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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Prime Minister congratulates Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Lee Hsien Loong, who has assumed his duties as Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore by leading his new Cabinet from 30 May 2006. — MNA

Yangon Division Vegetable and Poultry Farming Special Zone inspected

YANGON, 31 May — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected Yangon Division Vegetable and Poultry Farming Special Zone near Nyaungghnapin Village in Hmawby Township this morning.

After inspecting the physic nut nursery, he instructed officials to distribute the saplings at reasonable price.

Over 150,000 physic nut saplings are being nurtured at the nursery.

At the special zone-1, Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversaw poultry and

vegetable farms and physic nut plantations.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe met with officials at the special zone-2. He heard reports on agricultural and water supply tasks.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that agricultural and livestock breeding tasks are being undertaken at the special zones for food sufficiency of the Yangonites. Departments concerned are to give encouragement to agricultural and livestock breeding entrepreneurs.

It is necessary to grow physic nut plants in

the rainy season for producing biodiesel. As the country has a lot of cultivable land, efforts are to be made for carrying out agricultural and livestock breeding tasks to strengthen the State economy without relying only on natural resources.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed thriving vegetable plantations in the special zone-2. On arrival at the special zone-3, he inspected progress of agricultural and livestock breeding work and left necessary instructions.

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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



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects thriving vegetable plantations at Yangon Division Vegetable and Poultry Farming Special Zone. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe meets officials of Yangon Division Vegetable and Poultry Farming Special Zone. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Try to meet the target yield of crops

Development of agriculture can create higher social and economic status for farmers who constitute the majority of the population. The agriculture sector accounts for 41 per cent of the national economy and 11 per cent of export.

As Myanmar is an agricultural country, it is very practical to strive for all-round development of other sectors of the economy through development of agriculture as the base. Therefore, priority has been given to reclamation of vacant and virgin land, cultivation of mixed and double crops and boost in per-acre yield.

Water is essential for cultivation and therefore dams and sluice gates are being built wherever possible in the nation to ensure sufficient water supply to farmland. With the emergence of dams and sluice gates, more monsoon paddy and summer paddy can be grown. In addition, other crops, including beans and pulses, are also cultivated.

The Mayangon sluice gate inaugurated in Thaton Township, Mon State, on 27 May, can irrigate more than 10,000 acres of farmland. The sluice gate is built on Mayangon Creek and, as a result, there have emerged arable land in the low-lying area around Sar and Mayangon Creeks. Moreover, the sluice gate saves freshwater for cultivation of summer paddy.

At present, the number of dams and sluice gates in the entire nation stands at 186 and these facilities can irrigate 2.6 million acres of farmland. Efforts are now being made to meet the target yield of paddy, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, long-staple cotton, corn, sugar cane and beans and pulses.

We believe that, with reclamation of more arable land, supply of sufficient water and use of quality strains and agricultural technologies, crop production will become remarkably high and thus contribute to development of agriculture.



CASH DONATED: U Soe Thein, Managing Director of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading (Retd) and wife Daw Mya Htwe Yi of No D/7, Mizzu Lane-2, Parami, Yankin Township, donated K 110,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint Treasurer of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi accepting the donation.

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Foreign Minister sends message of congratulations to Singaporean counterpart

- * 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

Symposium on Rattan Culture in ASEAN continues

YANGON, 31 May—The second day session of the Symposium on Rattan Culture in ASEAN went on at the National Theatre of the Department of Cultural Institute under the Ministry of Culture on Pyay Road here this morning.

Secretary of the Myanmar ASEAN Culture and Information Committee Deputy Director-General of the Fine Arts Department Daw Nanda Hmon read the agenda of the session. Five resource persons read out five papers. Also present at the

session were Chairman of the committee Director-General of the Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe, Deputy Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Kyaing, officials, observers and guests. —MNA

Symposium on Rattan Culture in ASEAN in progress.

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Foreign Minister sends message of congratulations to Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 June—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo, who has resumed duties as Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore in the new cabinet with effect from 30 May 2006.—MNA

Mapping course ends



The conclusion of the course on land survey and mapping in progress. — SLRD

YANGON, 31 May—Settlement and Land Record Department concluded an advanced course on land survey and mapping for officers this evening. The completion ceremony held at the department began with a speech by SLRD Director-General U Win Kyi.

He also presented certificates to 27 trainees who had completed the course through the representatives. SLRD officials were also present.—MNA

2,700 tons of palm oil arrives

YANGON, 31 May—Under the arrangement of the government, the palm oil imported from Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia is being sold to public at a reasonable price. MT-Smooth Sea-4 vessel carrying 2,700 tons of palm oil arrived at Asia World Port today.

More large shipments of palm oil are expected to arrive on 2 and 6 June.

MNA



MT-Smooth Sea-4 vessel seen at Asia World Port. — MNA

World powers to guarantee Iran's right for peaceful N-use

Moscow, 30 May—Russia, the United States and China were ready to guarantee Iran's right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy if Teheran answered the questions raised by the UN nuclear watchdog, Russia's top diplomat said here on Monday. "Russia supports the efforts to resume talks between Iran and the world community. The United States and China also support them,"

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying. Lavrov's remarks came just one day before a teleconference between diplomats of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany. The meeting, grouping Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany, was aimed at finding common ground over "a

package of stimuli" for Teheran if it suspends uranium enrichment activities, as well as penalties if it does not, *ITAR-TASS* quoted a Russian Foreign Ministry source as saying. The UN Security Council demanded that Iran suspend uranium enrichment by the end of April, but Teheran defied the deadline and announced last month that it had succeeded in enriching

uranium and was doing research on advanced enrichment. Enriched uranium can be used to produce fuel for both power generators and nuclear bombs.

Iran "must be involved in international economic cooperation and the efforts to enhance security in the region," Lavrov said, adding that "in parallel, we are ready to guarantee Iran's right to develop peaceful nuclear power engineering."

But all these had to be pinned on Iran's cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), he added. "Another condition for the guarantees to nuclear energy engineering for Iran must be Iran's adherence to the treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and to the additional protocol of the treaty," Lavrov said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Philippine girl looks with amusement at a long sausage on display in San Fernando city, Pampanga Province, north of Manila on 29 May, 2006. The local sausage, known as 'Longganisa' and measuring about 3,200 metres (2 miles), was an attempt by local meat processors to land in the Guinness Book of World Records and was one of the highlights of the three-day annual fiesta. However, the length of the sausage fell short of the record. —INTERNET



Tourists enjoy the splendid evening scene along the bank of the Huangpu River lit up by colourful lights, in east China's metropolis Shanghai, on 29 May, 2006. Hundreds of dynamic nightview lights were lit up on Monday on both sides of the Huangpu River. —INTERNET

Study says global warming boosts poison ivy

WASHINGTON, 31 May—Another reason to worry about global warming: more and itchier poison ivy. The noxious vine grows faster and bigger as carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere rise, researchers report Monday. And a CO2-driven vine also produces more of its rash-causing chemical, urushiol, conclude experiments conducted in a forest at Duke University where scientists increased carbon-dioxide levels to those expected in 2050.



Poison ivy's itchy rash is one of the most widely reported ailments to US poison-control centres. —INTERNET

Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas — a chemical that traps heat similar to the way a greenhouse does — that's considered a major contributor to global warming. Greenhouse gases have been steadily increasing in the atmosphere since the Industrial Revolution.

Poison ivy is common in woods around the country, making it a bane of hikers, campers, fighters of forest fires, even backyard gardeners. Its itchy, sometimes blistering

rash is one of the most widely reported ailments to poison-control centres, with more than 350,000 reported cases a year.

Compared to poison ivy grown in usual atmospheric conditions, those exposed to the extra-high carbon dioxide grew about three times larger — and produced more allergenic form of urushiol, scientists from Duke and Harvard University reported. Their study appears in this week's *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"The fertilization effect of rising CO2 on poison ivy ... and the shift toward

a more allergenic form of urushiol have important implications for the future health of both humans and forests," the study concludes. —*Internet*

Health tip: Lack of Vitamin D can cause rickets

NEW YORK, 29 May—Vitamin D is needed to help the body absorb calcium and build strong, healthy bones. The vitamin is particularly important for growing children, who need plenty of calcium for good bone health. Lack of vitamin D can lead to rickets, a

condition characterized by soft or weak bones, pain or tenderness in the limbs or spine, and bone deformities such as bowlegs. A child with rickets may also have dental problems including abnormal tooth formation and cavities.

The US National

Library of Medicine says treatment usually involves dietary changes to include more vitamin D-rich foods — such as fish, liver and milk— and increased exposure to sunlight. Braces on the legs or spine may be needed to counter bone deformities.

Internet

Death toll from flood, mudslides rises to 77 in Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 May—The confirmed death toll from flood and mudslides in Thailand's north has risen to 77 while 38 people are still missing, the government said Monday.

Flash floods swept through five northern provinces of Nan, Phrae, Lamphang, Uttaradit and

Sukhothai last week, triggering mudslides that buried homes after torrential rains hit the region the weekend before. About 555 houses were destroyed and 3,120 were damaged, the Interior Ministry said.

The ministry said the disaster has affected at

least 170,600 residents. About 1,240 people were evacuated.

Initial economic losses from the floods were estimated at about 1 billion baht (about 25 million US dollars), the ministry said. Flood waters have receded in the four provinces till Monday. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Attacks on British forces in Iraq increase

LONDON, 30 May—British forces in Iraq had been attacked by guerillas nearly 60 times on average per month since the start of 2006, according to a report in the *Independent* newspaper on Monday.

The paper said that, in January, there was 36 attacks on British forces in the four British-controlled Iraqi provinces. In

February, there were 41, in March, 57, and in April, 103, making a total of 237. This averages out at more than 59 a month.

But during 2005 as a whole, there were 562 attacks in the same four provinces, a monthly average of less than 47, the report said.

The revelation coincides with a report of

a sharp increase in the number of British soldiers who have been absent without leave for more than a month and who may have deserted to escape the long running Iraq occupation.

The BBC reported on Sunday that more than 1,000 soldiers had deserted the Armed Forces since the Iraq war broke out in 2003,

and around 900 had not been found.

The sharp increase in attacks on British forces in Iraq is expected to prompt more calls for the British troops to be pulled out quickly rather than keeping them there in the hope that the violence could eventually be controlled, analysts say.

MNA/Xinhua

China-ASEAN Senior Consultation opens in Cambodia

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 30 May— The 12th China-ASEAN Senior Officials' Consultation opened Monday in Cambodia's tourism city, Siem Reap, about 320 kilometres north of the capital Phnom Penh, with an aim to deepen cooperation between the two sides.

Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Wu Dawei and his counterparts from ASEAN nations and ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong attended the two-day meeting to be held on 29-30 May.

During the meeting, the two sides will

exchange views in an in-depth manner on deepening the China-ASEAN strategic partnership for peace and prosperity, China-ASEAN cooperation on non-traditional security, future direction of the China-ASEAN dialogue relations, as well as interna-

tional and regional issues of common concern.

Kao Kim Houn, secretary of state of Cambodia's Foreign Ministry, on Monday highly valued the cooperation between China and ASEAN in the fields of politics, economics, culture and security. He said such cooperation will be sure to benefit the strengthening of the region's peace, stability and development.

Kao also commended the important role played by China in promoting the negotiation on the issue of Korean Peninsula and the

role in the regional and international affairs.

Wu Dawei said that China and ASEAN have made significant progress in many areas for the past 15 years which, he said, "have further strengthened the resolve of us to deepen the cooperation between us". China will support the process of the ASEAN integration and the building of ASEAN community, Wu said, adding "the rapidly growth of China's economy will not only serve to Chinese people but also benefit to the people in region and world".—MNA/Xinhua

194 climbers atop Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, 30 May— Among 17 teams given permission from Nepali Government for spring 2006, 194 mountaineers of 25 different countries scaled the world's highest Mt Everest till Sunday, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation said on Monday.

According to the list of Summiters of Spring 2006, Nepal is the top with a total number of 104 mountaineers, the United States 19 and Britain 16.

Other mountaineers scaling the peak are from India, South Korea, Poland, New Zealand, Switzerland, Philippines, Australia, South Africa, France, China, Scotland, Bolivia, Austria, Germany, Brazil, Russia, Malaysia, Singapore, Italy and Belgium.

The first two climbers Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Edmund Hillary had

reached the top successfully on 29 May, 1953. Some 1,700 mountaineers have so far successfully climbed the 8,848-metre peak from the southern face in the 53 years. —MNA/Xinhua



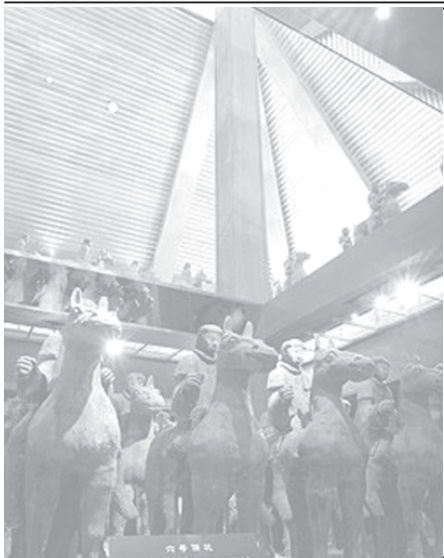
Firefighters spray water on the destroyed roof of a cathedral in Porvoo, Finland, on 29 May, 2006. The cathedral caught fire on Monday. The blaze had been extinguished, but the church roof was totally destroyed. The cathedral, one of the most famous ancient cathedrals in Finland, was the place where Tsar Alexander I opened the Diet of Porvoo in 1809. —INTERNET

Thousands of Indians to get colour TVs — for free

CHENNAI, 31 May—The government of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu said on Tuesday it would float a global tender for colour television sets that will be given free to tens of thousands of poor people.

New state Chief Minister M Karunanidhi said the 14-inch (35-cm) TV sets, which he had promised to people living below the poverty line in the run-up to local assembly elections this month, would be distributed from mid-September.

The 83-year-old leader, who wrested power from his opponent J Jayalithaa in the elections, also promised rice at 2 rupees (2.3 pence) per kg for the poor. About 30 percent of India's more than one billion people live below the poverty line. —Internet



The photo taken on 28 May, 2006 shows a cavalry array of terra cotta warriors of China's Han Dynasty displayed in the newly-built underwater terra cotta warriors museum in Xuzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province. INTERNET

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Large cigarette models are set up to mark the 19th World No-tobacco Day on the Shengli Square in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 30 May, 2006.—INTERNET

String of Iraq attacks kills 54, wound 120

BAGHDAD, 31 May— Carbombs targeting Shiite areas tear through a car dealership in southern Iraq and a bustling outdoor market north of Baghdad Tuesday as attacks nationwide killed 54 people and wounded 120 in the bloodiest day in recent weeks.

Iraqi officials also said a key terror suspect who allegedly confessed to hundreds of be-headings was captured in a raid that also netted documents, cell phones and computers that contained information on other wanted terrorists and Islamic extremist groups.

The worst bombing hit

the market as Iraqis were doing their evening shopping in the Shiite area of Husseiniyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

At least 25 people were killed and 65 were wounded, Interior Ministry spokesman Lt Colonel Falah Al-Mohamedawi said. That attack came hours after a car packed with explosives blew up at a dealership in the largely Shiite city of Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, killing at least 12 people and wounding 32, Capt Muthana Khalid said.

A bomb hidden in a plastic bag also detonated outside a bakery in Baghdad, killing at least nine people and injuring 10, police Lt-Col Falah al-Mohammedawi said.

The explosion occurred at 9:15 pm in New Baghdad, a mixed neighbourhood in the eastern part of the capital. Bakeries in this city of about 6 million open early and close as late as 10:30 pm so that people can buy warm bread for dinner.

On Monday, 40 people were killed in various attacks, including a car bombing in Baghdad that killed two CBS crewmen and seriously wounded network correspondent Kimberly Dozier.

Two British soldiers killed in Basra

LONDON, 30 May — Two British soldiers have been killed in a suspected roadside bomb attack in Basra, southern Iraq, a spokesman for Britain's Ministry of Defence said on Monday.

The two soldiers were from the Queen's Dragoon Guards regiment. Two others from the same regiment suffered minor injuries in the blast on Sunday evening.

"The incident took place in North-West Basra City and appears to be an improvised explosive device," Defence Minister Des Browne said in a statement.

The deaths bring the British death toll in Iraq to 113. Britain has about 7,000 troops in Iraq, mostly patrolling the mainly Shiite south.

Basra had been relatively calm compared to the more volatile Baghdad but five British military personnel were killed in a helicopter crash on 6 May and two were killed by a roadside bomb a week later.

MNA/Reuters

Internet

Report says poor diet as bad as smoking for health

AMSTERDAM, 30 May — Eating too little fish, fruit and vegetables is as bad for human health as smoking, a report by the Dutch public health agency said on Monday.

The study, which the European Food Safety Authority says it will use when analysing food and diet risks, concluded that “of all dietary factors, insufficient consumption of fish, fruit and vegetables currently causes the most cases of serious illness and death in the Netherlands”.

“Taking into account not just deaths but also years spent living with serious disability, unhealthy dietary habits cause as much health loss as does smoking,” said the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM).

“Unhealthy diet composition currently reduces the average life expectancy of a 40-year-old Dutch person by 1.2 years, while obesity claims 0.8 years.”

Some 75 per cent of the Netherlands’ 16 million people eat fruit and vegetables below the recommended level, said the report, which used data from existing Dutch studies on public health and food habits to reach

the conclusions.

Each year in the Netherlands, poor diet causes about 13,000 deaths due to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer, while obesity claims 7,000 lives by causing heart disease and cancer, it said.

RIVM researchers recommended that governments around the world should start encouraging a healthy diet to improve public health.

The Dutch researchers

also say that about 25 per cent of deaths and serious illness caused by overweight and obesity would be avoided if all adults shed 3 kilogrammes.

“In particular, attempts at reducing saturated and trans fatty acid uptake and increasing fish, fruit and vegetables consumption could save many lives,” the report said.

Saturated and trans fatty acids — which come from animal fats, tropical

oils such as coconut and palm oils as well as processed vegetable oils — raise the levels of cholesterol and the risk of heart disease.

The head of the European Food Safety Authority, Herman Koeter, who received a copy of the report, said in the RIVM statement that it would be a leading document in Europe when making risk analysis of food and diets.

MNA/Reuters



Contestants oar their boats forward during a dragon boat race in Xiamen, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 28 May, 2006.—INTERNET



The picture taken on 30 May, 2006 shows a security man standing guard beside a rare under glaze copper-red Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) vase in Hong Kong, south China. The vase was sold at a price of 78.52 million Hong Kong dollars (10.13 million US dollars) on Tuesday in Hong Kong, setting a world auction record for any Ming porcelain.—INTERNET

Qatar says OPEC set to maintain output

CARACAS, 30 May— The OPEC cartel will decide at talks this week to keep pumping oil at current levels, Qatar’s Energy Minister Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah said.

Asked if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would change its official production quota at Thursday’s meeting here, he told reporters: “No, I don’t think so.

“I think OPEC has nothing (to do) except to roll over at this time,” he said, indicating that OPEC would prolong its total quota of 28 million barrels of oil per day.

“I don’t believe there is a shortage of oil at all. This is market driven,” al-Attiyah added, arguing that prices have been driven up by geopolitical tensions and by speculation. “Hopefully the market will stabilize,” the Qatari minister said, adding he was “very concerned” about prices that go too high or too low.—Internet

Coffee is good for you: Norwegian study

OSLO, 30 May—Drinking coffee in moderation, up to five cups a day, can reduce the chances of contracting cardio-vascular diseases, Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s, a study by Norwegian researchers showed.

The researchers based their findings on data from 27,000 women in the United States.

Those who drank between one and three cups of coffee daily reduced the risk of contracting cardio-vascular diseases and “inflammatories” by between 20 to 25 per cent.

Internet

China cracks down on illegal cabs

BEIJING, 31 May — China has launched a nationwide campaign to stamp out illegal taxis that will see serious offenders be sentenced to a period of supervised labour.

The campaign will be jointly pursued by the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Public Security and four other central government departments and will last from May to November, according to the Ministry of Construction.

The campaign will target illegal cabs without licences or using forged licences, criminal gangs operating cabs, as well as civil servants providing protection to illegal operators. — MNA/Xinhua

Cholera death toll hits over 1,500 in Angola

LUANDA, 30 May —The World Health Organization said here on Monday that a cholera outbreak in Angola that broke out mid-February has claimed 1,514 lives from more than 40,557 cumulative cases.

In its latest update on the epidemic that has affected 13 of Angola’s 18 provinces, the WHO said that 282 new cases of the disease and six deaths were recorded in the last 24 hours.

The province of Luanda, where cholera erupted in slum districts of the capital on 13 February, continues to bear the brunt of the epidemic and 275 fatalities have occurred from over 20,781 cases. — MNA/Xinhua

Blast hits Serb explosives plant, deaths reported

BELGRADE, 30 May — An explosion occurred at a chemicals and explosives plant 25 kilometres west of the Serbian capital Belgrade on Monday, police said.

State television said four people were killed. The Tanjug state news agency reported a number of people had been injured but gave no further details.

“All we know at the moment is that an explosion went off in the weapons plant of the Prva Iskra factory in Baric,” a police spokeswoman said. She said a fire had broken out and access to the site was difficult.— MNA/Reuters

Rate of malnourished children down in Vietnam

HANOI, 31 May—The rate of malnourished children aged under five in Vietnam dropped to 25.2 per cent in 2005 from 51.5 per cent in 1985, the local newspaper Vietnam News reported on Monday.

Poverty, unstable food supplies, and emergency nutrition problems caused by natural disasters have threatened health of Vietnamese mothers and children, especially those in rural and remote areas, the newspaper quoted Director of the National Nutrition Institute, Nguyen Cong Khan, as saying.

According to a recent report of the United Nations Children’s Fund, around 12.5 per cent of Vietnamese children aged under five suffer from Vitamin A deficiency, 32 per cent of pregnant women from anaemia, and 53.8 per cent of lactating mothers from low levels of Vitamin A in their breast milk. — MNA/Xinhua

Road accident kills 12 in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 30 May — Twelve family members have been killed instantly when a Nissan Hardbody truck collided head-on with a bus before the two vehicles overturned in a Zimbabwe city, local police said on Monday.

The accident occurred near Kwekwe, a city about 200 kilometres south to the country’s capital city of Harare. The people were on their way to church service when the tragedy struck at around 11 pm on Sunday. Police spokesman Patrick Chademana said the drivers and passengers in the truck died on the spot while the bus driver sustained a broken leg.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-President says technician sets public example

BEIJING, 30 May — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong on Monday urged the public to learn the hardworking spirit of an outstanding transport technician to contribute to the country's modernization drive.

He also stressed the government would take better care of model workers and outstanding figures like Chen Gangyi, a senior engineer of central China's Hubei Transport Planning and Design Institute, who has been working on major projects for 20 years since graduation from a college.

Chen had managed the construction of two highway and bridge construction projects in

Tibet since 2001. Despite being diagnosed with cancer and undergoing surgery, he refused to quit and went to Tibet four times till the successful completion of the projects.

Meeting with Chen at the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing, Zeng praised him for his outstanding contributions to Tibet's development, saying his dedicated spirit was "a precious spiritual treasure

in building a relatively prosperous society in an all-round way and turning China into an innovation-oriented country".

Zeng said the government would treasure model workers and outstanding figures like Chen and especially be more solicitous about their living conditions and health, helping them overcome difficulties and problems in their work and daily life. —MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Tsarukaeva Svetlana (C), Columbia's Perez Mercedes (L) and China's Gu Wei smile on the podium after the women's 58kg class competition during the 32nd Men's and 12th Women's Junior World Weightlifting Championships held in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 May, 2006. Tsarukaeva won the gold medal, Perez won the silver and Gu took the bronze. —INTERNET

Six UN peacekeepers held by Congo militia

KINSHASA, 30 May — Six Nepalese UN peacekeepers have been captured in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo by militia fighters who are demanding a ransom for their release, UN and Congolese sources said on Monday.

The sources, who asked not be named, said the United Nations mission in Congo was in contact with the militia holding the Nepalese peacekeepers, who were seized during a UN military operation in violence-prone Ituri District on Sunday.

The UN mission had said on Sunday it lost contact with the six soldiers, whose unit was involved in a peacekeeping operation ahead of historic elections scheduled for 30 July.

"We understand these people have been taken and there are talks going on," a UN source told Reuters.

A Congolese source said the Nepalese were being held by fighters led by militia chief Peter

Karim.

"Peter Karim is holding these men and he is demanding money for their release. We are hearing of a figure of 20,000 US dollars for each peacekeeper," the source, who has contacts with the militia, said.

MNA/Reuters



Visitors view a piece of wood-carving during the 2006

Hangzhou

International Folk

Handicrafts

Exhibition opened

on Sunday in

Hangzhou, capital of

east China's

Zhejiang Province,

on 28 May, 2006.

INTERNET

Iran to continue uranium enrichment at home

TEHRAN, 30 May — Iranian Government spokesman Gholam-Hossein Elham said here on Monday that Iran will continue its peaceful-purpose uranium enrichment activities on its soil.

Elham made the assertion at his weekly Press conference in response to a question on the current visit of Russian Security Council Secretary Igor Ivanov to Iran.

Russia had earlier advised Iran to shift its controversial uranium enrichment to Russia,

which was rejected by Teheran. "The sides have not held talks on suspension of enrichment by Iran in its territory," Elham told reporters. He also denied that the two sides have talked about moving Iran's uranium enrichment to Russia.

The spokesman de-

fended his country's on-going peaceful-purpose uranium enrichment as in accordance with rules and regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

"Iran is conducting uranium enrichment in order to produce nuclear fuel. Enrichment by up to 3.5 to 5 per cent is enough for this purpose," said

Elham. Meanwhile, he stressed that Iran's nuclear case should be settled within the framework of the IAEA.

"If the IAEA will take control of Iran's nuclear case, all international and legal supervision will be continued. This will be beneficial for all sides," Elham added.

MNA/Xinhua

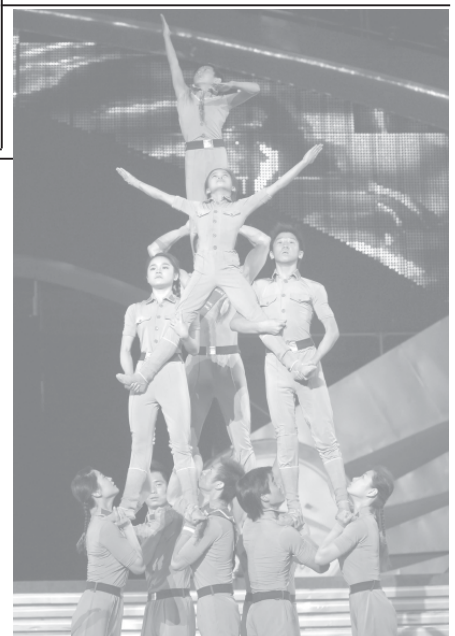
Britain's MFI set to shut Welsh sofa-making factory, cut jobs

LONDON, 30 May — Britain's MFI Furniture Group Plc is looking to close a sofa-making factory in south Wales, which could mean the loss of over 300 jobs, the company said on Monday.

A 90-day consultation process on the proposal to shut the factory began on the 19th of May and 323 jobs are at risk, MFI said.

"The intention is to close the site, unless some other solution is found," a spokeswoman said.

In February, MFI vowed to cut jobs as it planned to scale back operations after poor sales wiped out profits in 2005. —MNA/Reuters



Acrobatic Gymnastics

athletes from east

China's Jiangsu

Province perform

during the closing

ceremony of the

Third All-China

Games held in

Suzhou, a city in

Jiangsu, on 30 May,

2006. The Fourth

All-China Games will

be held in Hefei,

capital of east

China's Anhui

Province, in 2010.

INTERNET

Expressway pile-up leaves nine dead, 30 injured in E China

HEFEI, 30 May — Heavy fog caused the pile-up of 28 vehicles on an expressway in east China's Anhui Province on Monday, killing at least nine people and injuring 30 others, the local expressway administration said.

Eighteen successive

collisions took place between 4 am and 6 am within a three-kilometre section of the freeway linking the provincial capital of Hefei to Nanjing, capital of neighbouring Jiangsu Province.

The tragedy was caused by fog that began to envelop the road at

2 am on Monday. The traffic administrators had warned drivers about the fog, which gradually turned thick and triggered the first accident two hours later.

The injured people have been hospitalized and rescue workers are clearing the site.

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Tobacco: Deadly in any form or disguise

Dr Nyo Nyo Kyaing

World No-Tobacco Day has been celebrated in Myanmar on the 31st of May, every year, since 1989 to promote public awareness on hazards of tobacco. The occasion was also observed not only at the central level but also at all States and Divisions and some districts.

The purpose of World No-Tobacco Day 2006 is to raise awareness about the existence of deadly tobacco products in order to help people get accurate information, remove the disguise, unveil the truth behind the tobacco products—traditional, new and future. This year's slogan reads as "Tobacco: Deadly in any form or disguise". It is crucial to empower people and organizations with knowledge about the different tobacco products and their many forms and disguise in order to implement more effectively control tobacco and global health.

World No-Tobacco Day 2006 is observed around the world, with the objectives to raise awareness about all forms of tobacco which are deadly in any form, to raise awareness about all types and names and flavours which are deadly in any disguise and to raise awareness about the need for strict regulation and encourage its implementation. Tobacco products are deadly in any form, whether as smoking tobacco products in the forms of cigarettes, cheroots, pipes, bidis, kreteks, clove cigarettes, cigars, waterpipes or as smokeless tobacco products in the form of snus, snuffs, chewing tobacco, betel quid with tobacco etc. They are also deadly in any disguise: tobacco companies are launching new weapons in the form of products disguised to appear less harmful and more attractive. Nowadays, tobacco companies continue reassuring health concerned smokers by offering their new products the illusion of safety. They are selling their new products disguised under healthier names, fruity flavours or more attractive looking packaging. Tobacco products whether they are sold as mild, light, low tar, full flavour, fruit flavored, chocolate flavored, natural, additive-free, organic cigarettes, PRPS (Potentially Reduced-Exposure Products), harm-reduced—they are all deadly.

A study conducted in 2004 by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the World Health Organization showed that laboratory examinations of some cigarettes and cheroots produced domestically contained much higher contents of nicotine than international standards. The nicotine content of smokeless tobacco (betel quid with tobacco) was also found to be very high.

Myanmar Tobacco Free Initiatives

In the era of globalization, marketing and promotion of harmful products such as tobacco had been identified as one of the major transnational determinants of ill-health which would qualify as global bads. Globalization of the epidemic restricts the capacity of countries to regulate tobacco through domestic legislation alone. In response to the globalization of the tobacco epidemic, the 191 member States of World Health Organization unanimously

adopted the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHOFCTC) at the 56th World Health Assembly in May 2003, as a global complement to national actions. THE WHOFCTC is a major global development for addressing the globalization of the tobacco epidemic.

The initiation and adoption of WHOFCTC had an enormous impact on the world-wide anti-tobacco movements. Getting involved in the negotiating process itself moved the tobacco control measures of countries forward; in countries like Myanmar, delegates who had participated in the Intergovernmental Negotiating Bodies reported back to the policy makers with strong recommendations to enhance the momentum of anti-tobacco activities and public awareness campaigns. The whole process of adopting, signing and ratifying the WHO FCTC was a challenging and exciting experience and having the national tobacco control legislation adopted was a huge success in the history of public health in Myanmar. In many countries, WHOFCTC had been used as a strong advocating tool to fight against the powerful tobacco industries.

Myanmar and the global movement for tobacco control

In July 1998, WHO reorganized its tobacco control efforts within a new structure, the Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) and this movement greatly enhanced the momentum of the anti-tobacco activities in Myanmar. The National Health Committee which is the highest inter-ministerial advisory group of all concerned ministries at the national level issued guidelines for prevention and control of smoking related diseases at its 26 meeting held in September 1998. The National Programme on Tobacco Control was officially launched in January 2000 with the drafting and approval of the National Policy on Tobacco Control and Plan of Action. The National Tobacco Control Committee was formed in March 2002, headed by the Minister for Health and included heads of related departments and chairpersons of several national NGOs as members. The committee set guidelines for the tobacco control measures to be implemented in the country.

The Ministry of Information prohibited advertisement of tobacco on television and radio and from all electronic media in the year 2000. Tobacco advertising billboards were banned from the vicinity of schools, hospitals, health facilities, sports stadiums and maternity homes in May 2002 and from other places in April 2003. Tobacco advertisements were also banned from the newspapers, journals and magazines in early 2003. Smoking was prohibited at all hospitals and health departments, at all basic education schools, all sports stadiums and sports fields and at some workplaces.

In May 1999, the World Health Assembly—the governing body of the World Health Organization, adopted a resolution (WHA 52.18) which paved the way for starting multilateral negotiations on the WHO FCTC and possible related protocols. Myanmar along with fellow member states actively participated in the

negotiating process of the WHOFCTC and strongly supported the convention. Myanmar delegates expressed their strong commitment towards comprehensive tobacco control measures and voiced for the need of a comprehensive ban on all forms of tobacco advertisements including cross-border advertising. Myanmar proudly hosted the 4 Inter-country Consultation Meeting on Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in August 2002, where the countries of South-East Asia Region issued the "Yangon Declaration". Myanmar became a proud signatory to the FCTC on the 23rd October 2003 and became a Party to the Convention on the 20th of April, 2004; it was 11th country to become Party to the Convention. Minister for Health, Professor Dr Kyaw Myint, received the "World No-Tobacco Day 2004" award for his excellent leadership in the area of tobacco control in Myanmar.

National Legislation on Tobacco Control

The Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Products Law was adopted on 4th May, 2006 as the State Peace and Development Council Law 5/2006. The adoption of the law was a very significant milestone in the history of public health of Myanmar and was highly appreciated by the World Health Organization and anti-tobacco advocates.

According to this law many public places including hospital buildings, officers, medical treatment centres and clinics; stadiums and indoor playing fields; children drill sheds and play grounds; teaching buildings, classrooms, offices, compounds, opera houses, cinema halls, video halls and other buildings of entertainment; marts, department stores, stores and market sheds; museums, archives, public libraries and reading rooms; elevators and escalators, motor vehicles and aircraft for passenger transport; air-conditioned public rooms; public auditoriums etc are non-smoking areas and places to which the public have access in certain buildings, vehicles and crafts are no-smoking areas except the private offices and rooms. However, specific places where smoking is allowed, shall be arranged in such areas which include buildings of offices and departments; buildings of factories and workshops; building of hotels, guest houses and lodging houses; buildings of railway stations, airports, ports and highway bus terminals, restaurants, trains and vessels for passenger transport.

The tobacco control law which will come into force one year after its adoption strictly prohibits tobacco advertisement in all forms; it also prohibits sale of tobacco to and by minors, sale of cigarettes singly or in a package containing less than 20 to enable easy purchase and smoking. The law also states that it is an offence to produce, distribute or sell cigarette and other smoking tobacco products without a health warning in Myanmar language.

The national legislation had also incorporated the issue of product regulation and disclosure stating that it is an offence to cigar and tobacco products fraudulently mentioning that the toxic chemical potency is less than the amount prescribed by the Central Board in cigar and tobacco production, distribution or sale thereof in spite of knowing such fact mentioned. The Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Products Law, adopted on the 4th of May, 2006 was very comprehensive as it had incorporated many essential elements stated in the WHO FCTC. With the law coming into force in May 2007, we sincerely believe that the tobacco consumption in Myanmar will be significantly reduced, especially among the youth. This will greatly uplift the health and fitness of the entire nation as stated in the four social objectives of the country.

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Work coord meeting of Ministry of Transport held



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe addresses the coordination meeting. — TRANSPORT

YANGON, 31 May — The Ministry of Transport held the coordination meeting for 2005-06 at its meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 May.

Present were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads and officials.

The minister elaborated tasks of the transport sector to be carried out in 2005-06 financial year to meet the target, earning income and thrifty use of expenditure, implementation of assignments and cooperation with local authorities.

Officials reported on their respective tasks. Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung assessed the reports.

In his remarks, the minister urged them to take part in the respective sectors in serving the interest of the people, the ministry and the State.

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Commander, Minister inspect bird flu prevention

YANGON, 31 May — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein discussed bird flu prevention in Myinmu on 28 May.

The minister also inspected erection of a laboratory in the town. In Monywa Industrial zone, he met with farming entrepreneurs, speaking of the need to adopt collective farming system in which livestock breeding centres are linked with communication networks to immediately inform Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department about any suspicious occurrence. Experts are in the process of discovering a vaccine for the bird flu. Livestock Breeding Development Bank will disburse K 50 million to farms of the disease-affected areas.

While in Shwebo, he discussed systematic screening of poultry products before transporting them to markets. He also visited Thayetkon fish farm in Aungmyethazan on 29 May.

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Seminar focuses AI disease control experience in Asia

YANGON, 31 May — Seminar on Avian Influenza Disease Control's Experience in Asia was held yesterday here.

It was jointly organized by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Yin Yin Kyaw International Trading Co Ltd.

At the seminar, Dr Yong Ming, Technical and Commercial Director for South East Asia Fort Dodge Animal Health presented the paper on AI disease control.

Also present on the occasion were Dr Mya Nyun, Chairman of the Myanmar Veterinary Council, U Maung Maung Nyunt, Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) and senior officials from LBVD, professors from University of Veterinary Science, officials from Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise, members from Myanmar Livestock Federation and interested livestock entrepreneur in Myanmar poultry production.

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Electric meters installed in Hline, Dagon Myothit (East) townships



Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint at the construction site of 230 KV Sub-Power Station. — MNA

YANGON, 31 May — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday met district and township electrical engineers and service personnel of the ministry at the meeting hall of Yangon City Power Supply Board. The

minister urged them to work hard in discharge of duties, to abide by rules and regulations, and to serve the interests of the nation and the people.

Next, the minister together with Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Power Supply Board inspected the installation of electric metres in Hline

Township. So far, 311 electric meters have been installed in Hline and Dagon Myothit (East) Townships.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint proceeded to the construction site of 230 KV Sub-Power Station in Thanlyan Township. Superintending Engineer U Zaw Weik reported on

the installation tasks of Bago (Kamarnat)-Thakayta-Thanlyan 230 KV power line and construction of Thanlyan 100 MVA Sub-Power Station.

In meeting with employees, the minister stressed the need for speedy completion of tasks and worksite safety.

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Staff of TOA Paint (Thailand) Co Ltd explains the quality of the company's products. — MNA

TOA paint to be on Myanmar Market

YANGON, 31 May — TOA Paint (Thailand) Co Ltd introduced its new products at its TOA Seminar 2006 held today at Traders Hotel here.

At the seminar, the company's responsible officials demonstrated ways to use the paint and answered the queries of those present at the

seminar.

The new paint is produced with the use of the high technology and the significant quality of the new product is that it is designed to resist dust and slime, said an official of TOA Paint (Thailand) Co Ltd at the seminar.

TOA paint can be used in the industry, home

decoration and for painting the furniture, and is available at GMG Co Ltd, No 65, Konzaydan Street, Pabedan Township, Ph 246194, 384119 and at No 310, on 80th Street, between 20th street and 21st street, Aungmyaythazan Township; Ph 02-64858.

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Minister meets with staff of ministries of SWRR, IP



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Swe meeting with employees. — SWRR

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Swe met with employees of the two ministries at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Present were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, directors-general, deputy directors-general, heads of office, officials and staff.

First, Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department reported on tasks of the SWD. Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department also reported on rescue and relief tasks and resettlement matters.

Director U Zaw Win of Fire Services Department

briefed the minister on fire prevention measures. Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint gave a supplementary report.

Next, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Myint of Immigration and National Registration Department and Assistant Director U Myo Thwin of Population Department reported on their respective sectors.

After hearing the reports, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Swe explained progress of the State and loyal participation of staff in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. He instructed them to avoid bribery and corruption in the tasks and to promptly perform their respective tasks to serve the interest of the people.

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School enrolment ceremony held in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May — The school enrolment ceremony in Kachin State for 2006-07 academic year was held at Myintsuthaka Hall of No 3 Basic Education High School in Myitkyina on 27 May morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Chairperson of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the commander Daw Nu Nu Swe, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, senior military officers of Myitkyina Station, local authorities, school heads, members of Parent-Teacher Association and School Board of Trustees, wellwishers and guests.

The commander explained efforts to be made for uplift of education sectors.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min reported on tasks being carried out for development of human resources, and presented 28,450 assorted copies of kindergarten worth K 4,318,300 to the commander.

Next, the deputy minister and the Kachin State education officer accepted cash donations to the education fund donated by wellwishers.

After the ceremony, the commander, the deputy minister and officials viewed enrolment of students at No 1 and No 2 BEHSs in Myitkyina.

They inspected construction of the two-storey building at BEHS No 1 and fulfilled the requirements.

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Prizes awarded to winners in National Level ASEAN Quiz

YANGON, 31 May — The National Level ASEAN Quiz Organizing Committee chaired by the Deputy Minister for Information held the Third National Level ASEAN Quiz 2006.

A total of 36 students of basic education high school level from States and Divisions participated in the written test on 28 May and in the oral contest on 30 May.

Of them, 10 contestants enter the final contest at the Studio-A of Myanma Radio and Television today.

After the Quiz, Maung Oak Soe of Pyay BEHS No 1 won the first prize, Maung Ye Tun Soe of Kamayut BEHS No 2 the second, Ma Mya Thida Win of Dagon BEHS No 1 the third, and Maung Nay Myo Han of Practising High School (Kamayut) consolation prize.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee Chairman, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV presented prizes to the winners.

The first to third winners will take part in the Regional Level ASEAN Quiz in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia in September.

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Final contest of ASEAN Quiz 2006 in progress. — MNA

Coord meeting of Ministry of Mines held



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivers an address at the coordination meeting.

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 May — The Ministry of Mines held the meeting to review accomplishments in third four months of 2005 and first

four month of 2006 and coordinate exceeding the target in second four months of 2006, at its hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 and 30 May.

In the first-day session, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered an address.

Next, managing directors, directors-general and officials reported on tasks in 2006 and arrangements for exceeding the target in 2006 in detail.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myint Thin and officials.

The second-day session continued yesterday morning. Managing directors, directors-general and officials submitted their

reports. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions. The minister explained guidance of the Head of State, and instructed them to make efforts for exceeding the target of the respective departments by seeking means and ways, to abide by laws, rules and regulations, to use fuel in production only, nurture the employees for uplift of their efficiency and carry out welfare affairs of the staff.

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World No-Tobacco Day observed



Guests visit World No-Tobacco Day booth. — MNA

Htay, CEC members of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Daw Nilar Thaw and Daw Tin Tin Mya, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai, rectors, directors, medical superintendents and executives.

The theme of this year's World No-Tobacco Day is "Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise".

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YANGON, 31 May— The World No-Tobacco Day for 2006 was marked at a ceremony held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

Deputy Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Tin Nyunt read the commemorative message sent by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo delivered

a speech.

An educative documentary film "Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise" was shown to those present.

The deputy director-general and guests observed the exhibits displayed on the booths.

Also present were President of the Myanmar Academy of Medical Science Dr U Ko Ko, Vice-President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin The

Resident Representative of WHO Prof Adik Wibowo delivers an address at World No-Tobacco Day ceremony.

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Sports and education combined course opens at SPEI (Mandalay)

YANGON, 31 May — The opening ceremony of the sports and education combined course and the sports training course for 2006-07 academic year was held at the gymnasium of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials and representatives.

First, the minister gave an opening speech. The minister provided K 555,000 for sports suits to trainers, K 150,000 for school uniforms to teachers and 30 footballs worth K 150,000 to the trainees

through officials. Later, the minister cordially greeted the trainees. At the Sports and Physical Education Institute, 292 trainees will attend football, volleyball, boxing, weightlifting, Sepak Takraw, Wushu, gymnastics, swimming and tennis events.

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An-Minbu road section inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein carried out an inspection of An-Minbu section of Yangon-Sittway Road on 24 May.

Officials reported on progress in tarring the section. The commander assessed the reports and looked into the work site.

On the morning of 25 May, the commander and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing held a meeting with service personnel at An Township PDC office. Officials reported on facts about the region, development affairs tasks and water supply. The commander gave instructions on regional development and attended to the needs.

He visited the 100-bed township people's hospital and provided cash assistance for the patients. He also inspected staff quarters.

The commander inspected Hinywetchaung Dam in An Township.

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Refresher course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A refresher course for senior assistant teachers who teach English, Mathematics and Physics concluded at Myeik University, Taninthayi Division, on 26 May.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials attended the ceremony. First, the commander extended greetings and Rector U Thein Aung explained the matters related to the course.

Next, the commander awarded prizes to outstanding trainees in their respective subjects, and the rector gave presents to the instructors, and the ceremony came to a close.—MNA

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Physic nut plant growing ceremonies held in Thayet District

THAYET, 20 May — Under the arrangements of Thayet District Peace and Development Council, physic nuts plants growing ceremonies were held from 16 to 20 May in Mindon, Kanma, Thayet, Aunglan, Sinbaungwe and Minhla townships of Thayet District. District social organization members collectively participated in the ceremonies. Thayet District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung San and members, Chairperson of Thayet District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee attended the ceremonies. The plan is being undertaken to cultivate physic nut plants in six townships of the district to meet the targeted acres in May. — *Kyemon*



Thayet District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung San participating in physic nut plant growing ceremony in Thayet District.

Talks on traffic rules, prevention against human trafficking given

TATKON, 16 May — An educative talk on reduction of traffic accidents and prevention against human trafficking conducted by Myanmar Police Force was held on 14 May at Aung San Hall in Tatkon Township, Pyinmana District, with an address by Tatkon Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Myint Wai. It was also attended by members of Tatkon Township PDC, USDA, WAO, MCWA, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, and vehicle owners.

At the ceremony, Commander of Pyinmana District Police Force Police Major Zaw Win gave talks on reduction of traffic rules violations, Police Captain Moe Moe Tun on prevention against human trafficking, and Police Lt-Col Aung Naing on traffic rules. — *Kyemon*

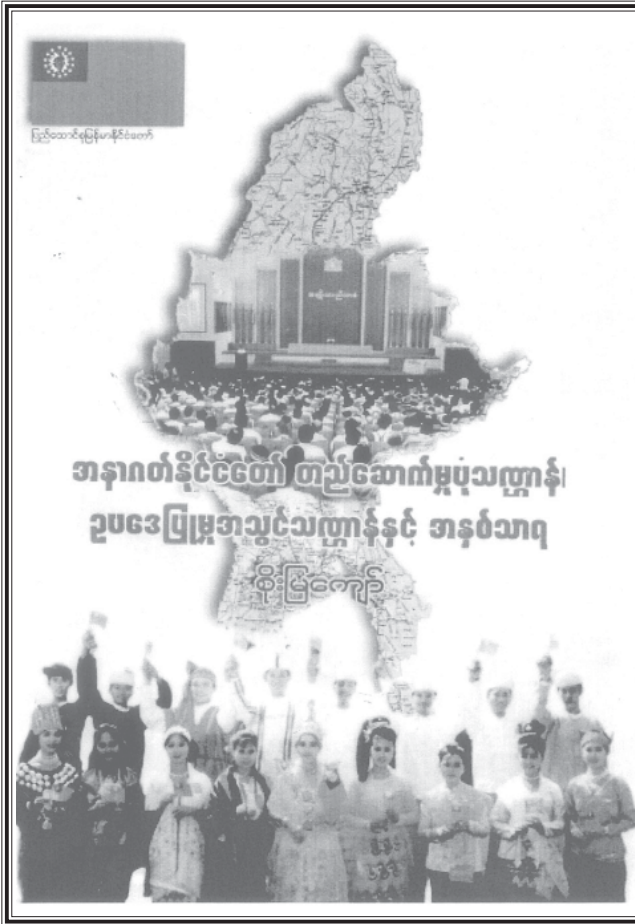


Police Captain Moe Moe Tun gives talks on prevention against human trafficking.

81 radio sets provided to self-reliant libraries in Yesagyo

YESAGYO, 17 MAY — With the aim of developing self-reliant libraries and disseminating knowledge to local people, a ceremony to present 81 radio sets worth K 500,000 for self-reliant libraries in Yesagyo Township donated by departments concerned was held on 17 May at Yesagyo Township Peace and Development Council Office with an address by Township PDC Chairman.

Head of Office U Tin Aung Khaing of Yesagyo Township Information and Public Relations Department accepted the radios and spoke words of thanks. The radios will be delivered to all self-reliant libraries in villages on 31 May. — *Kyemon*



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Vietnam to set up central anti-corruption steering committee

HANOI, 31 May — The Vietnamese Government will discuss the establishment of a central anti-corruption steering committee at its regular meeting starting on Wednesday, according to local media. Under a scheme on the establishment, the committee to be led by Vietnamese Prime Minister will be entitled to temporarily suspend ministers, chairmen of People's Committees and People's Councils of cities or provinces from their posts in the time of three months downward, if they have signs of law violations, and the suspending is necessary for the investigation, newspaper *Youth* reported on Tuesday. Now, to suspend or dismiss a minister, the Prime Minister has to propose the Political Bureau under the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee to deal with his or her activities in the party, and the National Assembly to consider and decide the discipline.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Cambodia formally bans 3G phones

PHNOM PENH, 31 May — The latest generation of video phone was formally banned by Cambodia, local media reported on Tuesday.

So Khun, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, on Monday announced the ban and urged phone companies not to be disappointed, adding that the ban would not be extended to the Internet. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen announced a 10-year ban on the "3G" mobile phones on Friday, after his wife Bun Rany and the wives of several other top government officials petitioned him to do so, warning that

the phones could be used by women to seduce men with pornography. "The postponement is made only on the video phone, but the Internet ISP is not banned. It still operates as usual," So Khun was quoted by *The Cambodia Daily* as saying. "Phone operators, please don't be disappointed. Please understand the ministry," he said. "The 3G technology is not banned forever. It is just postponed for a while." Cambodia's MobiTel

and the AZ group had been vying to introduce the first 3G network to Cambodia. In a letter dated on 25 May, Hun Sen stated that the 3G

phones should be held off for an "appropriate time in the future when the social morality is improved". *MNA/Xinhua*

Deadly quake affects tourism in Yogyakarta

JAKARTA, 31 May — The deadly earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale which had killed over 5,400 people and devastated over 100,000 houses, ancient temples and tourist objects, had seriously affected the tourism sector in Yogyakarta, 440 kilometres east of Jakarta, capital of Indonesia. Data issued by the Yogyakarta disaster media centre on Tuesday night showed, up till Tuesday evening, those injured in the earthquake totalled 16,547, while a total of 116,046 homes were damaged. The quake indiscriminately damaged a mall, plaza, hotels and the historic palace of the Yogyakarta kingdom, houses of prayers and historic sites as well as souvenir centres in the area. The disaster would adversely affect Yogyakarta which is known as the icon of Indonesian tourism, besides Bali, especially by foreign tourists, *Antara* news agency quoted Bagus Sudibya, Deputy Chairman of the Travel Agencies Association as saying in Surabaya, capital of East Java Province on Tuesday. "Yogyakarta as well as Bali have their respective special market in the tourism sector. In the short run, the deadly quake will certainly affect tourism businesses," he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Players from Japan's futsal team, Kanta Fujii (L), Rikardo Higa (2nd L), Takuya Suzumura (2nd R) and Kanichiro Kogure, celebrate after winning the AFC Futsal Championship title at Yunasabad Sports Complex in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 27 May, 2006. Japan defeated Uzbekistan in the final.
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Chile, Argentina discuss natural gas, collaborative projects

SANTIAGO, 30 May — Chilean and Argentine ministers began discussions here on Monday regarding collaboration in natural gas supply, local media reports said.

The Chilean Government said it was expecting more cuts in the imports of gas from Argentina in coming days because of rising domestic demand in Argentina where winter was drawing near. Argentina began reducing its natural gas exports to Chile in 2004 as its production could not meet the needs of both the domestic market and that of Chile.

Chile imports around 22 million cubic metres of gas daily, supplying the plants which generate 30 per cent of Chile's electricity, among other uses.

The ministers of Foreign Affairs, Energy and other departments took part in the meeting.

At the meeting the ministers are expected to approve the 2006-2010 Work Plan, a scheme agreed to by Argentine President Nestor Kirchner and his Chilean counterpart Michelle Bachelet during a meeting on 21 March.

The plan will cover government planning, public services, energy, mines, and transportation.

MNA/Xinhua

Truck accident kills eight, injures three in Peru jungle

LIMA, 30 May — At least eight people died and three others were injured when a dump truck crashed in Peru's northern jungle zone, police said on Monday.

The vehicle was travelling on a main road in heavy rain when the accident occurred near the settlement of Pomacocha in the province of Amazonas. The dead were moved to a local morgue, while the injured were

taken to nearby hospitals, police reported.

Investigations are under way. Police did not rule out the driver's recklessness and mechanical faults as possible causes of the tragedy.

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Venezuela supports oil production cut

CARACAS, 30 May — The Venezuelan Government said on Monday that it favoured a cut in OPEC's oil production to restore the balance of the international oil markets.

Venezuela's Energy and Petroleum Minister Rafael Ramirez said that there should be a cut in oil production as the levels of oil inventory were above their historical averages.

In view of "the fundamentals of the market," a production cut should be proposed, Ramirez said. "But given current price levels, we will have to discuss... the best position to take." OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting

Countries) will hold a special meeting in Caracas on 1 June.

"Prices have not obeyed market fundamentals: instead they have been strongly influenced by the geopolitical tensions, for instance between Iran and the United States," Ramirez said.

Iran initiated its nuclear programme this year despite international opposition, particularly from the United States, which has a large number of troops in neighbouring Iraq. Fears of a regional war have helped to push up oil prices since early 2006.

Iran's oil minister is due to arrive in Venezuela on Monday, and the ministers of other OPEC countries will arrive on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

China extends \$2m for Indonesia's quake victims

JAKARTA, 30 May — The Chinese Government has extended financial assistance amounting to 2 million US dollars to Indonesia to help victims of the Yogyakarta earthquake.

The assistance was presented by Chinese Ambassador to Indonesia Lan Lijun to Indonesian Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare Aburizal Bakrie here Monday.

Aburizal said China's assistance was the first foreign financial aid received by the Indonesian Government.

He said the financial aid would be soon transferred to the National Disaster Mitigation Coordinating Agency.

The aid would be distributed to disaster victims in the form of cash handouts.

"We hope with the cash they can buy food, raw materials to rebuild their houses, and other needs so that it will stimulate the local people's economic activities," he said.

Lan Lijun said, the Chinese Government and people paid great attention to earthquake in Yogyakarta which caused huge casualties and material losses. Chinese President Hu Jintao had expressed his deep sympathies and solidarity in a letter to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yodhono.

Lan expressed his confidence in the Indonesian Government and people in overcoming the impacts of the earthquake which killed about 5000 people.

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China to fund more scholars to study abroad

BEIJING, 30 May — The Chinese Government is to fund more scholars to study abroad to help meet the demand for skills in its social and economic development, the Ministry of Education said here Monday.

Cao Guoxing, director-general with the Ministry's International Cooperation and Exchanges Department, said the central budget allocated 2.2 billion yuan (275 million US dollars) to fund scholars studying abroad from 2001 to 2005, up nearly 50 per cent from the previous five years.

The central budget had increased funding for the next five years, Cao said, although he did not specify the amount of the Statistics from the China Scholarship

Council (CSC) show that 22,031 people studied abroad with government funding or resources from 1996 to 2005, including a record 7,000 last year, up 75 per cent from the previous year.

Most students went to the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Australia and Canada, according to the CSC. "As well as government funding, we'll send more scholars abroad by developing, consolidating

or renewing international cooperation and exchange programmes," Cao said.

The government was looking forward to selecting more graduates in key research areas, such as communications, life sciences, new materials, and energy sources and environment, said Cao.

"We aim to dispatch 10,000 graduates abroad in the next five years if adequate funding can be found," Cao said.

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A rescued Bald Eagle from the World Bird Sanctuary flies to home plate before the beginning of the game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Houston Astros on Monday, 29 May, 2006 at Busch Stadium in St Louis.

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Mubarak to probe Mideast peace prospects with Israeli PM

CAIRO, 30 May — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will probe the prospects of reviving the long-stalled Mideast peace process with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert during their meeting scheduled for 4 June, an Egyptian presidential spokesman said on Sunday.

The meeting, to be held in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, will be the first of its kind since Olmert formed a new Israeli Government on 4 May.

Presidential spokesman Soliman Awwad was quoted by Egypt's official MENA news agency as saying that the two leaders would discuss the situation on the Palestinian territories and probe the prospects of reviving the peace process.

The meeting could pave the way for a future trilateral summit also involving Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas besides Olmert and Mubarak, Awwad added. Mubarak said on May 22 on the sidelines of a regional economic forum that he was planning to meet with Olmert in Sharm el-Sheikh.

Palestinian President Abbas held a 40-minute closed-door meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres on the fringe of the forum, the first high-level contact between the two sides since the Islamic

Resistance Movement (Hamas) won the January 25 Palestinian parliamentary elections.

Meanwhile, a statement from Olmert's Office said that Olmert would discuss with Mubarak his convergence plan on more withdrawals from the West Bank.

Under the plan, Israel will draw the final borders with the Palestinians by 2010 via withdrawing from isolated settlements in the West Bank and enlarging bigger ones with or without Palestinian consent. Last week, Olmert discussed the plan with US President George W. Bush during his visit to Washington.

Following talks with Mubarak, Olmert is also scheduled to visit Britain, France and German in June, said the statement, adding that a meeting is also planned with Jordanian King Abdullah II.

Olmert will not meet Abbas until the series of meetings are finished, according to the statement.

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Heat kills 27 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 May — At least 27 people have died of heat and three children died of gastroenteritis and hundreds were hospitalized for treatment of the disease in Pakistan's central Punjab Province during the last 24 hours, local newspaper Daily Times reported on Monday.

Most of the heat deaths were in southern Punjab, as temperatures shot up to 47 degree Celsius in Multan and 48 in Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalnagar and Bahawalpur. More than 150 people also fainted due to the sizzling heat.

Meanwhile, three more

children suffering from gastroenteritis died on Sunday and 50 people, most of them children, were admitted to hospital in Sheikhpura. The number of gastroenteritis cases has increased in the district with the death toll until Sunday reaching 11 during the last

28 days.

The number of people suffering from gastroenteritis in the district has reached around 1,200 within a month with hundreds also consulting private hospitals and clinics. The increasing death toll has alarmed people of the area.

MNA/Xinhua

11th World Human Resources Congress opens in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 31 May — The 11th World Human Resources (HR) Congress opened in Singapore on Tuesday with the participation of some 2,000 delegates from more than 60 countries.

Enterprise executives, human resources experts and researchers are expected to exchange views on topics such as HR challenges and strategies, talent engagement and management, as well as human capital development, during the three-day meeting.

Declaring the Congress open, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that good HR management does not end with finding a select group of elite managers at the top but involves training the employees at all levels.

"Globalization and rapid IT (information technology) advances in a knowledge-based economy will pose many challenges to HR practitioners.

These challenges will require more creative and innovative approaches to the management of people and human capital at the workplace," he noted.

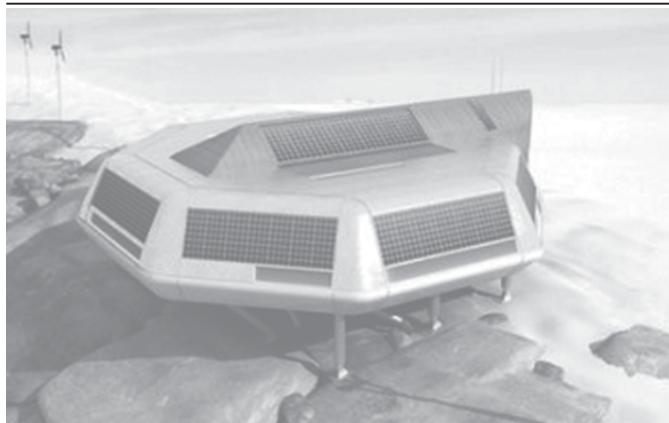
He outlined four strategies that

Singapore has adopted to maximize its human capital, including keeping the economy growing, equipping workers with wide knowledge, varied skills, creativity and innovation to sustain economic growth, attracting international talents, as well as raising the level of HR practice in the city state.

Along with the meeting, an HR business-connect exposition is being held where about 90 exhibitors from around the world are showcasing their latest services, products, solutions and technologies in the HR field.

Inaugurated in 1986, the World Human Resources Congress is a biennial event organized by the World Federation of Personnel Management Associations, which is a global network of professionals in people management founded in 1976.

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An artist's impression released by the International Polar Foundation (IPF) shows the first polar station powered solely by renewable sources of energy, which will be built by Belgium in Antarctica, the IPF announced on 31 May, 2006. — INTERNET

Earthquake hits off coast of Papua New Guinea

CANBERRA, 30 May — An earthquake measuring 6.2 on Richter Scale rocked off the coast of Papua New Guinea (PNG) Sunday, the US Geological Survey said on its web site.

The quake happened at 13:12 p.m. local time (03:12 GMT) around 188 kilometres northeast of PNG's New Britain region and 2,410 kilometres north of Australia's east coast city of Brisbane, capital of the state of Queensland. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Russia's Maria Sharapova blows a kiss to the crowd after winning her second round match against Czech Republic's Iveta Benesova during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris, on 31 May, 2006.

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Ayala wins 100th cap in Argentina win over Angola

SALERNO (Italy), 31 May— Central defender Roberto Ayala won his 100th cap when Argentina beat Angola 2-0 in a World Cup warm-up in southern Italy on Tuesday.

Winger Maxi Rodriguez put Argentina in front when he netted captain Juan Pablo Sorin's cross from the left after 29 minutes.

Twice World Cup winners Argentina, who open their campaign in Germany against Ivory Coast

on June 10, went further ahead in the 37th minute when another Sorin cross was deflected in off defender Andre Mateus.

Argentina dominated their African opponents, who are going to the World Cup for the first time, and almost scored again in the

75th minute when Rodriguez hit the bar after a fine move involving substitute Lionel Messi.

Ayala, who had an untroubled match at the back, is Argentina's third most capped player after Diego Simeone (106) and Javier Zanetti (102).

He could set a new record if Argentina reach the World Cup final in Berlin on July 9 and he plays in all seven of their matches in the tournament.

MNA/Reuters

Real Madrid presidential bid looks to Wenger

MADRID, 30 May— Carlos Sainz and Juan Miguel Villar Mir hope to lure Arsenal's Arsene Wenger to Real Madrid as part of their joint bid for the club's presidential election on 2 July.

At the launch of their campaign the duo said they wanted to appoint a general manager in overall control of the football section, with the power to purchase players.

They cited Wenger's role with the North London club as a good model to follow.

When asked at the Press conference if they had spoken to Wenger, former world rally champion Sainz said: "We are in the process of trying to do that."

But Sainz and Villar Mir, a construction magnate, will find it hard to secure the Frenchman's services as he has stated on a number of occasions he is happy where he is.

Sainz, who would be vice-president to Villar Mir, added: "We want a complete overhaul of the whole club."

It has become traditional to bolster a campaign with promises of a big new signing if a candidate is elected but Villar Mir refused to play that game.

"You can't start building house with the roof first. We need to secure a general manager and a coach first who will be at the heart of the club," he said.

Earlier on Monday another potential candidate, Ramon Calderon, hinted that he would be throwing his hat into the ring.

Calderon told Spanish state television he would appoint a foreigner who had helped Real win a European Cup to the post of sports director.

Serbia & Montenegro striker Predrag Mijatovic, who scored Real's winner in the 1998 Champions League final, is the favourite in the media to take that post.—MNA/Reuters

Brazil crush Swiss local side 8-0

BASEL (Switzerland), 31 May— Champions Brazil warmed up in style for next month's World Cup with an 8-0 romp over a Lucerne select side in front of a capacity 30,000 crowd at the St Jakob Stadium on Tuesday.

Ronaldo and Adriano scored twice while Lucio, Juninho Pernambucano, Robinho and Kaka grabbed the other goals.

Their opponents were based on the FC Lucerne side which won promotion from the second division this year plus several former players who are now based abroad.

Brazil's last international before their opening World Cup match against Croatia on June 13 will be against New Zealand in Geneva on Sunday.

The South Americans, who are training at Weggis

on the shores of Lake Lucerne, kicked off with the side which coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has already announced will face Croatia and which started their last competitive game against Venezuela in October.

Ronaldo, who has not played since limping out of a Real Madrid match on April 8 with a thigh strain, played for 67 minutes before being substituted and showed no ill-effects from his injury.

"It was a training ses-

sion which achieved what we wanted," Parreira told reporters.

"It's the first time for eight months this team has played a game in front of a crowd, live television and wearing the yellow shirt.

"It was time for the players to get to know each other again. This was the eighth day of our preparation and it is still very early."

Kaka, who scored the first goal and set up the next two, agreed with Parreira that the match,

played on a chilly evening, was little more than a training session in front of an audience.

"It's not really normal to play a club side so we don't analyse the result, just as we don't analyse the result of a training session," he said.

"But today we wore the yellow shirt and we had the responsibility of having to win. It's a privilege, it's not the same as playing another national team but it's still a Brazil game."

MNA/Reuters

Victory gives England World Cup lift

MANCHESTER (England), 31 May— England ground out a 3-1 victory over Hungary in a World Cup warm-up on Tuesday, with teenage striker Theo Walcott making history for the hosts.

Early second-half headers from Steven Gerrard and John Terry put England in front after Frank Lampard's penalty was saved in the closing stages of the first period at Old Trafford.

Hungary captain Pal Dardai pulled a goal back with a superb 25-metre shot in the 55th minute before substitute Peter Crouch rifled home England's third in the 83rd.

It was a special night for Walcott, who came on as a second-half substitute to become England's youngest player at 17 years and 75 days.

Striker Wayne Rooney, whose foot injury sent shockwaves through England's World Cup preparations, set the previous record at 17 years and 111 days.

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson used the match to try out midfielder Gerrard in an advanced role behind striker Michael Owen, as a possible replacement for Rooney.

Gerrard's usual position went to central defender Jamie Carragher, pushed forward into a holding midfield role in the evening's other experiment.

Rooney's hopes of going to the World Cup hinge on a scan he will undergo on his broken right foot on June 7. Under FIFA rules, Eriksson can replace him in the squad up to 24 hours before the opening game against Paraguay on June 10.

Gerrard was pushed into Rooney's role because of his goal sense, underlined by his two strikes in Liverpool's FA Cup final triumph over West Ham United earlier this month.

It was not an instant success. England lacked penetration against well-organized opponents in a dour opening half which only burst into life in the closing minutes. Owen, short of match fitness after a long-term injury, missed a close-range header from a superb cross from the right by captain David Beckham.

MNA/Reuters

Tuta header helps Fluminense move clear in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 May— Fluminense moved to the top of the Brazilian championship table on Sunday with a narrow 1-0 win over local rivals Flamengo.

The win, secured with a Tuta header, lifted Fluminense to 19 points and opened a two-point gap over second-placed Cruzeiro who were held to a 1-1 draw at Internacional. Santos got back to winning ways with a solid 2-0 win over a Corinthians team weakened since players left for the World Cup.

Tuta's goal came after Flamengo had dominated the early stages of the game. The burly striker, who was later sent off for a second-half challenge on Leo, met Dejan Petkovich's free kick with a glancing header.

The result meant Flamengo have gathered one point from two games under new coach Ney Lopes.

"We played well today but I was not happy with our finishing and we will have to work on that," Lopes told reporters.

Internacional outplayed Cruzeiro on Sunday but could not make their dominance count.

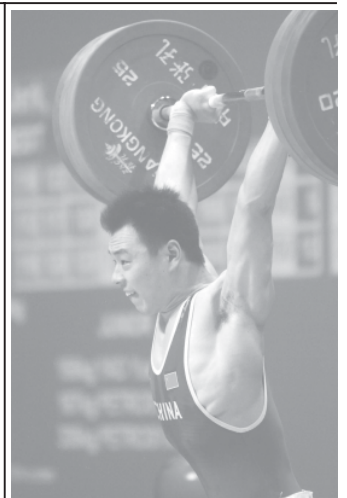
Indio gave the home team the lead from a close-range header but Edu Dracena managed to scramble an equaliser five minutes later.

Santos also moved up to 17 points after goals by Cleber Santana and Rodrigo Tabata disposed of Corinthians. Corinthians coach Geninho complained about referee Alicko Pena after a defeat that leaves his team on nine points.

He criticised Rubens Junior's dismissal for a handball incident and a penalty decision given when Santos striker Tiui apparently tripped over a tuft of grass.

Corinthians were without six first-choice players, including Argentine squad members Carlos Tevez and Javier Mascherano, and Brazil's own Ricardinho.

MNA/Reuters



China's Zhong Guoshun acts in the men's 69kg class competition during the 32nd Men's and 12th Women's Junior World Weightlifting Championships held in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 May, 2006. Zhong won two gold medals in the snatch with 146 kg and total with 316 kg.

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Asleep in Jesus

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Residing at No-140, Pyidaungzu Yeiktha Road, son of (Archdeacon Luke U Bo Ke- Elizabeth Daw Lay Khin); son-in-law of (Dr NR Kanagoe-Daw Gay) of Toungoo; beloved husband of Daw Dolly (Retired Matron-Yangon Children's Hospital); father of Michael Zin Min Oo-Ma Moe Theint Latt, beloved grandfather of Ma Andrea A Mya Han; younger brother of (U Johnny Thaug Tin) and Daw Thaug Thaug (Retired nurse); elder brother of Daw Cecilia Bo Ke (Retired Head of Office-H&T) and Daw Khin Htwe Yi (Retired Professor-IR, YU) fell asleep in Jesus at 11 am on 31-5-2006. Funeral service will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral at No-446, Bogyoke Aung San Street at 1.30 pm on 2-6-2006 and thence to Hteinbin Cemetery for cremation. Cars will leave the above-mentioned cathedral at 2 pm.

Bereaved family

Significant Water Level Bulletin

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During the last (4) days, the water level has risen (730) cm (about 24-feet) at Myitkyina of Ayeyawady River and (663) cm (about 22-feet) at Hkamti of Chindwin River. Under this condition, the water levels may rise (420) cm (about 14-feet) at Nyaung U, Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aunglan and (350) cm (about 12-feet) at Pyay and Hinthada above the present water levels during the next (3) to (7) days.



YANGON, 30 May — As a gesture of hailing the 4th Literary Conference, Doyen Writer Daw Thein Sai (Ma Myat Lay) (R) donates K 100,000 to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association through Vice Chairman of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung). —MWJA

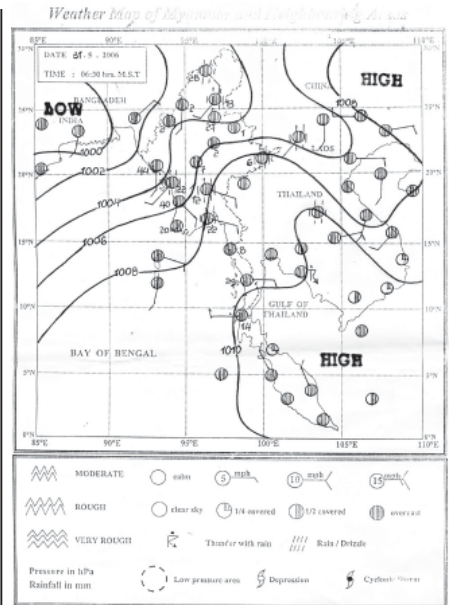
Many young adults in US lack health insurance

NEW YORK, 31 May — Americans in their 20s are one of the largest segments of the population lacking health insurance, and new research suggests the problem is growing.

In 2004, nearly 14 million Americans between 19 and 29 years old were uninsured, an increase of 2.5 million since 2000, according to a report by the Commonwealth Fund, a private research foundation that focuses on health and social issues.

The findings, based on data from government and Commonwealth Fund surveys, suggest

that the age of 19 or just after graduation from high school or college are crucial turning points in young Americans' health coverage. At these ages, private and public health plans often cut off benefits.—MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 31 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kayin State and lower Sagaing Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (8.66) inches, Mindat (2.44) inches, Sittway (2.21) inches, Gwa (2.17) inches, Ann (1.77) inches, Hinthada (1.70) inches and Chauk (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-5-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 31-5-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-5-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 30-5-2006 was (2.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 31-5-2006 were (0.48) inch at Mingaladon, (0.87) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.19) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (15.24) inches at Mingaladon, (19.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (20.91) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (20:15) hours MST on 30-5-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the North and Central Bay and generally moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-6-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayin States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-6-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-6-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning (Issued at 12:00 hours MST Today)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Myitkyina is (1022) cm. It may reach its danger level (1200) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued at 04:30 hours MST Today)

A slight earthquake of intensity (4.5) Richter Scale with its epicentre about (150) miles Southwest of Sittway in the Bay of Bengal, was recorded at (02) hrs (15) min (00) sec MST on 31 May 2006.



**Thursday, 1 June
Tune in today**

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -I know where it's at
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Born to make you happy
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -A rocking good way
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -It's all coming back to me now
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Live my life for you
- You light up my life
- Only you
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar -Myanmar cuisine
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pouri
- 9:30 pm -Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- The day you want away (MZM)
- U n c h a n g e d Melody
- Stack on you, Send me the pillow
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



**Thursday, 1 June
View on today**

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောပြောပွဲ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am 6. အရေးကြီးပွဲ
- 8:05 am 7. Dance variety
- 8:15 am 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am 9. ရွန်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တံစံ
- 8:30 am 10. International news
- 8:45 am 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm 4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm 5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:05 pm 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:10 pm 7. Cute little dancers
- 5:20 pm 8. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး

- 5:30 pm 9. "အလေးတော့ ကိုယ်ပြုပါ" (ရွန်နိုင်ငံ၊ စရာ၊ ဝေါလေး၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ရတနာစင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:35 pm 10. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm 11. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့် စီမံကိန်းစေ့စည်
- 6:00 pm 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 14. ဖြစ်ပွားမှုကြောင့် အထူးသတိပြုရန် (၁၀၀) နှစ်ကား
- 6:50 pm 15. ရုပ်ရှင်ညာမိသော ဖွဲ့ပုံမဇ္ဈိက ကျေးလက်ပွဲပြိုင်ပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:05 pm 16. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ဖန်ပန်းလှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ရှေ့နေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 21. The next day's programme

Yangon Division marks World No-Tobacco Day



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win speaking at the ceremony in commemoration of Yangon Division World No-Tobacco Day. — MNA

YANGON, 31 May— The Yangon Division Health Committee and Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee co-organized the observance of Yangon Division World No-Tobacco Day at

Yankin Education College in Yankin Township, Yangon East District, this noon. Present at the ceremony were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairperson of the supervisory committee Daw Mar Mar Wai and members, local authorities, officials of Health Department, representatives from social organizations prize winners and guests.

The commander delivered an introductory speech, and presented the first prize for excellent performance on community health care to Health Officer Daw Htay Htay Win of Dagon Township Health Department, the second prize to Midwife Daw Thandar Tun of Thanlyin Township Health Department, and the third prize to Midwife Daw Naw Mwi Mwi Hse of Insein Township Health Department and the first, second and third prizes for intelligent power contests for Red Cross members to Nyi Nyi Naing of Kyauktada Township, Moe Pa Pa Kyi of Hline Township and Maung Win Htaik of Thingangyun Township.

Dr Hla Myint read the message sent by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai reported on work done for the World No-Tobacco Day project, and presented the first, second and third prizes for the quiz to Ma Zin Zar Maung of Kyimyindine Township, Daw Nilar Myint of Bahan Township and Daw Thazin Myaing of Insein Township, and the first, second and third prizes for the World No-Tobacco Day commemorative one act play contest to

Botataung, Dagon Myothit (South) and Thingangyun townships respectively. Deputy Director of the Department of Health Project Manager (Tobacco) Dr Nyo Nyo Kyaing presented facts about the project for control of cigarette and tobacco products. An educative programme was presented and one act play, entertained to those present. Later, they observed the exhibits in the commemorative pavilions. MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents prize to an outstanding health staff. — MNA

Head of Yangon Division Health Department

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The tobacco control law which will come into force one year after its adoption strictly prohibits tobacco advertisement in all forms; it also prohibits sale of tobacco to and by minors, sale of cigarettes singly or in a package containing less than 20 to enable easy purchase and smoking. The law also states that it is an offence to produce, distribute or sell cigarette and other smoking tobacco products without a health warning in Myanmar language.

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Three members resign from Shan State (South) NLD

YANGON, 31 May — U Tin Aung, member of No 3 branch of Shan State (South) National League for Democracy, and vice-chairman of Taunggyi Township NLD U Khin Maung Than and executive U Maung resigned from the party after sending signed letters to the NLD headquarters and the respective local authorities on 8 May.

In their signed letters of resignation they submitted to Taunggyi Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, the three said that they joined the NLD with the hope of effectively serving the interest of the local people. As NLD members, they had discharged duties with

sincerity.

They were unhappy with the NLD for its constant perpetration of the incorrect policy of confrontation, employing four means to put the nation under foreign economic sanctions and relying on foreign nations and organizations.

They added that NLD leadership ignored the people and the party walked out of the National Convention because of the wish of a few. Hence, they said, they resigned from the party and duties of own volition as they had no wish at all to live as NLD members.