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Implementation of special projects contributes much towards national development and economic progress of the State Special Projects Implementation Committee holds 1/2003 coord meeting



Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance at Meeting No 1/2003 of Special Projects Implementation Committee. — MNA

YANGON, 30 June — The Special Projects Implementation Committee held its 1/2003 coordination meeting at the operation hall of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Secretary of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the ministers and invited ministers, heads of departments and officials.

Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein acted as master of ceremonies.

Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address. He said it was the first meeting of the Special Projects Implementation Committee for the present fiscal year. Some projects to be presented at the meeting are under implementation and some are to be implemented soon.

The implementation of the special projects contributes much towards national development and economic progress of the State. He spoke of the need to implement the projects speedily for timely completion.

The Senior General also calls for giving priority to completion of the projects and supervision of proper use of

Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's guidance

- Speedy implementation of the projects is needed for timely completion of the projects.
- Ways and means are to be sought if expected benefits are not fully achieved.
- Assistance is to be provided to the ministry implementing the project by other related ministries concerned.
- The use of the public funds in implementation of the projects is to be supervised.
- It is impossible for a single department to implement the major projects and therefore, all departments are to work together.
- The remaining projects are to be undertaken through better and proper ways based on the experience gained.

money. He said the use of the public funds in implementation of the projects is to be supervised.

He also spoke of the need to scrutinize the results after completion of the projects. Ways and means are to be sought if expected benefits are not fully achieved, he added.

He said emphasis is to be placed on speedy implementation of the special projects at low cost for gaining better results and assistance is to be provided to the ministry implementing the project by other related ministries concerned.

He said it would be impossible for a single department to implement the major projects and therefore, all departments are to work together.

He said now the special projects have been implemented one after another. The remaining projects are to be undertaken through better and proper ways based on the experience gained, he said.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported in detail on 16 dam projects and three sluice gates to be implemented by the Irrigation Department and eight river water pumping projects by Water Resources Utilization Department.

Next, the Senior General gave necessary guidance and the meeting ended at 4.45 pm.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on dam construction projects of the Irrigation Department.

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Meeting No 1/2003 of Special Projects Implementation Committee in progress. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 1 July, 2003

The greening of environs of Yangon City

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on round-the-year cultivation of paddy and other crops within 30-mile perimeter of Yangon City. Accordingly, the sub-committees formed with deputy ministers as chairmen under the leadership of the commander of Yangon Command have begun carrying out survey work for growing paddy and various crops in the environs of the city all the year round.

The work coordination meeting on implementation of this plan was held on 29 June and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the successful implementation of the plan would increase the present cultivated area in Yangon Division by 440,000 acres, thus contributing a lot to the national economic growth.

Sufficient water supply is the most fundamental requirement for successfully implementing the plan. Therefore, Ngamoeyek, Lagunpyin, Alaini and Tabuhla dams were built north of Yangon City. Moreover, the supporting dams for the Ngamoeyek dam, namely, Paunglin and Mahuya are being constructed.

The Yangon Command and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are in coordination with each other to repair the canals of Tabuhla dam in the north-west of the city and to implement the Kangalay and Bawle water-pumping projects in the west. Plans are also being made to supply water from Moeyungyi Lake to townships in the east and south of Yangon through canals and to provide Kayan and Thongwa townships with water from the Ngamoeyek dam through concrete canal to be built across the No (2) Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge under construction. Some river water pumping projects have been completed and some are being constructed to irrigate the farmlands in Dalla, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Hlaingthaya townships.

When there is sufficient water supply for cultivation, it will be possible to grow monsoon paddy, summer paddy and other crops in the townships where only monsoon paddy and cold season crops can be cultivated.

We would like to urge all those responsible to lend themselves to the task of implementing the plan for round-the-year cultivation of paddy and other crops in the environs of Yangon City by making the most of all the land and water resources available.



Minister for Labour U Tin Winn addresses first four-monthly coordination meeting of Ministry of Labour. — MNA

Labour Ministry holds coord meeting

YANGON, 30 June — The first four-monthly work coordination meeting-2003 of departments, committees and boards under the Ministry of Labour was held at the Social Security Board in Ahlon Township this morning. Minister for Labour U Tin Winn addressed the meeting. It was also attended by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein,

the directors-general of the departments under the ministry and officials concerned. At the meeting, responsible officials reported matters on tasks being undertaken, well-

fare tasks, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

Then, the directors-general reviewed the reports. The meeting will continue tomorrow. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein speaking at Refresher Course No 2/2003 of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise. — MNA

Refresher course of MMPE opened

YANGON, 30 June — The Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise of the Ministry of Information held the Refresher Course No 2/2003 at the compound of Feature Film of MMPE in Bahan Township this morning, attended by Deputy Ministers for Information U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein. First, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein gave a speech. He said that the training course is opened to implement the

policy and aims of the State. Therefore, the officers and staff implementing the aims of the State practically are to try to learn the subjects at the course. Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing

directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, officials, guests and course instructors.

Altogether 43 trainees are attending the course which will last five weeks. — MNA

Deputy Minister meets farmers in greening zone-4

YANGON, 30 June — Deputy Minister for Forestry Col Thaik Tun met with local farmers who reside in the No 4 region of the greening zone of Yangon International Airport, at Manaw Thukha Hall of Hlegu Township

Peace and Development Council Office this morning. Officials reported on preparations for cultivation of 24,000 acres of summer paddy and collection of data. The deputy minister spoke on the occasion. He

said that it is necessary to cultivate not only paddy but also other crops for full utilization of farmlands the whole season. As officials have managed to dig the drains for availability of water, the farmers are to participate in

timely completion of the canals in the farmlands. Later, the deputy minister gave instructions on efforts to be made for greening tasks with the use of various ways all the year round.

MNA

July issue of Ngwetayi Magazine published

YANGON, 30 June — The July issue of 43 year old Ngwetayi Magazine has come out recently. The features on shorts stories, arts news, articles, general knowledge on English literature and various topics of poems are included in the magazine with the cover of Artist Maung Maung Thaik. — MNA

July issue of Myawady Magazine published

YANGON, 30 June — Myawady Literary House has published the July issue of Myawady Magazine. Works of famous writers and cartoonists together with the novel translated by Soe Myaing are included in the magazine. The picture of Shwezigon Pagoda is also included as Dhamma gift in the magazine. — MNA

ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ရေး သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ယခုအခါ ကမ္ဘာ့နိုင်ငံအချို့တွင် ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားလျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ဤရောဂါသည် ကိုရိုနာ (Corona) အုပ်စုဝင် ဗိုင်းရပ်စ်(စ်)ပိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အဆိုပါပိုးသည် လူနာများအား ဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချောင်း၊ နှာရည်၊ ချွေးသလိပ်များမှတစ်ဆင့်သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ လူနာအသုံးအဆောင် ပစ္စည်းမှ တစ်ဆင့်သော်လည်းကောင်း အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှ ခန္ဓာကိုယ် အတွင်းသို့ ဝင်ရောက်၍ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပေါ်သည်။

၂။ ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ၏ လက္ခဏာများမှာ-

- (က) ကိုယ်အပူချိန် (38°C) သို့မဟုတ် (100.5°F) ထက်ပို၍မြင့်တက်လာခြင်းနှင့်
- (ခ) အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ ဖြစ်သည်။
- ရှောင်ဆိုးခြင်း
- အသက်ရှူမဝခြင်း
- အသက်ရှူရခက်ခဲခြင်းနှင့်
- (ဂ) အောက်ပါအကြောင်းတစ်ခုခုရှိခြင်း
- ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါရှိသူလူနာ (သို့မဟုတ်) လူနာနှင့် အနီးကပ်

ထိတွေ့သူများနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိခြင်း

- ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားနေသည့် နိုင်ငံများမှ လွန်ခဲ့သည့် နှစ်ပတ်အတွင်း ပြန်လည်ရောက်ရှိခြင်း တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၃။ ဤရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါသူများတွင် ရောဂါ ပိုမိုဖြစ်ပွားလွယ်သည်။

- (က) ကလေးငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများ
- (ခ) ဆီးချိုရောဂါရှိသူများ
- (ဂ) နာတာရှည်အဆုတ်နှင့် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါရှိသူများ
- (ဃ) ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအားကျစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးမှီသောကုသမှုများ (ဥပမာ-ကော်တီဆိုး ပါဝင်သည့်ဆေးများ၊ ကင်ဆာရောဂါ ဖျော့စေသည့်ဆေး)

၄။ အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှ ကူးစက်သော ရောဂါဖြစ်သဖြင့် ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် အောက်ပါအချက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (က) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း
- (ခ) အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသည့်အစားအစာများ စားသုံးခြင်း

- (ဂ) ကောင်းမွန်စွာအိပ်စက်အနားယူခြင်း
- (ဃ) ကိုယ်လက်လျှပ်ရာမှ နှုတ်ခွာခြင်း
- (င) နာချောင်း၊ ရှောင်ဆိုးလျှင်လက်ကိုင်ပွဲဖြင့် ဖုံးအုပ်ခြင်း
- (စ) ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်နှုန်းနိမ့်နိမ့် (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ လက္ခဏာရှိသူများအား ခွဲစိတ်ခန်းသုံးမျက်နှာဖုံး (surgical mask)၊ ဝတ်ရုံ (gown)၊ ပလပ်စတစ်ရှေ့ဖုံးခါးစည်း (apron)နှင့် ပလပ်စတစ်လက်အိတ် (gloves) အသုံးပြု၍ လူနာနှင့်ထိတွေ့ခြင်း၊ လူနာအသုံးအဆောင် ပစ္စည်းများ ကိုင်တွယ်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း
- (ဆ) ကူးစက်ရောဂါများကို ထိရောက်စွာ ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက် လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာနှင့် စင်ကြယ်စွာ ဆေးကြောခြင်း
- (ဇ) လူထုထပ်သောနေရာများ နှင့် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားနေသော နိုင်ငံများသို့ ခရီးသွားလာခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း

၅။ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်မြင့်တက်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်လက်ကိုက်ခဲခြင်း၊ ရှောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ လည်ချောင်းနာခြင်း၊ ဓာပန်းခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူကြပ်ခြင်း၊ ရင်ဘတ်အောင့်ခြင်း စသည့်လက္ခဏာများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက နီးကပ်စွာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန/ဆေးရုံ/ဆေးပေးခန်းများတွင်ပြသ၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူရန် သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Press says London and Washington ignored Iraq weapons counter-evidence

LONDON, 30 June— London and Washington deliberately overlooked a pre-war report discrediting claims that Iraq had sought to purchase uranium from Niger, the *Independent* on Sunday newspaper quoted a former US ambassador and CIA investigator as saying.

In a dossier submitted to parliament in September 2002 on Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction, the British government had claimed that Iraq had sought to acquire large quantities of uranium from Africa, despite having no civilian nuclear programme to justify the purchase.

But the British newspaper's source, who asked that his name be withheld at this stage, claims to have established six months beforehand that two documents attributed to the government of Niger were forgeries.

"My report was very unequivocal," said the paper's source, a former member of the US National Security Council under then President Bill Clinton.

He said he had urged the US Central Intelligence Agency to verify whether the

British dossier rested upon the Niger allegations and if so to make the facts known to the British public, but that nothing had been done.

"It is hard for me to fathom, that as close as we (Britain and the United States) are and (while) preparing for a war based on weapons of mass destruction, that we did not share intelligence of this nature," he said.

Asked whether he believed that his findings had been ignored for political reasons, he replied: "It's an easy conclusion to draw."

The documents in question carried a forged signature of Niger's president and that of a figure who last served in government in the 1980s, he said.

The International Atomic Energy Agency later confirmed that the documents were fakes. —*Internet*



New Iraqi police recruits fit their uniforms at Al Nakhwa police station in Baghdad, Iraq on 29 June, 2003. More and more Iraqi police are now being issued uniforms and are slowly reassuming police duties under the supervision of the US forces in the capital. —*INTERNET*

Bush urges lawmakers to resolve differences on Medicare

WASHINGTON, 30 June—United States President George W Bush urged lawmakers Saturday to quickly resolve their differences on Medicare reform legislation and offer seniors prescription drug coverage for the first time in four decades.

"The Congress must now pass a final bill that makes the Medicare system work better for America's seniors," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "This is an issue of vital importance to senior citizens all across our country. They have waited years for a modern Medicare sys-

tem and they should not have to wait any longer."

Bush said he was eager to sign the bill into the law once the Republican-led Congress passes the Medicare bill.

"When health care plans compete for their business, seniors will have better, more affordable options for their

health coverage," Bush said.

The US Senate and House of Representatives approved their respective Medicare bill Friday to give seniors a prescription drug benefit while creating a broad new role for private insurance in the government-run programme.

MNA/Xinhua

Expert says Canada losing child obesity battle

OTTAWA, 30 June—Obesity is an "epidemic" among Canadian children, and Canada has one of the world's worst records in the battle of the childhood bulge, says a Canadian expert on childhood obesity.

"In every province in the country, this is increasing," Mark Tremblay, dean of kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan told local reporters Friday. Tremblay's research on childhood obesity is widely cited by Health Canada and other health policy makers.

MNA/Xinhua

ထုတ်တုန်းနစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ကြ

Reporter injured in Iraq grenade attack

Baghdad, 30 June— Insurgents fired a rocket propelled grenade at a military vehicle in the restive town of Fallujah, injuring an "embedded" reporter with *NBC News*, the military said Monday. Three Iraqis were killed when their pickup truck slammed into a vehicle helping evacuate the wounded reporter.

The incident occurred on the second day of a massive sweep that has netted at least 60 suspects in 20 lightning raids across central Iraq.

The sweep, dubbed operation Sidewinder, is designed to capture Saddam Hussein loyalists and curb a wave of attacks on American soldiers.

The rocket-propelled grenade hit an Avenger air defense vehicle—a Humvee equipped with a missile

launcher — injuring the reporter who was traveling in the vehicle but leaving the soldiers unscathed, said a statement from US Central Command.

Sgt. Patrick Compton, a US military spokesman in Baghdad, said the reporter works for *NBC News* but did not give a name. The reporter was evacuated to a combat support hospital and was listed in stable condition, the Centcom statement said.

"Shortly after the attack, while soldiers were securing the area and treating the civilian reporter, a white pickup truck with its headlights off was spotted traveling along the highway toward the Avenger," the statement said. The pickup truck slammed into an armored personnel carrier that was on the scene of the ambush to help evacuate any casualties.

Internet

Oil price steadies after fall on natural gas

LONDON, 30 June— Oil markets steadied on Friday after falling the day before as traders remained nervous about sharp swings in US natural gas markets. North Sea benchmark Brent crude oil futures rose 10 cents to 27.14 US dollars per barrel, recovering something of the 61 cents dropped on Thursday, while US crude rose nine cents to 29.10 US dollars.

"The market has stabilized, but the focus is still on natural gas," said Tony Machacek, a broker at Prudential Bache International.

Natural gas prices in the world's largest market have slumped 18 per cent in the last three weeks, a move accelerated this week by inventory data showing healthier supply.

MNA/Reuters

British FM arrives in Iran for two-day visit

TEHERAN, 30 June — British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw arrived here Sunday for a two-day official visit.

The current situation in Iraq, the US-backed Middle East peace process Iran's controversial nuclear programme, anti-terrorism will top Straw's agenda in talks with President Mohammad Khatami, Supreme National Security Council chief Hassan Rowhani and his counterpart Kamal Kharrazi.

Straw would ask for Iran's help in easing security problems in post-war Iraq. He would also urge Iran to use its influence with Iraqi Shiite Muslim groups to play a "more constructive" role in postwar reconstruction, diplomats said.

Straw would again press Iran to unconditionally sign an additional protocol to the

nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would allow surprise inspections of Iran's suspect nuclear facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Iran which has repeatedly denied US allegations that it is using atomic energy development as a cover for a secret weapons programme, has so far rebuffed the calls to sign up immediately while demanding the US-led sanctions against Iran be lifted.

Straw is also expected to press Iran to show greater transparency on the issue of al-Qaeda as Iran has detained a number of senior fugitive members of Osama Bin Laden's terror network.

MNA/Xinhua



Travellers are given health declaration, as they pass by a heat sensitive monitor at Beijing airport on 27 June, 2003. China has decided to continue with mandatory temperature checks and health declaration at its borders in an effort to detect the SARS virus, despite getting a clean bill of health from the World Health Organization earlier in the week. The WHO lifted its SARS travel advisory for Beijing on Tuesday. —*INTERNET*

Bremer expects further troop casualties in Iraq

LONDON, 30 June—US and British forces in Iraq will suffer further casualties until supporters of Saddam Hussein carrying out the attacks are stamped out, Paul Bremer, the US civil administrator in Iraq, said Sunday.

But occupying forces in Iraq are determined to capture or kill Saddam and his backers to impose law and order, he said.

"The chances of catching Saddam are very high," Bremer told BBC Television. "We will catch him. I think it is important that we either capture or kill him."

US and British troops seeking to impose law and order in postwar Iraq have come under attack repeatedly in recent weeks.

Uncertainty about Saddam's fate was allowing his supporters to cow ordinary Iraqis by asserting that he and they would return to power, the veteran US diplomat said.

"There are people who out here, particularly remnants of the old regime...still fighting us," he said. "We will capture and if necessary kill them until we have imposed

law and order on this country.

"It is unfortunately the case, we will continue to take casualties. But there is no strategic threat to the coalition here," he said.

An Iraqi civilian was killed and two US military police soldiers were wounded in Baghdad Sunday when an explosion targeted a US convoy, the latest in a series of hit-and-run strikes on occupation forces.

Hours earlier in a separate incident Saturday night, attackers lobbed two grenades near US soldiers guarding the Iraqi National Museum, the soldiers said. Nobody was hurt.

Bremer said attacks on "coalition" troops were coming from remnants of Saddam's Baathist network and his militias, and possibly militants from neighboring countries. — Internet

Iraqi banks want to rejoin banking system

BAGHDAD, 30 June—Iraq's battered banks are eager to end 13 years of isolation under UN sanctions and expect Arab banks to lead the charge in resuming financial transactions, the most senior central bank official said on Sunday.

A return to normal banking relations between Iraqi banks and their international counterparts would be a shot in the arm for the country's economy and give the private sector its first chance to do business freely since the United Nations imposed an economic embargo in 1990.

Faleh Salman, acting central bank governor, told Reuters the Security Council's decision in May to lift sanctions had cleared the way for the resumption of correspondent banking relationships across the world.

"There is no impediment now, so formal relations are likely to start and we expect Arab banks to be at the forefront," Salman said, working from a makeshift office at one of the two central bank buildings that escaped looting and destruction following the ouster of Saddam Hussein on April 9. One banking source in Baghdad predicted Jordan and Bahrain would lead the way in authorizing full banking relations with Iraq.

But the source, familiar with Iraq's current system, also said the process of unwinding the sanctions could be lengthy in some other countries, because the end of the curbs would unfreeze billions of dollars worth of claims against Iraqi banks along with allowing access to billions in frozen assets. —Internet

Explosion hits shops, injures 21 in The Hague

THE HAGUE, 30 June—An explosion ripped through three shops in The Hague on Saturday, reducing part of the buildings to rubble and injuring 21 people.

Seven of the victims were seriously hurt in the blast, which was believed to be due to gas leak, said Martin van Bruggen, spokesman for the mayor.

Rescue workers were searching the rubble of a snack bar, a jewellery shop and a clothes shop, but no further victims were expected to be found, he added.

MNA/Reuters

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Syria, Iran oppose Indian troops in Iraq

NEW DELHI, 30 June—Two of Iraq's six neighbours which have warm ties with India — Iran and Syria — oppose a proposal for New Delhi to send troops to the war-torn country as part of a US-led stabilization force, a report said Sunday.

A newspaper, which did not name its sources, said diplomats from two of Iraq's other neighbours, Jordan and Kuwait, told Indian envoys they favoured such a move to help restore stability and rebuild the country.

Syria and Iran, however, were "clearly against" an Indian deployment, the daily said. Consultations were still going on with Iraq's six neighbours, which also include Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

India decided to consult Iraq's neighbours after

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee met June 15 with Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, who opposed the idea of Indian troops serving under US and British command rather than under the UN flag.

New Delhi has been considering sending about 17,000 soldiers to Iraq since a request in early May from the United States, which is hoping to address the growing difficulties in replacing its forces with an international stabilisation force.

While some of Vajpayee's top aides seem to

be leaning towards the US request, there has been stiff resistance from opposition groups and members of the NDA.

The foreign ministry is compiling a report to be submitted to the Prime Minister's office before Vajpayee begins another round of discussions with opposition leaders on the issue.

New Delhi will also consider the opinions of "friends like Russia and France who are against supporting any US-led stabilisation force in Iraq," the paper said.

Internet



Iraqi villagers, armed with AK-47 assault rifles, patrol their village in Fallujah, 50 kilometers west of Baghdad, Iraq on 29 June, 2003. Iraqis are allowed to keep an AK-47 and a pistol at home but are required to get licenses before the guns can be taken out. —INTERNET

UNICEF says anti-measles campaign in Zambia successful

LUSAKA, 30 June—Zambia's national anti-measles campaign is very successful, said United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Country Representatives Stella Goings here Friday.

Stella told journalists that Zambian children have benefited a lot from this campaign, saying that it not only sets a good example for the African region, but for the whole world as well.

According to the Central Board of Health, there were over five million children between six months to 15 years to be vaccinated during the anti-measles campaign, higher than their expectations of 4.5 million to five million.

The nationwide anti-measles campaign, from June 7 to 13, covered all the provinces in Zambia, except for Southern Province, which had a similar exercise last year.

International bodies like UNICEF and the World Health Organization provided close to 4.9 million US dollars for the campaign.

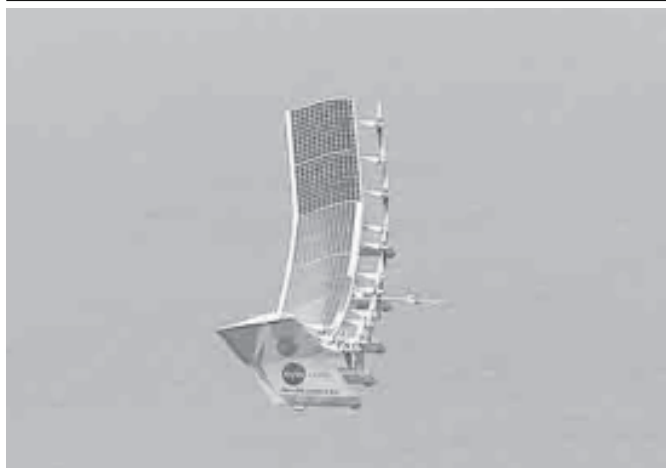
Measles is still one of the major causes of childhood illness and a leading cause of child death in many developing countries, though a safe

vaccine has long been available.

Every year, measles claims about 800,000 young lives and at the start of this decade over 30 million cases were reported worldwide, of which more than half were in sub-Saharan Africa.

MNA/Xinhua

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The Helios Prototype, NASA's solar-powered flying wing which two years ago set an altitude record, was destroyed on Thursday when it crashed about a half-hour into a test flight off Kauai, Hawaii. —INTERNET

15,000 Nepali children lost every year

KATHMANDU, 30 June — As many as 15,000 children are reported lost every year in Nepal after being mistreated by their parents and harassed by labour agents who force them into inhuman forms of labour, according to a study conducted by the Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre.

"Only 30 per cent of the children are recovered, usually from public places and in factories," independent English daily *The Kathmandu Post* reported Monday quoting the study, which was based on police records and media reports.

During the last four years, 3,022 boys and 2,310 girls were reported lost in the country, among them, 1,194 are below five years of age, 1,598 in the age bracket 6-10, 2,028 in 11-15 and 512 above 15 years.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani minister says no decision yet on sending troops to Iraq

ISLAMABAD, 30 June — Pakistan is considering sending troops to Iraq for peace keeping duties but there is no decision yet, local English newspaper *Statesman* reported Sunday.

At a breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Zafarullah Jamali and Parliament members on Saturday, Defence Minister Rao Sikander Iqbal said "it is very clear that there is no decision to send troops to Iraq so far, however, the matter is on the cards still."

It was reported that Pakistan is in contact with a number of Muslim countries on the question whether to send troops to Iraq and once it gets "three or four" Muslim countries on board the troops will be sent there.

During their meeting at

Camp David on June 24, US President George W. Bush asked his Pakistani counterpart Pervez Musharraf to send about 10,000 troops to Iraq to join the coalition forces, which are engaged in the postwar duties of establishing peace.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan consulting Muslim nations on troops for Iraq

ISLAMABAD, 30 June—Amid threats by the Islamist alliance to socially boycott Pakistani troops if they were deployed in Iraq, Islamabad has said it would decide on the request of the US and Britain to send two brigades of its army for peacekeeping operations in Baghdad after consultations with Muslim countries.

"We do not want to see our troops being misconstrued as an occupational force instead of a force for stability that has come to serve the people of Iraq," Pakistan Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri told reporters yesterday.

Elaborating on recent as-

sertions by President Pervez Musharraf that Pakistan is considering the requests to deploy its forces in Iraq, Kasuri said Islamabad preferred a UN cover to send troops and is discussing with Muslim countries on the issue.

Musharraf, who is cur-

rently visiting US, said President George W. Bush made the request to deploy Pakistani troops for operations in Iraq and his Government is considering various aspects including the financial implications involved in deployment of troops.

Internet



Iraqis wait at a US checkpoint near Baqouba, Iraq on 30 June, 2003. A massive sweep that has already involved more than 20 lightning raids and netted at least 60 suspects in towns across a wide swath of Iraq moved into its second day Monday as US forces try to mop up resistance and stem attacks.—INTERNET

Experts call on Canada to change rules on feed

OTTAWA, 30 June—Canadian officials welcomed a report prepared by a group of experts calling for changes to the way cattle are fed and monitored, it is reported Saturday.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Lyle Vanciel told reporters Friday that he agrees with "the direction" of the international panel's study, but wants to meet with his provincial counterparts before announcing specific changes.

The report, prepared by a group of experts from the United States, Switzerland and New Zealand, suggests Canada immediately ban the use of potentially hazardous cattle tissues in animal feed.

MNA/Xinhua

Blair under fire in dossier report

LONDON, 30 June—Tony Blair will be given a severe dressing down by a committee of MPs who will accuse Downing Street of deliberately hampering their investigation into the alleged misuse of intelligence in the run-up to the Iraq war.

In a hard-hitting report, which will be published a week today, the foreign affairs select committee will condemn Downing Street for denying its members access to intelligence officials and papers.

Downing Street will brush off the criticisms because the committee is also likely to clear Alastair Campbell, the prime minister's communications director, of the damaging charge that he ordered intelligence officials to "sex up" last September's dossier on Iraq's banned weapons.

A combative appearance in front of the committee by Mr Campbell, and a private appearance by the foreign secretary, Jack Straw, have persuaded Labour critics on the committee that Downing Street did not insert a contentious claim that Iraq could launch a banned weapons attack within 45 minutes of an order. The change of heart was signalled yesterday by the Labour MP Eric Illsley, who told LBC Radio: "Alastair Campbell did not exaggerate the first dossier."

The change of mood on the committee persuaded Mr Campbell last night to call a ceasefire in his war with the BBC. In a letter to the corporation's director of news, Richard Sambrook, Mr Campbell said he was "saddened" that the BBC had failed to answer his questions about a Today programme report which sparked the row.

But he added: "Given how far apart we remain, I see little purpose in continuing our exchanges in advance of the foreign affairs report being published ... I reserve the right to pursue my case further." —Internet

Air conditioning drains South Europe power grids

LONDON, 30 June—Southern Europeans cranking up their air conditioning to cope with sweltering temperatures are putting a big strain on their power grids, mirroring problems seen in the United States.

Italy suffered its first blackouts in 20 years on Thursday as a heatwave pushed the power system close to collapse and the government urged Italians to cut back on non-essential electricity use. "What is new is the growing use of air conditioning, especially in Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece,"

said Konstantin Staschus, a member of the statistics working group at European grid operators body Union for the Coordination of Electricity Transmission.

"Summer demand is becoming almost as critical as in the winter. In the United States this is already a problem, and now we are seeing this all along the south of Europe." In Spain, where demand hit a new record earlier this year, supplies will remain tight for the next couple of years until new power stations are built.

MNA/Reuters

US signals Saddam may be alive amid Iraq crackdown

BAGHDAD, 30 June — A top US official signalled Washington believes Saddam Hussein may be alive as US forces launched an operation to crack down on armed resistance blamed on die-hard supporters of the toppled Iraqi leader.

"I'm assuming he's still alive," Paul Bremer, who heads the US-led administration in Iraq, told CNN on Sunday. Asked why it was so hard to find Saddam, Bremer said: "(Iraq is) a big place... He had 30 years to build himself safe houses, palaces, tunnels, we don't know what."

US forces, who declared Saddam's government ousted from power on April 9, attempted during the Iraq war to kill him in bombing raids

based on intelligence but have been unable to verify whether they were successful.

American troops backed by warplanes and armoured vehicles launched "Operation Sidewinder" on Sunday to eliminate armed resistance in areas north of Baghdad where Saddam once enjoyed wide support. Bremer said US-led forces would suffer further casualties until Saddam loyalists were killed or captured. But US Army

commander Tommy Franks, who led the swift defeat of Iraq's Army, said recent attacks on US troops did not "spoil the victory".

US forces, who have come under fire almost daily in recent weeks in mainly Sunni Muslim central Iraq and sustained soldiers killed, detained more than 60 people and seized weapons and military documents as part of the crackdown.

MNA/Reuters



A villager keeps people back while British troops take over the village of Majar al-Kabir, Iraq, on 28 June, 2003. British forces retook the village in a show of force four days after six British military police and four Iraqis died in disturbances.—INTERNET

US lawmakers want international forces in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 30 June—An international force of up to 60,000 troops is needed in Iraq to halt the continuing violence, which will escalate if left unchecked, US Senator Joseph Biden warned on Sunday. On the "Fox News Sunday", the ranking Democrat on the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee said, "I think we need somewhere between 30,000 and 60,000 other troops."

"I want to see French, German, I want to see Turkish patches on people's arms sitting on the street corners, standing there in Iraq," Biden said. "...We've got to get over this ideological fixation on the part of Mr (Defence Secretary Donald) Rumsfeld and (Vice-President Dick) Cheney of not letting the Europeans and NATO come in."

Biden returned recently from a trip to Iraq, where steady attacks have targeted Americans since US President

George W Bush declared major combat over on May 1. At least 22 Americans have been killed by hostile fire.

Senator Chuck Hagel, a Nebraska Republican who also made the trip, said the continuing attacks would be "the jarring gong" that forces the US Administration to seek international assistance, including "more United Nations involvement and more Arab involvement".

"Time is not on our side. Every day that ticks by we are losing ground," Hagel said on

CNN's "Late Edition" programme "...All the more reason we need help."

Senator Chris Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat and another member of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also said extra troops were urgently needed.

"I don't think we have months. I think we've got weeks to turn this around," Dodd told the CBS "Face the Nation" programme "And the people on the ground know it. Our military people are exhausted."

"... We need to get that second Army in place over there. We need to invite others around the region as well as the world to help us do that. We're not doing that and the longer we wait, the greater risk is going to be posed by Iraq," Dodd said.

The lawmakers spoke after a week of particularly intense ambushes and hit-and-run attacks. Another explosion in Baghdad on Sunday targeted a US convoy. Biden said the status of US troops there was "in peril. The war is still on". He said he had been assured NATO was ready to join the US and British troops in Iraq and that "NATO should be in".—MNA/Reuters

US forces launch operation against Iraqi fighters

BAGHDAD, 30 June—US soldiers in Iraq backed by aircraft and armoured vehicles carried out more than 20 raids on Sunday in an operation to crack down on armed resistance to their occupation, the US military said.

Troops detained more than 60 people and seized weapons and military documents as part of the mission, called Operation Sidewinder, US Central Command said in a statement.

"No coalition forces casualties were reported in the raids. Sidewinder is an ongoing operation," the statement said.

US forces have come under fire on an almost daily basis in recent weeks, despite ousting Saddam Hussein on April 9. Officers

blame scattered remnants of Saddam's Fedayeen paramilitary force and his Baath Party for the violence.

Members of the US Army's Fourth Infantry Division, the hi-tech force based mainly to the north and east of Baghdad, carried out the raids.

US forces have faced the strongest resistance to the north and west of the city and inside the capital itself.

But Central Command said it believed the main source of paramilitary activ-

ity in central Iraq was located along a stretch of the Tigris River from Baghdad to the town of Samarra, 60 miles to the north.

"The raids target former Baath Party loyalists, terrorists suspected of perpetrating attacks against US forces and former Iraqi military leaders," its statement said.

The military said Sidewinder was the third in a series of operations to "root out elements attempting to undermine coalition efforts to restore basic infrastructure and stability in the region".—MNA/Reuters



US Army troopers check the papers of an AK-47 assault rifle which was found during a search at a checkpoint on 29 June, 2003 in Fallujah, 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, Iraq. The US forces continue to suffer casualties from the escalating guerilla-style attacks in the capital and other areas where ousted ruler Saddam Hussein can still muster some influence.—INTERNET

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Arab fund says Iraq cannot rebuild without govt

BASEL (Switzerland), 30 June—The head of a fund set up to help finance economic reform in Arab states said on Sunday the lack of a legitimate government in Iraq was the biggest obstacle to its reconstruction.

Jassim Al-Mannai, director general and chairman of the board of the Arab Monetary Fund, said his organization could help in rebuilding Iraq but that the biggest stumbling block was the lack of a clear authority in the country.

"At least you need to see an authority to whom you can talk, and it is still in the process. So everybody is waiting, not only the Arab Monetary Fund," he told reporters on the sidelines of a gathering of central bankers ahead of Monday's annual meeting of the Bank for International Settlements.

"I hope this thing will be clarified relatively soon, so we can be of assistance as soon as possible," he added.

The Arab fund, representing 22 Arab states including Iraq, finances economic reform programmes and trade between member states and helps them develop capital markets.—MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi motorist, centre, waves his \$600 after getting them back from a US trooper who allegedly took the cash while searching his car Sunday in Fallujah, 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, Iraq on 29 June, 2003. The US forces continue to suffer casualties from the escalating guerilla-style attacks in the capital and other areas where ousted ruler Saddam Hussein can still muster some influence.—INTERNET

Russia, France favour building integrated greater Europe

MOSCOW, 30 June—Russia and France share an interest in building undivided greater Europe that will incorporate a single economic, legal and visa-free space, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said.

Speaking after talks with his French counterpart Jean-Pierre Raffarin on Saturday in St. Petersburg, Kasyanov pointed out the idea of a united Europe was first put forward in 18th Century and "Russia did not stay aside from that process", *Interfax* reported.

The Russian Prime Minister deemed the relations between Russia and France are at the highest level of development and more

results have been achieved for the past few years than in a decade. Kasyanov said Russian-French interaction was so close today that objectives could be set that had been difficult to imagine before.

"This cooperation is aimed at the development of new technologies, including space research and the aviation industry," Kasyanov was quoted as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

Russian reporter expelled from ex-Soviet Belarus

MINSK, 30 June—Belarus expelled a Russian television journalist on Saturday, accusing him of slandering the government in a news report on the funeral of Vasil Bykov, a writer and opponent of President Alexander Lukashenko.

Pavel Selin, a correspondent for Russia's NTV, said he had been given 24 hours to quit the country after Lukashenko ordered a probe into the broadcast report.

"The report included statements that were false, biased, provocative... aimed at destabilizing the government and undermining the authorities," the Belarussian Foreign Ministry said, adding

it was seeking an apology from NTV.

Selin had already received two official warnings over his news reports aired on Russian television.

"I am sorry that this is happening against the background of Bykov's death. I am sorry I have been involved in this dance on his grave," Selin said, "I feel sorry for this country."—MNA/Reuters

Putin says state visit to Britain useful

MOSCOW, 30 June—Russian President Vladimir Putin said Saturday that his just concluded state visit to Britain was quite useful.

Putin's four-day visit to Britain, which ended on Friday, "was quite a useful enterprise not only because it was the first one for the past 150 years," the President told reporters in Kaliningrad before he returned to Moscow, according to *Interfax* news agency.

The Russian leader said the visit was intensive, during which many contacts with representatives of various political forces of Britain have been made.

He added that various informal conversations, including talks with Prime Minister Tony Blair, "offer a chance to understand one's partner more accurately".

MNA/Xinhua

US troops tighten security in Baghdad after attacks

BAGHDAD, 30 June — Another explosion in Baghdad targeted a US convoy on Sunday as Washington's top official in Iraq said coalition forces would suffer further casualties until Saddam Hussein's supporters were killed or captured.

Soldiers imposed tighter measures around military posts, US-led administration offices and ministry buildings in the city of five million, witnesses said. They also stepped up search operations for weapons and wanted Saddam loyalists.

In the latest of a series of hit-and-run attacks, an Iraqi civilian died and two US military police soldiers were wounded in Baghdad when an explosion targeted a US convoy.

At least 22 Americans have been killed by hostile fire since US President George W Bush declared major combat over on May 1. Two others were found dead in unclear circumstances on Saturday.

Saturday's deaths took to more than 200 the

number of Americans who have died, both in combat or non-combat incidents, since US forces began the war in Iraq on March 21.

In Majjar, about 240 miles south of Baghdad, there was no sign on Sunday of British forces in the town where gunmen killed six British soldiers last week.

Britain's Defence Ministry in London said a force of 500 troops returned to Majjar on Saturday where its commanders met a delegation of Shi'ite Muslim clerics and local dignitaries. The British told the people they were there to help them reestablish their community, not to punish them, a ministry spokesman said.

Townpeople told

Reuters on Sunday the force, which drove into the town in about 40 military vehicles, had stayed only for three hours before pulling out.

The British had informed the leaders of the town that they had no plans to stay, residents said.

They said the forces checked the police station where most of the soldiers died last Tuesday. At least four Iraqis were also killed in the shooting.

"The situation is stable here... We don't need the British," Mohammad al-Shumari, a dignitary, said.

US and British troops seeking to impose law and order in postwar Iraq have come under attack repeatedly in recent weeks.

MNA/Reuters



The Nassaa registered Abqaiq, the first super tanker to load with Iraq oil from the vest Rumaylah oilfields since the US-led forces invaded Iraq, fills at the Al Bakr oil terminal 35km off the Iraqi coast on 28 June, 2003.—INTERNET

Multiple Oscar-winner Katharine Hepburn dies at 96

NEW YORK, 30 June— Actress Katharine Hepburn, who won a record four best actress Oscars during a career that spanned much of the last century, died on Sunday at her home in Connecticut at the age of 96, a family member said.

Hepburn, whose health had been in decline for some time and had not spoken for several days, passed away peacefully, said her brother-in-law Ellsworth Grant.

"She's the greatest actress of her age and with her passing that whole galaxy of great movie stars has ended," Grant, who saw the screen legend shortly before she died, told *Reuters*.

He said the cause of death was "simply complications from old age". —MNA/Reuters



1940 photo of Katharine Hepburn, who died on 29 June, 2003 at the age of 96 surrounded by her family and friends at her home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. INTERNET

PBC to take measures against counterfeiting in China

BEIJING, 30 June — The People's Bank of China (PBC) issued Saturday regulations on seizure and verification of counterfeit currency, which will take effect in July 1, and will launch a nationwide publicity week on anti-counterfeiting from June 29 to July 5.

The rules stipulate the currency holders' rights and obligations for the sake of their interests and require the staff of the concerning financial institutions to avoid wrong seizure or verification which might bring losses to the currency holders. Currency mentioned in the rules includes both Renminbi and foreign currencies, according to sources of the central bank. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers remove coloured film from a car window at a checkpoint in Baghdad, Iraq on 29 June, 2003. After several attacks on US troops in the recent weeks, the soldiers have started removing all materials, including tinting films and curtains, that make it difficult to see the occupants of a car. INTERNET

UN anti-corruption pact raises last-minute alarms

UNITED NATIONS, 30 June— World governments are sharpening their swords along with their pencils ahead of final negotiations on a global anti-corruption treaty that has begun raising alarms in Washington and US corporate boardrooms.

The treaty would brand many forms of corruption as criminal acts and require nations ratifying the pact to take effective preventive measures.

It would encourage international cooperation in battling corrupt acts and help governments recover money siphoned off by corrupt officials.

A UN committee has been working on a treaty text in relative obscurity since early 2002, and a final two-week drafting session is due to open in Vienna on July 21.

UN officials have even scheduled a signing ceremony for the completed document in Mexico in December — just as a host of questions arise about what it should and should not do.

"We are modestly optimistic that the text of an anti-corruption treaty will be agreed in July or August, for signing December 12 in Mexico," Antonio Maria Costa, who heads the Vienna-based UN Office on Drugs and Crime, told *Reuters*.

But Costa acknowledged a number of major compromises might have to be made for that to occur.

US officials say they have extensive problems with the current text, which has 85 articles and runs to 67 pages. Some of the biggest disputes pit Washington against the European Union, threatening to put new strains on a relationship sorely tested in the run-up to the US-led war on Iraq.

"There are still a lot of serious issues to be resolved. It is definitely down to the wire," said one US official.

MNA/Reuters

Iran urges foreign troops to leave Iraq

TEHERAN, 30 June — Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi on Sunday urged foreign forces to leave Iraq as soon as possible and called for peaceful settlement of crisis in Iraq.

Speaking at a joint Press conference with his visiting Tunisian counterpart Habib Ben Yahia, Kharrazi said Iran considers the current events in Iraq as "unsatisfactory" and Iran has always sought adopting peaceful methods to deal with Iraqi crisis.

Supporters of armed struggle in Iraq are against presence of foreign troops in the country and "wrong policies of the occupying forces have instigated the Iraqi nation",

Kharrazi said.

"Iraqi people should take control of the country to form a democratic government there in a bid to rebuild the country," he added.

Yahia, for his part, said "we call for observing the legitimate rights of Iraqi people and the right to determine their own fate".

"In reconstructing their country, the rights of Iraqi citizen should be fully observed," he said.

Referring to the international campaign against terrorism, Yahia said there is no relationship between Islam and terrorism.

"The efforts to link Islam with terrorism is wrong and false and Islamic states should adopt a joint stand in campaign against terrorism," he said. Yahia arrived in Teheran on Saturday to attend the sixth Iran-Tunisia joint economic commission meeting. —MNA/Xinhua

British police officer to train Iraqi police force

London, 30 June — Britain is to send a senior police officer with experience in dealing with Northern Ireland flashpoints to help train Iraqi police, the *Financial Times* reported on Monday.

It said that Stephen White, an assistant chief constable from Northern Ireland, will be posted to the southern city of Basra to set up a training programme amid continuing attacks on British and US forces.

The *FT* gave no source, but a Foreign Office spokeswoman confirmed that an officer with Northern Ireland experience was going to Iraq.

Last week, six British military policemen training Iraqis were killed and eight soldiers were wounded in two separate incidents near the eastern Iraqi city of Amarah.

Back in May, the Chief Constable of Hampshire Paul Kernaghan — as part of an international team of police experts — visited Iraq for a week and provided the British Government with a written report of the security situation in Iraq.

"I do not see an environment in which I can recommend the sending of unarmed British police officers [to police the streets]...it is too dangerous," Kernaghan told the *FT*.

Another British police officer, Superintendent John Hughes-Jones, has joined the US Office for Humanitarian Assistance and Reconstruction on a long-term attachment.

MNA/Reuters

Implementation of special projects ...

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Paungnet Dam Project will be implemented at Paungnet Creek near Sithaung Village in Shwegu Township, Kachin State. Due to implementing the Paungnet Dam, about 5,000 acres of farmlands in Shwegu Township will be irrigated. In addition, 2,000 acres of summer paddy and other crops will be cultivated as the double cropping with the use of irrigation facilities. Paungnet Dam Project will be implemented at an estimated cost of K 690 million.

Ma-de Dam Project is being implemented in Kanma Township, Magway Division. The dam is being built near Gyobin Village, Kanma Township, for supplying water to 4,000 acres of farmland in the township. The project started in 2002-2003 and the expenditure of the project will be K 659 million.

Construction of Khawa Dam on Khawa Creek near Chinyawgyi Village in Padaung Township, Bago Division, started in 2002-2003. On completion, the dam can irrigate about 2,000 acres of farmland. The dam is being built at an estimated cost of K 256 million.

Kyee-ohn-Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project is being implemented in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Division. The dam project is located at Mone Creek near Wunlo Village between about 5-mile up of Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township and about 15-mile down of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township. The dam is 164 feet high and 3,280 feet long.

The dam project is being implemented with the aim of combining the flow of water in the watershed area between the two dams and the flow of water from Mone Creek Dam to be able to generate 60 megawatt of electricity from the underground power plant and supplying



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water to the farmland through canals of Mezali Diversion Weir.

The dam will contribute towards more control for flow of water in Mone Creek.

Kyee-ohn-Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project is being built at an estimated cost of over K 6,000 million and US\$ 56 million.

Taungay (Kyetmauktaung supporting dam) dam project is being implemented in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division. The dam, 70 feet high and 3,000 feet long, is an earthen one at Taungay Creek near Tebinte Village, Kyaukpadaung Township. The dam is being built to supply its water to Kyetmauktaung Dam for cultivation of crops in the irrigated areas. On completion, the dam will supply water to Kyetmauktaung Dam as well as to ensure sufficiency of drinking water in the area. At present, Taungay Dam Project is being constructed at an estimated cost of over K 561 million.

Similarly, Kyaukdaga (Kyetmauktaung supporting dam) dam project will supply water to Kyetmauktaung Dam for availability of water in the irrigated areas and extended cultivation of crops. Kyaukdaga Dam will be built of earth, 80 feet high and 7,400 feet long, on Kyaukdaga Creek near Kyaukdaga Village, Natmauk Township, Magway Division. The dam project will cost about K 960 million.

The Thibon dam project near Beesatgon Village in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Division, has been implemented since 2002-2003. It will supply water into Taungpulu dam in Mahlaing Township and it can reduce the inflow of silt into the dam. Moreover, water could be fully supplied to 7,636 acres of land in the irrigated area

of Taungpulu dam. The Thibon dam is being built and it will cost an estimated K 332 million.

Similarly, the Ngwetha dam project is being implemented on Ngwetha Creek near Ngwetha Village in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Division. The dam, which was implemented starting 2002-2003, will supply water to about 3,000 acres of land in the township. It is estimated that the dam will cost over K 333 million.

The Letpan dam on Letpan Creek near TawchaungU Village in Myinmu Township is one of the dam projects implemented in 2002-2003. The dam being built at an estimated cost of K 422 million will supply water to 2,500 acres of land and it will complete soon.

To supply water to 1,500 acres of land in Ngazun Township, Mandalay Division, the Natthadaw dam project was implemented starting 2002-2003. The project being implemented at an estimated cost of K 279 million will complete soon.

The Chaungmagyi (Myohla) dam project has been implemented on Chaungmagyi Creek near Zayitsan Village in Yedashe Township in Bago Division to supply water to about 3,000 acres of land. It will cost an estimated K 548 million.

To supply water to Ngaleik dam in Mandalay Division and to supply drinking water to neighbouring villages and to supply water to 3,000 acres of land in Kyaukhoh region in Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division, the Chaungmagyi (Pyinmana) dam project has been implemented starting 2002-2003 on Chaungmagyi Creek near Kyetsuai Village in Pyinmana township. The project is being built at an estimated cost of K 767 million.

The Chaungmangae dam project is being implemented on Chaungmangae Creek near Pannoyan Village in Lewu Township, Mandalay Division. The dam will irrigate about 8,000 acres of land. It will cost an estimated K 724 million.

The Ngamoeyik dam completed in 1995 has been giving out about 200,000 acre feet of water yearly through its spillway. The Mahuya (Ngamoeyik supporting dam) Dam on Mahuya Creek near Bwetygi Village in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division is being implemented with the objectives to effectively use the current of the Ngamoeyik Creek, to sufficiently supply water to the irrigated area and to provide assistance to the water supply system for Yangon City. The project started in 2002-2003.

Similarly, the Paunglin Dam (Ngamoeyik supporting dam) is being implemented on Paunglin Creek near Ohnhnebin Village in Hlegu township, Yangon Division. The Mahuya dam (Ngamoeyik supporting dam) is being built at an estimated cost of K 375 million and the Paunglin (Ngamoeyik supporting dam) K 466 million.

The Kataik dam project is being implemented on Kataik Creek near Kataik Village in Paung Township, Mon State. It has been implemented since 2001-2002 to irrigate 10,000 acres of land and to prevent farmland in the lower part of Yinnyein Creek from flooding. The project is being implemented at an estimated cost of K 2,053 million.

Since the time of the Tatmadaw Government in 1988, construction projects of dams and reservoirs have been undertaken and now 148 dams have been built to this date. And this benefited the 3 million acres of farmland for farmers and the public.

In constructing sluice gates by the Irrigation Department, Shwe Hla sluice gate is being built near the place, where Hsema Creek and Bago River converge, in Kawa Township in Bago Division, and this project will cost over K 650 million. With the construction of Shwe Hla sluice gate, 35,000 acres of land in the township can be prevented from floods, and in summer mixed cropping can be made with the use of fresh water.

In Waw Township of Bago Division also, Zwegphat sluice gate is under construction at Zwegphat Creek near Zwegphat Village. The project will cost K 275 million. The sluice gate will prevent 40,000 acres of lands in the townships of Waw, Thanatpin and Bago and either bank of Bago-Sittoung Cannel from flooding, and mixed cropping can be made with the use of fresh water in summer.

Kyonhtaw sluice gate is being constructed at the confluence of Kyonhtaw Brook and Kyonhtaw Creek in Thaton Township. The construction of the sluice gate will benefit 22,000 acres of land in the township.

Minister for
Agriculture
and Irriga-
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On completion of Kyonhtaw sluice gate, creeks and brooks in the township can be prevented from silting up on account of the flows of salty water into them. The sluice gate will be built at a cost of K 530 million.

From 1988 to date, 11 sluice gates have been constructed and it benefits 235,900 acres of land.

Water Resources Utilization Department will undertake the river water-pumping projects in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions in Upper Myanmar and Ayeyawady Division in Lower Myanmar.

These are Magyisauk river water-pumping project (Ayadaw-2) which will irrigate 20,000 acres of farmland in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Division, and Hsintale river water-pumping project (Ayadaw-3) which will irrigate 40,000 acres of land.

The projects to be implemented in Mandalay Division are Kyauk river water-pumping project benefiting 2,500 acres of farmland in Ngazun Township, Ywathit river water-pumping project benefiting 7,000 acres of farmlands, Ngamyia river water-pumping project benefiting 3,000 acres of farmland in Ngazun Township, Hseiknyan river water-pumping project benefiting 10,000 acres of farmland in Myingyan Township and Auknyint river water-pumping project benefiting 6,000 acres of farmlands in NyaungU Township.

The project being implemented in Hinthada Township in Ayeyawady Division, is Datmi river water-pumping project that will benefit 9,000 acres of land.

When the eight river water pumping projects are complete, a total of 97,500 acres of farmlands will be irrigated. These projects will be implemented at a cost of US\$ 23.05 million plus K 14,500 million.

From the beginning of 1995 to March 2003, altogether 265 river water pumping projects have been implemented and a total of 282,108 acres of farmland can be irrigated.

MNA

Commander attends Thitseint sapling planting ceremony

YANGON, 30 June — The rainy season Thitseint sapling (Bellaric myrobalan) planting ceremony, organized by Mandalay District Peace and Development Council, was held at the hospital (300-bed) in Chanmyathazi Township on 27 June morning.

Present were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, local authorities, departmental officials, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, social organizations, trainees of University of Nursing and guests.

The commander and the mayor planted Thitseint saplings at designated places. Those present also planted 1,000 Thitseint saplings.

In Mandalay District, 37,090 Thitseint saplings against the target of 115,500 saplings have been planted in the rainy season.

The commander then attended the eighth tree planting ceremony in Patheingyi Township. A total of 3,000 trees were planted at the ceremony.

Next, the commander arrived at Yadanabon Garden in Mandalay. Director-General U Tun Tun of Arid Zone Greening Department reported on upgrading of Yadanabon Garden. Then, the commander inspected planting of trees in the garden and repair of the buildings and gave necessary instructions.— MNA

SARS prevention

- * There is no outbreak of SARS in Myanmar.
- * Preventive measures are being taken against the spread of SARS from other countries.
- * The people are urged to participate in the project.

Myitkyina observes International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 30 June—The ceremony to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at Myitkyina Education College in Myitkyina on 26 June morning.

Present were Chairman of Kachin State Committee for Drug Abuse Control Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Myitkyina Air Force Base Commander Brig-Gen Bo Kyi, Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo

Lwin of Tanai Station, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers, local authorities, officials of social organizations, students, teachers and guests. The commander gave a speech. Then, Kachin State Police Force Commander Police Col Tin Maung Maung read out the message sent by Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing.

Next, the commander

presented a prize to Dr Maung Maung Lwin who won the consolation prize in the (central level) article contest to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Officials then presented prizes to the other winners in essay, painting and computer arts contests. After the ceremony, the commander and party viewed the booths to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, at the hall.— MNA

Commander attends meeting of Shan State (North) DAC

YANGON, 30 June — A work coordination meeting of Shan State (North) Development Affairs Committee was held at the hall of Lashio Development Affairs Department on 27 June morning. It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior officers of the command, lo-

cal authorities and officials.

The commander first made an opening speech and Director of Shan State (North) DAC U Kyi Myint reported on the tasks carried out for development affairs in sector-wise in 2002-2003 and future tasks. Then, the commander gave instructions.

On the evening of 28 June, together with the deputy commander and officials, the commander arrived at the project of 1000-

acre crops cultivation zone in Lashio where they inspected round the crop plantations and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The commander then saw over Hsin Shweli high yield paddy model farm, 100-acre plantation of coffee and pigeon peas and other paddy fields. At the farms, the commander left necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Training course No 1/2003 for electricians opens

YANGON, 30 June— A training course No 1/2003 for electricians of Electrical and Boiler Inspection of Industrial Coordination and Industrial Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry-1 was opened at the hall of ICHID on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung delivered a speech. He said practical and theoretical courses are being conducted constantly for development of human re-

sources that contribute towards production.

He said electricity is essential for social, economic, education and health matters. He urged the trainees to learn electrical techniques both in theory and in practice. Present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, the directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises and course instructors. The six-week course is being attended by 86 trainees.

MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung speaking at Electronic Technician Course No 1/2003.— INDUSTRY-1

Ancient earthen pot and antiques unearthed in Thabeikkyin Township

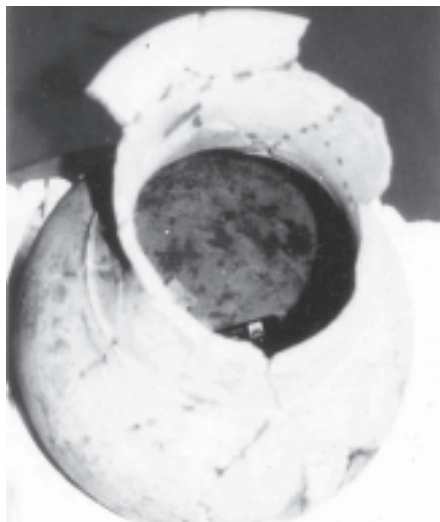
YANGON, 30 June — A team of archaeologists led by Director of the Department of Archaeology (Upper Myanmar) U Hla Gyi Maung Maung on 20 June unearthed an ancient pot with 13 inches in height, 11 inches in diameter and 8.5 inches in diameter at the rim at the site of the ancient city of Tagaung in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Division.

The team also found the objects in the pot including ashes mixed with soil, bones, burnt human teeth, beads, and four copper bells, a copper ring, pieces of iron ring and two golden butterflies of 0.39 inch in length and width.

The pot and objects were believed to be earlier than that of Pyu Era found at the sites of Beikthano ancient city. The pot is similar to that of Pyu era.

Archaeology Department had excavated six times the site of Tagaung ancient city from 1967 to 2000. However, the archaeologists have not found yet like this one and believed that Tagaung ancient city was not earlier than the Bagan Dynasty (11th Century). The findings were also believed to be the fact that the objects discovered in the pot are earlier than antiques found at the sites of Beikthano ancient city.

MNA



The burial urn of Pyu unearthed from the site of Palace in ancient Tagaung City.— CULTURE



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses opening of training courses.— CPT

CPT Minister attends opening of training courses, inspects telecommunication works

YANGON, 30 June— The ceremony to open the Basic Digital Electronics Course, the TMX-10 DSS Operation and Maintenance Course, the Postmaster Course and the Spectrum Management Course was held at Communications

and Postal Training Centre of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs this morning.

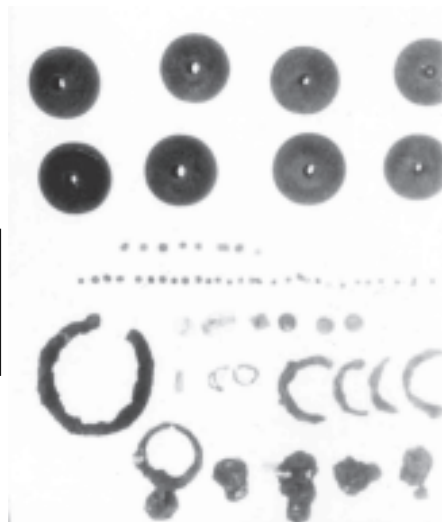
Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein

Zaw gave an opening address. Also present were the director-general of Directorate of Telecommunications, the managing director of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and officials.

Then, the minister went to Microwave Communication Ground Station (Toegyauungale). The minister inspected staff quarters in the compound of the station. Next, the minister in-

spected storage of fuel at the new fuel warehouse. Afterwards, the minister saw over installation of machines at the Domestic Microwave Communication Station and gave instructions on maintenance of the machines for long-term use of telecommunication links.

The minister then inspected cultivation of vegetables in the compound of the station.— MNA



Artefacts unearthed from ancient Tagaung City.— CULTURE

Drug traffickers get prison terms

YANGON, 30 June — Members of Yangon Special Anti-drug Squad searched the house of Hla Myint of Malar Myaing Street in Pauktaw Ward in Insein Township on 3 March 2002 and found 0.5442 grams of marijuana there. Further investigation led to seizure of 8.328 kilos of marijuana in the house of U Hla Kyi of Kantha-2 Street in Kanna Alae Ward in the township.

Insein Police Station filed Hla Myint, son of U Toe Nyein, of No 298, Malar Myaing Street in Pauktaw

Ward, Insein Township, under Section 15/19 (A) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, and U Hla Kyi, son of U Ohn, of Kantha-2 Street in Insein Township under Section 15/19 (A)/21. Yangon North District Court handed down 10 years' imprisonment under Section 16 (C), five years' imprisonment under Section 15 and 25 years' imprisonment under Section 19 (A) on Hla Myint to serve separately, and 25 years' imprisonment under Section 19 (A) on U Hla Kyi.—MNA

Ngwe Hsaung or Myanmar's Langkawi

Tekkatho Tin Kha

(Continued from yesterday)

Twenty groups of Myanmar-owned companies who realize the good prospects of Ngwe Hsaung region are investing heavily in the region. These companies are expected to invest K 10,000 million in Ngwe Hsaung and they have already invested K 2,000 million. The 20 groups that invest their money in Ngwe Hsaung region are Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited, Min Min Soe, ChaungthaU, Shwe Hinth, Shwe Khayu (Golden Mollusc), Kanbawza, Shwe Family, Yuzana, National Holdings, Shwe Thazin, Dagon International, Asia World, Nbo, Olympic, Myanmar ABM Exports, Sunny, Ayeya Shwewah, Htoo, Silver View and Woodland Co. Ltd.

The Sound of the waves crashing onto the seashore and the sound of the sea can be heard continuously in Ngwe Hsaung region. One can make a study tour of 9-mile long beach in Ngwe Hsaung which is located 30 miles from Patheingyi. Ngwe Hsaung beach is a significant one not only in Myanmar but also in the world.

Construction projects of Woodland Co can be seen in Ngwe Hsaung. Woodland has rich experience in construction. It has already constructed Poppa Resort in Central Myanmar. It has invested K 800 million in Ngwe Hsaung. There is a swimming pool in Ngwe Hsaung Woodland. The Woodland has built the Bay of Bengal Golf Resort in Ngwe Hsaung. The resort is to be built at a place overlooking the Bay of Bengal.

Htoo, Ayeya Shwewah and Myanmar ABM Group have also invested their money in Ngwe Hsaung. The significance of

this group is that they hire jet-ski in Ngwe Hsaung. Moreover, arrangements are being made to transport people on board a double-decker between Ngwe Hsaung and Chaungtha beaches. Pleasure-boats will be ready for the trip to the Bird Island. They provide kitchens for visitors to be able to cook their meals by themselves. The wooden buildings are excellent. The rooms of the hotel have large verandahs and the decoration of the hotel will be appreciated by foreigners. Sunny Co has built Beach Hotel with magnificent design in a large compound. It looked like huge thatch huts if it is seen from outside. The hotel of Sunny Co is decorated with Myanmar handicrafts mainly based on wood thereby making Ngwe Hsaung very grand. The main building with 24 bedrooms of Sunny Beach Hotel is something to be proud of.

Yuzana is also trying its best. Its buildings are facing the sea. On the mountain, it has also built rooms and towers. Yuzana has acquired one of the best places in Ngwe Hsaung. Its rooms are built on the mountain from where one can enjoy a good view of the area. The reception hall of Yuzana is built of alabaster and it is worthy to call Atrium.

Bedrooms in the hotel run by Dagon International, one of the well-known companies, are modern ones which are arranged to suit the taste of foreigners. It is learnt that the decoration is made by a foreigner. Myanmar paintings can be found only in the bedrooms. Inner part of the bedrooms are built with teak and the outer part, Pyinkadone (a kind of hardwood). Moreover, one can lodge in a tent of Dagon

International. In some other hotels, tents are also available.

Kyaukmaungnama Pagoda stands in front of the Silver View Hotel. Bathing beach of Shwe Khayu Hotel is superior to others. Olympic Group also tries to be the best in constructing its hotel. Ambo, ChaungthaU, Shwe Hinth, Kanbawza, Shwe-thazin and Shwe Family decorate their hotels in different styles. At the hotel of Min Min Soe, there is not only a swimming pool but also a tennis court. Arrangements of National Holdings are of significant ones.

As the companies are not following the steps of one another in building hotels and decorating them, there are many different types of hotels in Ngwe Hsaung. The decorations are not inferior to those of the hotels in Yangon. The mattress used in the bedrooms are the best ones and there are also, refrigerator, mini-bar, hot and cold water and satellite TV. The lodging fees range from K 2,000 to K 25,000 thereby offering several choices.

The hotel of Economic Holdings Ltd is situated in the southernmost part of the area facing Lovers' Island. Hotels have been built in the four-mile area of the northern part of the beach and thus natural beauty of the remaining five-mile area is kept intact. If other development programmes can be undertaken in the remaining area, the hotel of Economic Holdings Ltd will be at the centre of the area. It also has inland water lakes. The Economic Holdings Ltd has attached its receptionists to the Central Hotel in Yangon to undergo training here.

Under the arrangements of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited, the companies

are investing in the region. Within three years, the companies are allowed to invest in the region, tax-free and they have built their hotels on 10 acres of land each. There is a communication station in Ngwe Hsaung and one can contact directly to Yangon without dialing the code-number of the capital, 01. Steps are being taken to install e-mail and fax.

There is also enough fresh water in Ngwe Hsaung as there is a reservoir which can supply 330 million gallons of fresh water a year. This is one of the strong points of Ngwe Hsaung and every hotel has own well.

One of the significant features of the region is that natural grass is growing everywhere. The natural grass fields grown in the roadside are as beautiful as that of Japanese grass. Some hotels use these natural grass to decorate their hotels.

Engineers of Asia World who have had good reputation in building roads in northern Shan State are now engaging with might and main in the Patheingyi-Ngwe Hsaung road construction. There will be 19 bridges on 30-mile long Patheingyi-Ngwe Hsaung road and the Ministry of Construction, Ayeyawady Division and Asia World are taking charge of the respective sections. One of the bridges will cost K 1,100 million is among these bridges. As Asia World has completed its duties in building bridges, it has laid emphasis on building roads.

Patheingyi Airport is being extended in Patheingyi Township in Ayeyawady Division with a view to ensuring better transportation between Ayeyawady Division and other parts of the country.

On Patheingyi-Ngwe Hsaung road, the bridge across Ngawun River is under construction for better transport. Langkawi of Malaysia relied mainly on fishery in the past. Nowadays, tourist industry is booming amazingly in the region. Similarly, Ngwe Hsaung, under the guidance of the Head of State, is developing from a fishing village to a bustling place.

In the near future, Ngwe Hsaung, Myanmar's Langkawi, can be seen as a big city that earns foreign exchange for the country most. At present, out of 20 hotels in Ngwe Hsaung beach, 16 are operational. Last year, a total of 21,777

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်အတွင်း အချို့မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမှာ ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်း လမ်းစည်းကမ်း ချိုးဖောက်မှုများကြောင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားခဲ့သဖြင့် ဒဏ်ရာရသူသေဆုံးသူများ များပြားလာသည်ကို တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ကျေးအေးသည်ဖြစ်စေ မကျေးအေးသည်ဖြစ်စေ ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်း လမ်းစည်းကမ်းများယွင်းသော ယာဉ်မောင်း သူများအား တည်ဆဲပဒေအရ ထိထိရောက်ရောက် အရေးယူ ဆောင်ရွက်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

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Myanmar Women's Day
3rd July 2003

More fish in rice field



စပါးကမ္ဘာ့ ငါးကမ္ဘာ လယ်ယာသားငါး ပြည့်စုံစီးပွား။
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visitors including 20,954 Myanmar citizens and 823 foreigners visited Ngwe Hsaung. This year, 22,636 people—19,084 Myanmar citizens and 3,552 foreigners—visited there and the industry fetched K 74,071,880 and US\$ 72,063.

Ngwe Hsaung, in which the Union of Myanmar can take pride, will be famous in the near

future. With the encouragement of the people, Ngwe Hsaung beach with crystal clear water and beautiful rocks will be known not only in Myanmar but also in Asia. Myanmar's Langkawi! That is true. It refers to Langkawi Island of Malaysia. There is an island like Langkawi in Myanmar. It is called Ngwe Hsaung—Myanmar's Langkawi.

(Translation: BG)



Beautiful beach of Ngwe Hsaung seen from Sunny Paradise Resort.

ကူးစက်မြန် ပြင်းထန်နမိုးနီးယား(ဆားစ်)ရောဂါ သိကောင်းစရာ Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားခြင်း

၁။ **မေး - ကူးစက်မြန် ပြင်းထန်နမိုးနီးယား(ဆားစ်)ရောဂါ ဆိုတာ ဘာလဲ?**

ဖြေ အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းနှင့် အဆုတ်သို့ လွယ်မြန်စွာ ကူးစက်သော ပြင်းထန်သည့် အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပြီး အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှတစ်ဆင့် ကူးစက်သော ခိုင်းရပ်စ်(မ်) ရောဂါပိုးအသစ် တစ်မျိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယခုကာလအတွင်း ကမ္ဘာ့နိုင်ငံအမျိုးမျိုးတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၂။ **မေး - မည်သည့် ခိုင်းရပ်စ်(မ်)ပိုးမျိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ နောက်ဆုံးသုတေသနတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ ကိုရိုနာအုပ်စု အမျိုးအစား ခိုင်းရပ်စ်(မ်)ကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပြီး ၎င်းကို ဆားစ်ပိုင်းရပ်စ်(SARS Virus) ဟု အမည်ပေးထားပါသည်။

၃။ **မေး - ၎င်းရောဂါသည် အသက်အန္တရာယ်ရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**

ဖြေ စောစီးစွာသိရှိ၍ ကုသမှုမှယူရရှိလျှင် အသက်အန္တရာယ်မရှိပါ။ သက်သာပျောက်ကင်း စေနိုင်ပါသည်။ သို့သော် အဆုတ်တွင် ပြင်းထန်စွာ ထိခိုက်၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ လူနာတွင် အခြားရောဂါ တစ်ခုခုရှိနေသော်လည်းကောင်း၊ နောက်ကျခွာ ကုသမှုမှယူရသော လူနာတို့တွင်သော်လည်းကောင်း အသက်အန္တရာယ်ရှိပါသည်။ အသက်ပိုကြီးလေလေ အသက်အန္တရာယ် ပိုများလေလေ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၄။ **မေး - ၎င်းရောဂါ၏ ရောဂါပိုးမျိုးနည်းသတ်မှတ်ကြားပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ ရောဂါပိုးဝတ်ရောက်ချိန်မှစ၍ ပုံမှန်အားဖြင့် (၂)ရက်မှ (၁၀)ရက်အထိ ကြာပါသည်။ လူ၏ ခုခံအားကောင်းလျှင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု နည်းပါးပါသည်။ ရောဂါဖြစ်လျှင်လည်း ရောဂါပြင်းထန်မှု လျော့နည်းပါသည်။

၅။ **မေး - ကူးစက်မြန် ပြင်းထန်နမိုးနီးယား(SARS)ရောဂါ၏ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာတွေဟာ ဘယ်လိုပါလဲ?**

ဖြေ ၎င်းရောဂါ၏ အဓိက လက္ခဏာတွေဟာ ကိုယ်အပူချိန် ၃၈ င်ဒီဂရီထက် ၁၀၀.၅ F ထက်ပို၍ ပြင်းထန်စွာ ဖျားနာခြင်းအပြင် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများဖြစ်သည့် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူမဝခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူရ ဝတ်ခဲခြင်း၊ SARS သံသယရှိသူ(သို့မဟုတ်) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသူနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှု ရှိခဲ့ခြင်း၊ SARSရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုရှိသော နိုင်ငံတွင် နေထိုင်ခြင်း(သို့မဟုတ်) ဓနိသွားခဲ့ခြင်း၊ ရုတ်တရက်ခတ်မှန်ရိုက်ကြည့်လျှင် နမိုးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါ၏ လက္ခဏာများ တွေ့ရှိရပါမည်။

၆။ **မေး - အဘယ်၍ မိမိတွင် ဤရောဂါရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆရပါလျှင် ဆေးကုသရမည့် ဌာနသို့ မျက်စိလျှင် ဤရောဂါရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆရပါလျှင် လိုအပ်ပါသလား?**

ဖြေ လိုအပ်ပါသည်။ သင့်အတွက် အကျိုးရှိသောမက အခြားသူများသို့ လည်း ရောဂါကူးစက် ပျံ့နှံ့မှုကို ကာကွယ်ကာဆီးနိုင်ပါသည်။ နာမကျန် ချောင်းဆိုးရိုလျှင် ခွဲစိတ်ခန်းသို့ မျက်စိလျှင် တစ်ဆင့်ဖြင့် နှင့် သင်၏လက်ကို မကြာခဏ ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးခြင်းဖြင့် အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆေးရုံအရေပေါ်ဌာန သို့မဟုတ် သင်၏ မိသားစု ဆရာဝန်သို့ ပြသ၍ အကြံညာတရယူရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

၇။ **မေး - ဤရောဂါအတွက် စစ်ဆေးခန်းသို့ပေးနိုင်သော နမိုးနီးယား ရှိပါသလား?**

ဖြေ SARS ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများအပြင် သွေး၊ ဓာတ်ခွဲစစ်ဆေးခြင်း၊ အခြားအလားတူရောဂါ ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သော ရောဂါပိုးများကို ရှာဖွေဖော်ထုတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ရုတ်တရက်ခတ်မှန် ရိုက်ကြည့်ခြင်းအားဖြင့် ရောဂါရှိမရှိ စစ်ဆေးနိုင်ပါသည်။

၈။ **မေး - ဤရောဂါအတွက် ကုသနိုင်သော ကုထုံးများ ရှိပါသလား?**

ဖြေ ယခုအချိန်အထိ ကမ္ဘာကျွန်းမှာရောဂါပိုး SARS ရောဂါပိုင်းရပ်စ်(မ်)ကို သေစေနိုင်သော၊ အတည်ပြုထားသော ဆေးဝါးမရှိသေးပါ။ ဆရာဝန်များအနေနှင့် အခြားနမိုးနီးယားရောဂါပိုးကို သေစေနိုင်သော ပဋိဇီဝဆေးများနှင့် အခြား အထောက်အကူပြု ကုသမှုများ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဤသို့ ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် အသက်အန္တရာယ်မှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ယခုအချိန်အထိ SARSရောဂါပိုးကို သေစေနိုင်သော ဆေးဝါးအဖြစ် ကမ္ဘာကျွန်းမှာရောဂါပိုး အတည်ပြုထားမှုမရှိပါ။ ကုထုံးများအား သုတေသနပြုလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၉။ **မေး - တုတ်ကွေးရောဂါကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပွားသော အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါနှင့် ကူးစက်မြန်ပြင်းထန် နမိုးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါ မည်သို့ကွာခြားပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ တုတ်ကွေးရောဂါကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပွားသော အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါတွင် တုတ်ကွေးရောဂါလက္ခဏာ ဖြစ်သည့် ဖျားခြင်း၊ ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ ခေါင်းကိုက်ခြင်းတို့ ရှိပြီး များသောအားဖြင့် အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါ SARS ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ ပြင်းထန်သည့် လက္ခဏာများကို မခံစားရဘဲ အချိန်အနည်းငယ်အတွင်း ပျောက်ကင်းပါသည်။

ရောဂါကူးစက်ခြင်းပုံစံ

၁၀။ **မေး - SARS ရောဂါ ဘယ်လိုကူးစက်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ ယခုတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှ ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ ကူးစက်မှု (၂)မျိုးရှိပါသည်။
(၁) လူနာချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာမကျန် ဖျားတိုက်ရိုက်ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ ခွဲစိတ်ခန်းသို့ မျက်စိလျှင် ဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်းဖြင့် ကူးစက်မှုမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။
(၂) ရောဂါဖြစ်သူ၏ ချွဲ၊ သလိပ်၊ ခန္ဓာကိုယ် အရည်၊ အသုံးအဆောင်ပစ္စည်းများကို ထိတွေ့ခြင်းတို့မှ ကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။ လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် မကြာခဏ

ဆေးကြောခြင်း၊ လက်အိတ်၊ ပလတ်စတစ်ရင်နိုးကို အသုံးပြုခြင်းဖြင့် ထိခိုက်မှုကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၁။ **မေး - အများပြည်သူ အသုံးပြုသော ရေကူးကန်ကို အသုံးပြုလျှင် ရောဂါကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသလား?**

ဖြေ ရေကူးကန်ဖြင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်ကြောင်း အထောက်အထား တစ်ခုစုံတစ်ရာမတွေ့ရှိရပါ။ သို့သော် အများပြည်သူသုံး ရေကူးကန်ကို SARS ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသူများ အသုံးပြုပါက ၎င်းတို့နှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိလျှင် ရောဂါကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။ အများပြည်သူသုံး ရေကူးကန်ကို SARS ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသူများ အသုံးမပြုသင့်ပါ။

ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

၁၂။ **မေး - ကူးစက်မြန်ပြင်းထန် နမိုးနီးယားရောဂါအတွက် ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ဆေး ရှိပါသလား?**

ဖြေ ယခုအချိန်အထိ ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ဆေးများ မထုတ်လုပ်နိုင်သေးပါ။ သုတေသနပြုလုပ်ဆဲ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၁၃။ **မေး - ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် မည်သည့်အမျက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်
- တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ရရှိရန်အတွက်
- နာမကျန် ချောင်းဆိုးလျှင် လက်ကိုဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် မှုံးအပ်ခြင်း၊
- တံတွေးသလိပ်ကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း၊
- လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ခင်ကြယ်စွာ ဆေးကြောခြင်း၊
- ဆေးဝါးစွာ အိပ်စက်အနားယူခြင်း၊
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသည့် အစားအစာများ စားသုံးခြင်း၊
- ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု မှန်မှန်ပြုလုပ်ခြင်း၊
- လေကောင်းလေသန့် ရှိနေအောင် ဆောင်ရွက်နေထိုင်ခြင်း၊
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း၊
- ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသူများ၊ သံသယရှိသူများနှင့် တွေ့ဆုံရန် လိုအပ်ပါက ရောဂါမကူးစက်ရန် နာမေးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါပိုးကို ကာကွယ်ရန် အကာအကွယ်နှင့် အခြားအကာအကွယ် ပစ္စည်းကို အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပို့ အကူအညီတောင်းခံခြင်း၊
၁၄။ **မေး - လုပ်ငန်းခွင်တွင် ရောဂါပစ်မှတ်များ ပြင်းထန်နေထိုင်ဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ လုပ်ငန်းအားလုံးက အပိုဒ်(၁၃)ပါ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် အချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အတွင်း လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းမွန်အောင် ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အတွင်း သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
စွန့်ပစ်ပစ္စည်းများကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ပါ။
ပိုးသတ်ဆေးဖြုန်းပါ။

၁၅။ **မေး - ရောဂါမကူးစက်ရန် ဓာတ်လျှောက်တွင် မည်သို့ဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ ဓာတ်လျှောက်နှင့်လေ့ရှိပါ။ များသော သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို နေ့စဉ်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
ပိုးသတ်ဆေးနေ့စဉ် ဖြုန်းပါ။
ဟိုတယ်များအနေဖြင့် သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို အထူးဂရုပြု ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
အထူးသဖြင့် ဖျားနာသူများ၊ နေထိုင်ခံသော အနီးများကို ပိုးသတ်ဆေးဖုန်းပါ။

၁၆။ **မေး - မိသားစု၊ မိတ်ဆွေ နှင့်သည့်တို့တွင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက မကူးစက်ရန် မည်သို့ကြိုတင် ကာကွယ်မှုများ ပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုရှိသော လူနာ၏ အိမ်နှင့်ဆေးရုံသို့ သွားရောက်ကြည့်ရှုခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။ အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများကို အသုံးပြုသင့်ပါသည်။ လက်ကိုလည်း မကြာခဏ ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့်ဆေးကြောသင့်ပါသည်။ လူနာအား အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့သူများသည် လူနာအသုံးပြုခဲ့သော ပစ္စည်းများကို ပိုးသတ်ဆေးများဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ (Bleaching powder တစ်ဆ၊ ရေ ၄၉ ဆ) (သို့) ရေနေဖြင့် ပြတ်ပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနမှ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော သီးသန့်နေထိုင်မှုနှင့် အခြားညွှန်ကြားချက်များကို (၁၀)ရက်အထိ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ အများစုစဉ်တိုင်ပါ။ အများရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပေးပို့ အကူအညီတောင်းခံပါ။

၁၇။ **မေး - ဆေးရုံများမှပြန်လာပြီးတိုင်း အဝတ်အစားများလျှော့စွတ်သင့်ပါသလား?**

ဖြေ ဆေးရုံသွားသည့်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မသွားသည့်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မိမိအိမ်သို့ ပြန်ရောက်လျှင် လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးခြင်းသည် ကူးစက်ရောဂါများကို ကာကွယ်မှုပေးပါသည်။ ကူးစက်လူနာအား ကြည့်ရှုသောသူသည် မိမိအဝတ်အစားများကို ရေနေဖြင့် ပြတ်လျှော့လျှင် အကောင်းဆုံးဖြစ်သည်။ ရေချိုးသန့်စင်ပြီးမှ ကလေးငယ်နှင့် အခြားသူများကို ထိတွေ့ကိုင်တွယ်ပါက ရောဂါကူးစက်မှု မပျံ့ပွားနိုင်ပါ။

၁၈။ **မေး - ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ မပျံ့ပွားရအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနအနေဖြင့် အိမ်(သို့) ဓားသောက် ဆိုင်များတွင် မည်သို့သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော အစားအသောက်များ ဖြစ်ရပါမည်။ ယနေ့မှမက ကာကွယ်ပါ။ အစားအသောက်ပြင်ဆင်သည့် မပြင်ဆင်မီ လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ခင်ကြယ်အောင် ဆေးကြောပါ။ အစားအသောက်ကို လက်ဖြင့် တိုက်ရိုက်ကိုင်တွယ်မှုကို

တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ အစားအသောက်ဆိုင်သူများသည် မျက်နှာခွံ၊ လက်အိတ်၊ ပလတ်စတစ်ရင်နိုး၊ စသော အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။ ဓားသောက်ဆိုင်တွင် အသုံးပြုသော နွန်း၊ ဓက်ရင်း၊ ပန်းကန် စသည်များကို ဆပ်ပြာ၊ ရေသန့်သန့်တို့ဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါက ရေနေဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ ပန်းကန်၊ နွန်း၊ ဓက်ရင်းနှင့် လက်သုတ်ပေါများကို တစ်ဦးချင်း သီးသန့်သုံးခွဲသည့်စနစ် ကိုင်သုံးပါ။ ဓားသောက်ဆိုင်များ၏ သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်မှု အထူးအရေးကြီးပါသည်။ ဓားကြမ်းစားကျန်းမာမှုကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ပါ။

မျက်နှာဖုံး၊ Mask (နာမေးနီးယား) နှင့် ပါးစပ် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားသော အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ

၁၉။ **မေး - မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ (Mask) ကို မည်သို့ကိုင်တွယ်သင့်သလဲ?**

ဖြေ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များသည် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်း အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ တပ်ဆင်ထားရမည်။

(SARS)ရောဂါလက္ခဏာရှိသူများ၊ (SARS)လူနာများအား ပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်နေသူများ၊ SARS လူနာနှင့် အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့ပြီးသူများသည် နောက်ဆုံးထိတွေ့သည့်ရက်မှ အနည်းဆုံး (၁၀)ရက်အထိ တပ်ဆင်ထားသင့်ပါသည်။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ လူအများနှင့်နေ့စဉ်ထိတွေ့လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်ရွက်နေရသူများ၊ လူအများစု ပစ္စည်းများကို ထိတွေ့ကိုင်တွယ်နေရသူများသည် လက်အိတ် ဝတ်သင့်ပါသည်။ လက်ကို မကြာခဏဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးကြောသင့်ပါသည်။

၂၀။ **မေး - မည်သည့်အမျက်အစား မျက်နှာဖုံးအကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်း Mask ပျို့ကို သုံးသင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုလျှင် စနစ်တကျတပ်ဆင်ရမည်။ (Mask)ကို မြတ်ပြီး အိတ်ဆောင် များသို့ ထည့်ပြီး ပြန်လည်အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ အတွင်းအပြင်ကို အသုံးပြုပြီးပါက စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ရမည်။ ခွဲစိတ်ခန်းသို့ မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ်များနှင့် N95 မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ် (Mask) နှစ်မျိုးစလုံးသည် ရောဂါပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ အများပြည်သူများအတွက် ခွဲစိတ်ခန်းသို့ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုနိုင်ပါသည်။ SARS လူနာအား အနီးကပ်ပြုစောင့်ရှောက်သူများအနေဖြင့် N95 (mask)ကို အသုံးပြုရမည်။

၂၁။ **မေး မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ Mask ကို မည်သို့ကြည့်ရှုနိုင် တစ်နိုင် ပြန်လည်လုပ်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဖြေ ယေဘုယျအားဖြင့် မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ်များကို နေ့စဉ်လုပ်သင့်ပါသည်။ အကယ်၍ မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ် သည် ပျို့ထွင်းပျို့လျှင်လည်းကောင်း၊ ပျက်စီးနေလျှင်လည်းကောင်း၊ ရုတ်တရက် လုပ်သင့်သည့် ပြုပြင်မှု၊ တစ်ဆင့်သုံး (Mask) မျက်နှာဖုံး ဖိနှိပ်မှု၊ ပစ်ရမည်။ ပြန်လည်အသုံးပြုနိုင်သော ပစ္စည်း များဖြစ်ပါက ရေနေနှင့်ပြတ်လျှော့ခြင်း၊ သို့မဟုတ် ပေါင်းတင်ခြင်း Autoclave ပြုလုပ်ပြီးမှ ပြန်လည်သုံးစွဲရမည်။ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုပြီးပါက အတွင်းအပြင် မမှားရန် အထူးအရေးကြီးပါသည်။

ခန့်သွားလားခြင်း

၂၂။ **မေး နိုင်ငံခြားသို့ ခရီးသွားလျှင် SARS ရောဂါ ကူးစက်မှုရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**

ဖြေ ကမ္ဘာကျွန်းမှာရောဂါပိုး သတ်မှတ်ထားသော မသွားသင့်သော နိုင်ငံများသို့ မသွားမဖြစ် ကိုင်ရန်များမှာ အသွားသင့်ပါ။ အဆီပိုနိုင်ငံများမှ ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်ဆွေများလည်း မိမိထံသို့ လာရောက်လည်ပတ်ခြင်းများလည်း မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။ အကယ်၍ ရောဂါရှိလာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပေးပို့ရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

၂၃။ **မေး လေယာဉ်နှင့် ခရီးသွားလာခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှုရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**

ဖြေ လက်ရှိတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ (SARS)ရောဂါသည်တစ်ဦး လေယာဉ်ပေါ်တွင် ပါရှိပါက ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာမကျန် ဖျားတိုက်ခြင်း ခံစားရခြင်း (၆)ပတ်လည်ရှိ လူများအား ရောဂါကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။ လေယာဉ်အမှတ်စဉ်များအနေဖြင့် လေယာဉ်ပေါ်တွင် (SARS) ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသည့်လူနာ ပါလာသည်ဟု ယူဆပါက အခြားဓနိသွားသူများသို့ မကူးစက်ရန်အတွက် ကမ္ဘာကျွန်းမှာရောဂါပိုး ခွဲစိတ်ခန်းသို့ ညွှန်ကြားထားသည့်အတိုင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည်။

သံသယလူနာတွေ့ရှိပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပို့ပါ။

ဆက်သွယ်ရန်လိပ်စာနှင့် ဖုန်းနံပါတ်များ

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Teak saplings in Sapling Plantation Pha-2/2001.

Precious teak plantations of Bago...

(from page 16)
Forest Department is striving to protect deforestation and environmental damage.
When forest thrives, a spring water will gush out.
Climate depends on forests.
Only lush green forest will make a pleasant environs.
Forests produce fresh air.
Forests make people

happy.
In accord with the above-mentioned mottoes, Bago Mountain Range will be more pleasant in the near future thanks to the teak plantations in Pyu Township.

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Translation:
BG & AMS
(Kyemon 24-6-2003)

Saplings planted in Kengtung
YANGON, 1 July—
The ceremony to plant saplings to mark the Myanmar Women's Day was held at the compounds of Government Computer College and Technological College in Kengtung on 28 June morning. Present were officials, members of the Working Committee for Women's Affairs, social organizations, teachers, students and local people. They planted 3,000 saplings at the designated places. —MNA

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Dhaka to start joint anti-terrorism drive again

DHAKA, 30 June — Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said Saturday that the joint anti-terrorism drive by the members of the Bangladesh Rifles, police and ansar (militia) would resume soon across the country to deal with the offenders.

The earlier joint operation against terrorism had yielded very good results that led to marked improvement in law and order, the Prime Minister told a huge gathering in the south-western Bagerhat according to the official *Bangladesh News Agency*.

It has now become necessary once again to start the drive against terrorism "in view of resumption of such acts of terror at the incitement of some parties", Khaleda Zia said just after opening the second key bridge in the country's southwest region on the river Daratana to traffic.

The Prime Minister accused the major opposition Awami League for its "misdeeds", saying that this party had earlier resorted to terrorism and anarchy that created law and order situation on in the country.

The Prime Minister said some quarters, opposed to peace, stability and progress of the nation, were instigating terrorism in the country to impede development endeavours.

The government had deployed the Armed Forces on 16 October last year to jointly undertake combating operations, recover illegal firearms and nab alleged criminals, when crimes had taken and alarming turn in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

UN calls for quick multinational force for Liberia

GENEVA, 30 June — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan called on Saturday for the urgent dispatch of a multinational force to Liberia to halt fighting between government and rebel forces that have killed hundreds.

Annan issued his call in a letter to the UN Security Council, which he said should meet immediately to agree on intervention "to prevent a major humanitarian tragedy".

In a clear reference to the United States, which has so far declined to act despite the descent into chaos of a country with which it has close ties, Annan said the force should be "under the lead of a (UN) member state".

Annan's letter, released by the UN in Geneva which he is visiting, was sent to current Security Council president, Sergei Lavrov of Rus-

sia. "I would... like to request that the Security Council take urgent action to authorize the deployment to Liberia of a highly-trained and well-equipped multinational force, under the lead of a member state, to prevent a major humanitarian tragedy and to stabilize the situation in that country," it said.

"Our collective interest and our common humanity demand urgent and decisive action from the Security Council. We cannot be oblivious to the warning signs of an imminent possible catastrophe."

MNA/Reuters

Railway tunnel completed in Chongqing

CHONGQING, 30 June — A nine-kilometre tunnel was completed Saturday morning on a trunk railway connecting Chongqing municipality and Hunan Province after 26 months of construction work.

Located in the Wuling Mountains on the outskirts of Chongqing, in southwest China, the 9,108-metre Jindong tunnel is a key infrastructure component of the 625-kilometre Yuhuai Railway, which extends to Huaihua City, central China's Hunan Province.

The tunnel had to pass through many complex geological strata, including gas and coal strata, and water-eroded caves, which made the work more difficult.

The construction teams completed the work some 20 months ahead of schedule due to the application of advanced

technologies. The tunnel's completion will pave the way for the timely completion and opening of the entire Yuhuai Railway, a major project in the strategic "develop the west campaign" involving investment totalling 19.87 billion yuan (2.4 billion US dollars). —MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to train unemployed graduates

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 June — The training scheme for unemployed college graduates would restart next month with emphasis on making graduates internationally employable, Human Resources Deputy Minister Abdul Latiff Ahmad said on Saturday.

The scheme, which was stopped in May last year, had previously aimed to make graduates employable locally and it recorded an 80-per-cent success rate, the Deputy Minister said after briefing 450 unemployed graduates on the scheme in Kota Bahru, north Malaysia.

Under the same scheme, over 10,000 unemployed graduates were trained in foreign languages and Information Technology last year.

This year some 12,700 unemployed graduates would be able to participate in the scheme with a 100-million-ringgit (26.31-million-US-dollar) allocation by the government, he said.

"Among the fields given in-depth training are Microsoft Certified System Engineer, Cisco Certified Network and Professional, as well as Linux System Ad-

ministrators which are needed in the market, especially by countries without the expertise," he said.

Malaysia National Economic Action Council figures up to early this month state that 35,000 university and college graduates remain unemployed.

To avoid continued unemployment among graduates in the scheme, Abdul Latiff said they should be open to changes, including being posted to any location.

"For example, female graduates find it hard to get jobs, this is because of mobility, it is hard for them to move, they prefer to work in their own areas," he said.

He hoped that unemployed graduates would seize the opportunity to join the scheme as studies showed that employers still prioritized work experience and personality.

MNA/Xinhua



Paul Nicastro, centre, of Gloucester, Mass., prepares to walk the greasy pole during the 76th annual Saint Peter's Fiesta on 29 June, 2003, in Gloucester, Mass. Saint Peter is the patron saint of fisherman. The event is sponsored by the Italian-American fishing community of Gloucester. —INTERNET

Guatemala on alert for dengue fever in rainy season

MEXICO CITY, 30 June — The Guatemalan Government put the country on alert for dengue fever on Saturday after two people were killed and 171 others infected by the dis-

ease in the rainy season, according to reports from that country.

The Guatemalan Health Ministry decided to intensify epidemiological security measures and called on people to take preventive actions, said the reports.

The ministry also asked people to avoid keeping water in containers such as pots, which could be a breeding place for aedes, the vector of the disease.

According to officials, dengue fever has reappeared in the Central American country and left two dead through its hemorrhagic type this year. One died in the south and the other, at the Caribbean littoral. However, among the 1,782 presumed dengue fever cases, only 171 have been confirmed.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia, France to develop 5th-generation warplane

MOSCOW, 30 June — Russia and France are embarking on a project to develop a fifth generation warplane, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov announced Sunday.

"Yesterday the French Prime Minister, Jean-Pierre Raffarin, and I had an exchange of opinions on the possibility of developing such a plane," Kasyanov said during a visit to the first international naval show in Russia's second largest city of St Petersburg.

He noted that the two sides had signed an agreement on protection of information in Toulouse, France, last autumn so that aircraft developers of the two countries would feel themselves comfortably.

"The implementation of this project is showing a high degree of confidence between our countries," Kasyanov was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying.

However, he said it remained unclear, whether the plane would be based on French or Russian technology.

Another project on development of the MiG-AT training jet "will be definitively certified within the next few weeks and will be ready before autumn," Kasyanov was quoted as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

“ယာဉ်မောင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန်”

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ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

SPORTS

Henry wins Confederations Cup for France

PARIS, 30 June — France retained the Confederations Cup on Sunday when an extra time golden goal by Thierry Henry gave the hosts a 1-0 win over Cameroon in a match dedicated to the memory of Marc-Vivien Foe.

In an emotional post-match presentation, players of both sides stood together by a large poster of the Cameroon midfielder, who collapsed during Thursday's semifinal win over Colombia in Lyon and died shortly afterwards.

The Cameroon players all donned green shirts with Foe's name and number 17 stamped on the back while

the 52,000 crowd at the Stade de France chanted Foe's name and applauded.

The evenly-contested match was played in an atmosphere of mutual respect and had few scoring chances in the first 90 minutes.

Henry's scrambled winner — the first goal Cameroon conceded in the tournament — also made the outstanding Arsenal striker its top scorer with four goals.

France, whose presence in the tournament was due to a Euro 2000 crown they also won with a golden goal, gave their fans a lift after the debacle of a 2002 World Cup exit at the group phase.

For Cameroon's

Indomitable Lions, both the match and the tournament paled into significance compared to the loss of Foe.

His wife Marie-Louise sat next to FIFA president Sepp Blatter at the game, with Pele and Cameroon's 1990 World Cup striker Roger Milla sitting just behind.

Fans of both teams also paid their own respects to Foe, waving flags and banners bearing his name. One read "A Lion never dies, it sleeps".

When the match started, France's first chance was predictably conjured up by Henry, when he neatly dinked the ball across the face of the Cameroon goal, but Djibril Cisse's stooping header turned it wide of the far post.

Henry followed up with a smart turn and shot which

keeper Idris Kameni smothered as France built on their promising start.

However, Cameroon settled into their rhythm and only an acrobatic save from Fabien Barthez prevented Pius Ndiefi flicking them into the lead.

France continued to live dangerously in the second half but they should have taken the lead when Kameni spilled the ball after Ludovic Giuly broke down the right, Cisse dragged it back for Henry but the striker's reflex shot trickled just wide of an open goal.

Cameroon, the reigning African champions, kept pushing forward and the hosts had a narrow squeak when substitute Samuel Eto'o nearly signalled his remarkable arrival with a goal from his first touch of the ball. —MNA/Reuters



Thierry Henri of France holds the trophy after France beat Cameroon 1-0 to win the Confederations Cup soccer tournament at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, north of Paris, on 29 June, 2003. Henri scored the winning goal. INTERNET



Cameroon's goalkeeper Idris Kameni, left, captures the ball ahead of French forward Thierry Henry during the final of the Confederations Cup soccer tournament on 29 June, 2003 in Saint-Denis, outside Paris. France won the Confederations Cup, defeating Cameroon, 1-0, with Henry scoring a winning golden goal. — INTERNET

Lietzke surges four shots clear at US Senior Open

TOLEDO (Ohio), 30 June — Bruce Lietzke fired a seven-under-par 64 to open a four-shot lead over Vicente Fernandez and Tom Watson with 18 holes remaining at the U.S. Senior Open on Saturday.

One day after Argentina's Fernandez posted the best second round in tournament history, 51-year-old Lietzke matched it and came within a stroke of the best third round.

He has a 54-hole total of nine-under 204

after making up seven strokes on Fernandez (71) and six on Watson (70). Three weeks ahead of his 52nd birthday, Lietzke's 64 was one of only three sub-70 scores in the third round. At one-under 213, Allen Doyle has the only other par or better score after three trips around Inverness. First round leader Watson was left to rue a string of missed chances.

MNA/euters

Lucio's transfer to Roma in doubt

ROME, 30 June — The transfer of Bayer Leverkusen defender Lucio to Italian club AS Roma has run into difficulties over the player's wage demands, *Gazzetta dello Sport* reported on Saturday.

Earlier this week, the clubs agreed a price of 15 million euros (17.12 million US dollars) for the Brazilian World Cup winner. However, Roma's offer of a 2.8-million-euro salary has reportedly failed to satisfy Lucio. "The chances of the deal going through have fallen to 25 per cent," the player's agent, Sandro Becker, was quoted as saying.

"The first thing to say is that we've never asked for five million euros a season. We know the situation in world foot-

ball at the moment and we know that that's an unreasonable demand.

"But it's also true that this is a very important contract to Lucio.

"I can only say that Lucio is a world champion and that for the past two years he has been the best defender in the Bundesliga." Becker also denied reports that Roma's Serie A rivals Juventus had made a bid for the player. "Let me stress that there are no other clubs involved in this deal," he said. —MNA/Reuters

Silence as Cameroon, France remember Foe before final

PARIS, 30 June — Cameroon and France linked arms in a circle for a minute's silence before their Confederations Cup final on Sunday as a mark of respect for Marc-Vivien Foe.

The 28-year-old Cameroon midfielder collapsed during his team's 1-0 semifinal win over Colombia on Thursday in Lyon and died shortly afterwards.

FIFA scrapped the

festivities scheduled for the final at the Stade de France. Instead, players put their arms around each other's shoulders inside the semi-circle, a player from France standing next to one from Cameroon in turn. Speaking before kick-off Sepp Blatter, president of world soccer's governing body FIFA, told a news conference: "We are all shocked by the death of the Cameroon in turn.

"It's a tragedy for sport, but there is also hope at such a time. The fact that the Cameroon players have decided to play is a statement of courage and hope.

"It will be a match full of emotion, because the French have also been moved by the loss of Foe," he added.

Blatter also said that Foe's wife, Marie-Louise, would be present at Sunday's match. — MNA/Reuters



Cameroon's soccer players warm up before the soccer Confederations Cup final match against France at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis near Paris. They wear jerseys with the name "Foe" in honour of Cameroonian midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe who died on 26 June, 2003 during the semi final match against Colombia. —INTERNET

S Korean midfielder to play in J-League

SEOUL, 30 June — South Korea's veteran midfielder Yoo Sang-chul said Saturday he will leave here for Japan on Monday to play in the J-League early next month.

Yokohama F Marinos has signed the 32-year-old international midfielder on a contract running from July 1, 2003 to June 2004, with a transfer fee of 500,000 US dollars and an annual salary of 700,000 US dollars, South Korea's national news agency *Yonhap* News reported.

Yoo joined Yokohama in 1999 before moving to Kashiwa Reysol two seasons later and has made a total of 77 J-League appear-

ances, scoring 38 goals.

Yoo, who has been capped for South Korea 108 times with 16 goals to his name, left Kashiwa last July and returned to South Korea's K-League to play for Ulsan Hyundai.

He played a key role in taking South Korea to the semifinals at the 2002 World Cup finals that the country co-hosted with Japan, the first time an Asian country has made it to the event's last four.

"I wish to play in the J-League as a springboard for making the leap into Europe," he was quoted by *Yonhap* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3
**1-7-2003(Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama &
Myanma Sentiment"
- 9:06 The Ancient City of
Myanmar (Bagan)
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Goodwill visit to
Vietnam
- 9:25 The Solo Dance
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Obvious Achievement
(Health)
- 9:35 Myanmar Modern Song
"New Goal"
- 9:40 Myanma Elephant
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Biological Expedition
Hponkan Razi
Region (I)
(Yangon-Putao-
upper Shangaung)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

**1-7-2003(Tuesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 15:36 The Ancient City of
Myanmar (Bagan)
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Goodwill visit to
Vietnam
- 15:55 The Solo Dance
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Obvious Achievement
(Health)
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "New Goal"
- 16:12 Myanma Elephant
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 Biological Expedition
Hponkan Razi
Region (I) (Yangon-
Putao-upper Shangaung)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"


**View today:
Tuesday, July 1**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. ကဗျာနှင့်အနုပညာ
- 8:05 am**
6. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:15 am**
7. မြန်မာ့အမျိုးသမီးများရေကန်ပြတော်
အဆင့်
- 8:30 am**
8. International news

- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Three Dimensional
Gems Studded Painting
- 16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Curry of Hilsa"
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 The Splendour of Mt
Victoria (Natmataung)
- 16:55 A Dance to the Harvest
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Kambozathadi Palace
of Conquerors
- 17:10 Song "Peace be with
you"
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 The New Destiny
Project (A driving Force
aimed at reducing
poppy cultivation) (I)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Senti-
ment"
- 19:36 A thin kind of paper
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 The Zingyike Waterfall
Kayan Dance (Ton
Pana)
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Love's Silvery Sheen
- 20:10 Ayeyawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-VI)
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Thihathana Throne
- 20:25 Song "Heralding
Cloud"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Myanmar Traditional
Folk Songs
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Potato Pudding"
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 The beauty and the
Chinlone
- 20:55 A classical male dance
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 View Point Amuse-
ment Park
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"Land of Beauty"
- 21:12 Lei Gaing Monastery
with wooden
Statuettes
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Spirulina (or) Blue
Green Algae
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
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"Mingalabar"
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(A Driving Force aimed at
reducing poppy cultiva-
tion) (I)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**1-7-2003(Tuesday) &
2-7-2003 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Senti-
ment"
- 23:36 The Ancient City of
Myanmar (Bagan)
- 23:40 National News**
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"
- 23:45 National News**
- 23:50 Goodwill visit to Viet-
nam
- 23:55 The Solo Dance
- 24:00 National News**
- 00:05 Obvious Achievement
(Health)
- 00:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"New Goal"
- 00:12 Myanma Elephant
- 00:15 National News**
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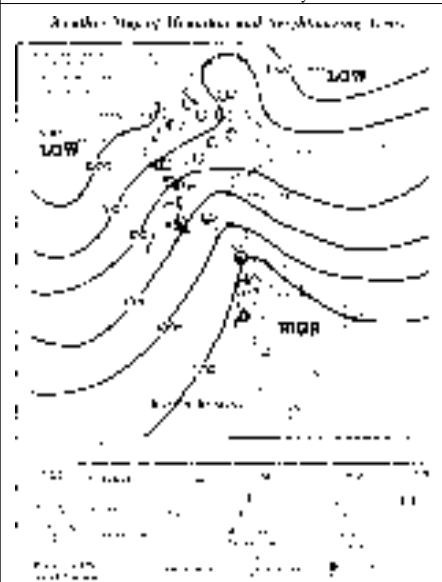
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poppy cultivation) (I)
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**2-7-2003(Wednesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 03:36 A thin kind of Paper
- 03:40 National News**
- 03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"
- 03:45 National News**
- 03:50 The Zingyike Waterfall
- 03:55 Kayan Dance (Ton
Pana)
- 04:00 National News**
- 04:05 Love's Silvery
Sheen
- 04:10 Ayeyawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-VI)
- 04:15 National News**
- 4:35 Myanmar Traditional
Folk Songs
- 4:20 Thihathana Throne
- 04:25 Song "Heralding
Cloud"
- 04:30 National News**
- 4:35 Myanmar Traditional
Folk Songs
- 04:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Po-
tato Pudding"
- 04:45 National News**
- 04:50 The Beauty and the
Chinlone
- 04:55 A Classical Male Dance
- 05:00 National News**
- 05:05 View point Amusement
Park
- 05:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"Land of Beauty"
- 05:12 Lei Gaing Monastery
with wooden Statuettes
- 05:15 National News**
- 05:20 Spirulina (or) Blue
Green Algae
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
Myanma Panorama &
Myanma Sentiment"
- 05:30 The Ancient City of
Myanmar (Bagan)
- 05:40 National News**
- 05:42 Easily cooked tasty
dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"
- 05:45 National News**
- 05:50 Goodwill visit to
Vietnam
- 05:55 The Solo Dance
- 06:00 National News**
- 06:05 Obvious Achievement

- (Health)
- 06:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "New Goal"
- 06:12 Myanma Elephant
- 06:15 National News**
- 06:20 Biological Expedition
Hponkan Razi Region
(I) (Yangon-Putao-
Upper Shangaung)
- 06:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 06:30 National News**
- 06:35 Three Dimensional
Gems Studded Paint-
ing
- 06:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Curry of
Hilsa"

- 06:45 National News**
- 06:50 The Splendour of Mt
Victoria
(Natmataung)
- 06:55 A Dance of the Harvest
- 07:00 National News**
- 07:05 Kambozathadi Palace of
Conquerors
- 07:10 Song "Peace be with
you"
- 07:15 National News**
- 07:20 The New Destiny Project
(A driving Force aimed
at reducing poppy cultiva-
tion) (I)
- 07:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and see
Myanmar"

**WEATHER**

Monday, June 30

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Shan and Chin States, scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (7.72) inches, Thandwe (7.13) inches, MyaukOo (7.09) inches, Sittway (6.10) inches, Kyauktaw (6.06) inches, Ann (4.72) inches, Hkamti (4.49) inches, Pletwa (4.02) inches, Maungdaw (3.34) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.03) inches and Pinyinana (2.01) inches. Maximum temperature on 29-6-2003 was 30.5°C (87°F). Minimum temperature on 30-6-2003 was 19.7°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-6-2003 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 29-6-2003 was (0.7) hour (Approx). Rainfall on 30-6-2003 was 77 mm at Yangon Airport, 73 mm at Kaba-Aye and 42 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1003 mm (39.49 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1052 mm (41.42 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1113 mm (43.82 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 26 mph from Southwest at (13:00) hours MST on 29-6-2003. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 1-7-2003:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-7-2003:** Intermittent rain, which may be heavy at time. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-7-2003:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

- 1.55 pm** Music
- 2.05 pm** International news
- 2.15 pm** Music
- 2.20 pm** Article/Music
- 2.35 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- 2.45 pm** Kayah State

- 9.00 pm** English lesson: 33
- 9.15 pm** Article/Music
- 9.25 pm** Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm** Harmony time
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** Portfolio for easy listening

- 7:05 pm**
12. ဝင်းဇော်ထွန်းသိန်းသစ်
မင်းသားမင်းသား
- 7:15 pm**
13. "အမျိုးသမီးများပြဿနာအခြေပြော"
ကျော်သူ၊ စောသူဌာ၊ မိုးမိုးကြည်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မျိုးမင်း
- 7:30 pm**
14. မြန်မာ့အမျိုးသမီးများရေကန်ပြ
အဆင့်
- 7:40 pm**
15. မြန်မာ့အမျိုးသမီးများရေကန်ပြ


**Tune in today:
Tuesday, July 1**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music
- 8.40 am** Perspectives

- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. မိုင်းမြားမာတလမ်း
သရုပ် (အစီအစဉ်-၂)
20. The next day
programme

- 8.45 am** Music
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** Brief news
- 1.35 pm** Music
- 1.45 pm** National news/Slogan

New means required to reduce traffic accidents



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the 103rd meeting of Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory committee.—MNA

YANGON, 30 June — Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held its 103rd meeting at Road Administration Department this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the TRESC Joint Secretary of Yangon City Development Commit-

tee U Kyi Win, Secretary of the committee Provost-Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, No 2 Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint, Director-General of RAD U Hla Thuang Myint, committee members, officials of the respective departments and bus lines, representatives of Myanmar Writers and Journalist Association, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Thabin Asiayon.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said loss of human lives and public property can be reduced only if the number of traffic accidents can be brought down. Thus, efforts are required to launch the traffic rules enforcement drive with added momentum. The committee is conducting inspections and giving education to the public, drivers and ticket conductors. But the number of traffic acci-

dents has not decreased satisfactorily yet. In this regard, new means will have to be sought to reduce the number of traffic accidents. The inspection and education programmes must be launched with greater acceleration. As Myanmar is going to host an ASEAN meeting in Yangon, the respective ministries are making preparations for it. The buildings and roads in the city have been renovated to become splendid and clean. Thus, efforts should be made to reduce the number of traffic accidents to raise the dignity of the nation. Preparations should be made from now on to ensure traffic rules. The departments will have to cooperate with the committee.

Joint Secretary of the committee Commander of Wireless and Traffic Police Lt-Col Aung Naing reported to the meeting on the operations of the committee during the period from April to June 2003. Members of the subcommittees and officials then took part in the discussions.

The commander gave suggestions.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Precious teak plantations in Bago Yoma

Article by Pyu-Myint Oo Photos by Yin Zaw Oo (Pyu)

(Continued from 28-6-2003)

When we ask about the functions at the teak plantations in Bago Yoma, the staff officer of Township Forest Department explained salient points on the work being carried out at the plantations.

Abandoned clearings on which the least amount of other valuable timber such as teak and Pyinkadue (hardwood) grew were chosen for the teak plantations. The land was chosen only in September and October one year in advance because the saplings were to be nurtured during the two

months, the officer explained. It means that for the plot of 2003-2004 plantations which were grown in 2003 was chosen in September and October 2001. Land survey and tasks for allotment of the land were carried out at the chosen site in December of the fiscal year, he added.

U Aung Mya explained matters relating to slashing the farm, fire prevention, collection of teak seeds, nursery, burning, driving stakes, growing, weeding, etc. He also explained that there are three rooms in a teak nut and each room

contains one seed and some rooms have no seed. He continued that in sowing the teak nut, it is necessary for the nut cracks as soon as possible. Only when the nut is cracks quickly will the sapling be grown. The teak nuts are to be sown in nurseries, half-buried in the sand on which the sun shines the whole day.

The nurseries needs constant watering. Then, the nuts crack quickly and began to sprout and grow into saplings.

In watering the nurseries, it is no need to pour heavily but in moderate

amount on the sand to make it hot, dry and wet alternatively. Only then, the teak nut becomes dry, wet and hot and quickly cracks. When the teak nuts are sown in nurseries, other works such as preparing bags for saplings, mixing fertilizer and putting soil into the bags must be carried out simultaneously.

As regards the planting of teak trees in Special Teak Plantations in Pyu Township, the officer elaborated that the teak special plantations had been established on 5000 acres of land within five years starting from 1998-99 to 2002-2003 as it was targeted to grown teak on 1000 acres of land yearly. The yearly grown teak plantations on 1000 acres of land are divided into four areas each with 250 acres and each plot is supervised by one forester, one forest ranger and one incharge.

It is learnt that the special teak plantations on 5000 acres of land have been established in the Pyu Kon Reserved Forest-x1 divided into 20 plots.

On 5 June, 2003 we visited teak special plantation No Pha-2/2003 in Pyu Township which is grown on 250-acre land. At the



One-year old teak in Special Teak Plantation Pha-3/2002.

time, Forester U Soe Naing of Pyu Township Forest Department, in charge of the plantation, and forester U Nay Soe Win, forest rangers Saw Lae Wee, Saw Barbalu, U Kyaw Thein and Maung Thuang Myint were working full-time on the plantation. I made friends with them. I found that 125 acres of land were planted with thriving teak.

During the rainy season in 2003, 1000-acre teak plantation will be completed at the end of June, 2003. The other tasks of first-time weeding, fertilisation, second-time weeding, counting plants, and prevention of fire will also be carried out to complete in time.

Teak special plantation works were being done after laying down the five-year project. The first five-year project has been finished in 2002-2003. Now, the first year of the second five-year project is being implemented in 2003-2004. After a span of 40 years, the trees can be logged and sold.

A total of 5000 acres of land in Pyukon reserve has been put under teak from the rainy season of 1998-99 to the rainy season 2002-2003. There are 2.7 million teak trees thriving on 5000 acres of land.

By practising the directives of the responsible departments, Bago Township (See page 11)



Staff officer U Aung Mya, Foresters U Aye Lwin and U Maung Maung pose for documentary photo.