P.I. (Retd)-Daw Mya Nyunt (Township Education Officer-Ahlon) (Retd), (U Kyaw Nyunt) of Survey Department-(Daw Tin Hla), beloved mother of Daw Nilar Oo (ICRC), U Kyaw Naing Oo (CVT)-Daw Khaing Mar, (Ko Tun Win Oo)-Ma Nge Lay, U Tun Lin Oo (ICRC)-Daw Saw Yu, and Ko Ba Htoo Maung (a) Maung Kyaw Lin Oo, beloved grandmother of eight grandchildren, Daw Tin Tin Hla passed away at 4 am on 23-4-2006 at Room-002, Building L-1, Mya Kan Tha Housing Estate, Hline Township, Yangon. Funeral services will be held at Yay Way Cemetery at 2 pm on 25-4-2006.

The vehicles will leave the house at 12.30 pm on that day.

Bereaved Family



WEATHER

Monday, 24 April, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk, Monywa, Minbu, Magway and NyaungU (42°C) each and Pakokku and Myingyan (41°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-4-2006 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 24-4-2006 was (63%). Total sunshine hours on 23-4-2006 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 24-4-2006 were Tr at Mingaladon and nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.59) inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (17:40) hours MST on 23-4-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-4-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and isolated rain or thundershowers are likely 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: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 25-4-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the late afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-4-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the late afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-4-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the late afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 25 April
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:05 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 7. Song of yesteryears

- 8:25 am
 8. မန်းချောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let's Go
- 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. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Dance of national races
- 5:10 pm
 6. စံချာနားဆင် တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:20 pm
 7. "နင်းကြည့်မိမိပါ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ညီဘွား၊ ခင်စိုးစိုင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

- 5:25 pm
 8. ပြီးပြန်ကျေးလက် ခေတ်စီ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်(ကျောက်ဆည် ဖြူနယ် စည်ပင်သာယာရေး)
- 5:35 pm
 9. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 6:50 pm
 13. မြန်မာ့ပန်းဆယ်မျိုး (ပန်းပွတ်)
- 7:00 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနုနု" (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 8:05 pm
 16. International news
- 8:10 pm
 17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အိပ်မက်တက္က" (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:20 pm
 19. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 25 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
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level (-) Unit(-)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

30-ton hydrogen peroxide factory in Chauk opened to produce bleaching agent and import substitute goods

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends factory opening ceremony, visits Chauk-Lanywa oil field



Prime Minister General Soe Win, departmental officials and experts of (CMCC) of PRC pose for a documentary photo at the opening ceremony of hydrogen peroxide factory—MNA

As the world is facing gradually dwindling oil and gas supplies, it is concentrating more on bio-fuel. Myanmar still has oil and gas resources, so it should use them effectively. In addition, it is in the process of producing ethanol from sugarcane and tapioca while producing bio-gas from physic nut.

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 April — The Ministry of Industry-1 commissioned into service a 30-ton hydrogen peroxide factory in Chauk Township, Magway Division, yesterday.

Prime Minister General Soe Win unveiled the plaque and factory's signboard, and sprinkled scented water on them.

Hydrogen peroxide can be used in bleaching pulp, textiles, fats, wax, leather, glue, wool and tobacco, treatment of industrial waste water, manufacturing vitamin

B1 injection, and prothionamide (TB drug), dexamethasone, cortisone and pesticides, washing food, meat and vegetables and at beauty saloons.

The factory will produce agent for bleaching pulp and textiles and import substitute goods. Its products will also help make food hygienic, prevent environmental pollution, generate jobs for locals, ensure regional development, improve living standard and increase the number of factories using hydrogen peroxide.

Member of the State

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Chauk-Lanywa oil field.—MNA

INSIDE

For tourists who wish to experience ecotourism and enjoy the beauty of nature, Khakaborazi National Park, Indawgyi wildlife Sanctuary and Pyidaung Sanctuary will be wonderful sites. Some of the world's most endangered flora and fauna can still be seen there. Takin, Red Panda, Musk deer and Leaf deer that are native to the northern part of Kachin State are little known to the outsiders.