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## **Development of nation must be judged on progress made in public interest**

**Coord meeting 1/2003 of Special Projects Implementation Committee concluded**



*Senior General Than Shwe makes concluding remarks at the coordination meeting 1/2003 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee. — MNA*

YANGON, 1 July — The second and final day of the coordination meeting 1/2003 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee concluded at 10.50 am today at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army).

Present on the occasion were 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, 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, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and departmental heads.

At the meeting, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung

Thaung reported on completion of Yamethin Printing and Dyeing Factory project, Kyaukse Vest Factory project and No 3 Paper Mill (Paleik), and implementation of the 200-ton Pulp Mill, the 50-ton Paper Mill and the 60-ton CTMP Newsprint Mill in Thabaung Township, Ayeyawady Division, and other projects which are under implementation.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported matters relating to the projects being implemented by the ministry.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung reported on opening and upgrading of four technological universities, two universities of computer studies, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, 24 Gov-

ernment Computer Colleges, 26 Government Technological Colleges and nine Government Technological Institutes in the period from 2001 to June 2003 of the first five-year plan of the 30-year long-term Myanmar Education Promotion Plan. He also reported on the increase of 51,884 students in the technological universities, the universities of computer science and the Government Technological Institutes, up from 11,713 in 1988.

Minister for Education U Than Aung reported on construction of new universities and degree colleges under Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Education under the National Education Promotion Programme. He said a total of 12 universities and

degree colleges were opened after 2002.

They are Yangon East University, Toungoo University, Yadanabon University, Yangon Institute of Economics (Ywathagyi, Yangon West University, Kyaukse University, Maubin University, Panglong University, Meiktila Institute of Economics, Bhamo Degree College, Mohnyin Degree College and Myingyan Degree College.

In 1988 there were 27 universities, colleges and degree colleges and now there are 64 universities, colleges and degree colleges. There were 134,325 university students in 1988. Now, a total of 777,174 students are studying arts and science subjects and undergraduate subjects.

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### **Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's guidance**

- The special projects cover economic infrastructures, transport structures and human resources infrastructures including dams, sluice gates, river water pumping stations, industries, bridges, institutions of higher learning and general hospitals.
- Serious attention should be paid to completion of the special projects, which are for national development, in time.
- Funds must be used in accord with the financial rules and regulations, and supervision should be made to reduce wastage and stop unnecessary expenses.
- At the same time, efforts will have to be made to raise the agricultural and livestock breeding sectors one level higher.

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*Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at the coordination meeting 1/2003 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 2 July, 2003

### For speedy completion of special projects

Myanmar being an agro-based country, agriculture is the traditional occupation of rural people, the majority of the population of the nation, and the agriculture sector is the main pillar of the national economy. Development of the agriculture sector contributes much not only to the improvement of the living standard of the people but also to the national economic growth. Therefore, the Government is making special efforts to make sure that there is sufficient water supply for agriculture.

The coordination meeting 1/ 2003 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee was held at the operation hall of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) on 30 June and 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 attended the meeting.

In his address at the meeting, Senior General Than Shwe said that, as the special projects would surely contribute a lot to national development and national economic growth, it was absolutely imperative that they be successfully implemented within the targeted period. Moreover, he added that it was required to be careful in the use of money and materials and that related ministries should render all the necessary assistance to the ministry responsible for implementing a particular project.

Up to now, the Government has built a total of 148 dams wherever necessary in the nation and these dams are now benefiting nearly three million acres of farmland. Moreover, 265 river water pumping stations have been built since 1995 and they are now supplying water to 282,108 acres of farmland. The Water Resources Utilization Department is going to construct another eight river water pumping stations in Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions.

We would like to call upon all those responsible to put their backs into the special projects so that they are completed according to the schedule, bearing in mind the guidance given by the Head of State.

### Deputy Minister for Culture receives Nepali Charge d' Affaires

YANGON, 1 July — Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt received Charge d' Affaires of Nepali Embassy to Myanmar Mr Harishchandra Ghimire at his office at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Department of Cultural Institute Director-General U Myint Thein Swe, Department of Archaeology Director-General U Nyunt Han, Fine Arts Department Deputy Director-General U Ngwe Tun, Rector U Tin Soe of the University of Culture (Yangon) and officials. — MNA

### Course on Agricultural Census Collection opened

YANGON, 1 July — Agricultural Census Collection Course opened at Pale Settlement and Land Records Department on 19 June. A total of 42 trainees are attending the course. Monywa District SLRD Assistant Director U Win Myint Swe, Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Htin Kyaw Aye and officials attended the opening ceremony. U Htin Kyaw Aye addressed the ceremony. — MNA

### Talks on SARS held in Pale

YANGON, 1 July — Educational talks on the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) jointly conducted by Pale Township Working Committee for Women's Affairs and Township Education Department were held on 20 June at the hall of Basic Education High School, Pale Township. Township Health Officer Dr Win Kyaw gave talks on SARS. Teachers and students about 350 attended the talks. — MNA

## Poppy cultivation decreases by 50 per cent due to collective, united efforts of regional authorities, national race leaders CCDAC provides poppy-substitute crop seeds, rice to national races in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 1 July — The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control provided coffee saplings, seeds of maize, high-yield strain paddy and vegetables, rice and salt to the national race people, who managed to totally eliminate poppy cultivation in Shan State (North), at a ceremony held at the City Hall of Lashio on 27 June morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, CCDAC members Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun and Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, local authorities, members of social organizations, national race leaders of Kokang, Wa, Mongpan, Phaunghsai, Mongton and Kaungkha regions and local residents.

The commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech, he said that the purpose of the ceremony is to provide rice and salt to the local national race people, who contributed towards total elimination of poppy cultivation in Shan State (North). In the process, the 15-year project is under implementation. Furthermore, as part of the project, the New Destiny Project has been implemented in the five states where poppy is cultivated most since April 2002. In implementation of such project, in accordance with the guidance on strategy, tactics, ways and means given by the Head of State, measures are being taken not only for exposing drug-related cases and then taking actions against drugs dealers but at the same time for uplift of their morality, raising economic and social life and alternative income and regional development.

Thus, under the project, tasks are being undertaken such as holding educative talks for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, and distribution of suitable seeds of crops, livestock breeds, cash assistance and basic foodstuff to the local national people who engaged in poppy cultivation. Realizing the genuine goodwill of the Government, the poppy cultivators in Shan State (North) are entrusting their poppy seeds kept to respective authorities. The entrusted poppy seeds weighing 134,934.38 were destroyed during four ceremonies — three in Lashio and one in Laukkai.

The collective and united efforts of respective regional authorities at different levels, national race leaders, groups that exchanged arms for peace and farmers have led to the reduction of poppy cultivation by 50 per cent.

Now, the Government is placing emphasis on tasks for fighting against narcotic drugs as national duty. And the farmers come to realize the danger of narcotic drugs, the common enemy of the entire mankind. Besides, giving up poppy cultivation, the local farmers are participating in anti-narcotic drugs tasks hand in hand with the Government. As a result, greater success has been achieved.

Similar assistance will be provided to the farmers who gave up poppy cultivation. In response to the genuine goodwill, he said that the farmers are to constantly join hands with the Government in carrying out tasks for regional development, rehabilitation and anti-narcotic drives. In conclusion, he called for strenuous efforts to be made for total eradication of narcotic drugs after making the firm and solemn determination that there must be no longer poppy cultivation in the northern Shan State.

Member of CCDAC Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung said the New Destiny Project was launched in five regions where poppy was grown with the objective of giving up the habit of poppy cultivation, uplift of living standard and development of the region. Shan State (North) is one of the project areas. There were 155,150 hectares of poppy in 1997 compared with only 77,700 hectares in 2002. Poppy cultivation decreased by 50 per cent in 2002-2003 according to poppy cultivation survey con-



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing presents seeds of coffee and maize to Duwa Khaung Jay. — MNA  
ducted by the government in cooperation with the UN.

He said the New Destiny Project implementation committee made field trips to Kokang special region-1, Kachin special region Kaungkha, Palaung special region-7 Mantong region and Kayah State and made arrangements for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops in those regions. A total of 475 acres of land were reclaimed in Kokang area for crop cultivation. Tea, coffee, pepper and spicy plants were grown on 132 acres of lands and lands were reclaimed for highland cultivation in Kaungkha region and 100 acres of tea and coffee were grown in Mantong Loiay region.

Similarly, 317 acres of farmlands and 300 acres of lands for crop cultivation were reclaimed in Kachin special region. Namhsanyin diversion weir that can irrigate over 5,000 acres of lands have been built.

He called for cooperation in total eradication of poppy cultivation and combating production and illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. Next, member of CCDAC Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun reported on the government's efforts for drug elimination activities as a national task.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing presented maize and paddy seeds to national race leader of special region-5 U Ma Htu Naw, 10,000 saplings of coffee and paddy seeds to national race leader of special region-7 U Aik Mone, 10,000 saplings of coffee and maize seeds each to U Sai Mone of Manpang region and Duwa Khaung Jay of Phaunghsai region.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung presented vegetable seeds to four national race leaders, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung 600 bags of rice and 30 bags of salt to U Sai Mone of Manpang region and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun 400 bags of rice and 20 bags of salt to Duwa Khaung Jay.

Duwa Khaung Jay, on behalf of the national race leaders, spoke words of thanks. The commanders, the deputy ministers and national race leaders observed educative showroom of elimination of narcotic drugs at the city hall in Lashio. They next went to coffee nursery of North East Command, poppy-substitute livestock breeding central farm, poppy-substitute crop production, high yield paddy, groundnut, soybean, sunflower, Pesingon and coffee plantations and highland cultivation. Farm in-charges reported on their works. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing explained arrangements for providing saplings, seeds and fingerlings to local people.

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### Opening ceremony of SME Policy Seminar held

YANGON, 1 July — A ceremony to open SME Policy Seminar, jointly organized by Myanmar Small and Medium Enterprise Subcommittee and Japan Small and Medium Enterprise Corporation-JSAMEC, was held at Hotel Nikko on Natmauk Street this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Director-General of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning U Khin Maung and subcommittee members, Executive Director of JSAMEC Mr Ichiro Kowaki and officials, Director Mr Misran Basir of Small and Medium Industries Development Corporation SMIDEC, Malaysia, and officials, representatives of Industrial Zones in Myanmar, representatives of JSAMEC, resource persons and guests.

At first, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and Mr Ichiro Kowaki made speeches on the occasion and the opening ceremony ended.

Then, the seminar continued at 9.30 am. In the morning session, Adviser at The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Dr Kyaw

Htin submitted paper on "Actual Situation of SME in Myanmar", Mr Misran Basir of SMIDEC of Malaysia, paper on "SME Policy in Malaysia" and Professor Mr Hisayoshi Hashimoto of The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies GRIPS, paper on "The History of SME Policy in Japan".

In the afternoon session, Assistant Director Mr Haruyasu Omoto of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan submitted paper on "SME Policy on Supporting Business Communication and Cooperation Programme Among Government, Industry and Academic in Japan" and Director Mr Motohisa Shono of JASMEC, paper on "JASMEC Activities Concerning Cooperation Programme Among Government, Industry and Academic". The resource persons replied to the queries raised by those present. Next, the Deputy Minister made a concluding speech on the occasion and the seminar ended successfully.

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## War on Iraq has brought chaos, not reform, says Yemeni President Saleh

DUBAI, 1 July—Yemen's President has criticized the US-led war in Iraq, saying it has brought chaos instead of promised reform to the Arab country.

"What we see now after the end of Saddam's regime is not stability and quiet in Iraq, but ... robbery, rape, looting, assassinations and absence of security," Ali Abdullah Saleh said in an interview conducted in Paris with Lebanon's Future TV. In the interview aired late Saturday and monitored in Dubai, Saleh criticized America's decision to dissolve Iraq's security forces, saying US and British troops "have no alternative" to these bodies. "Almost three months has passed and there is no hope or indication of security and stability in Iraq," he said.

Yemen is a close US ally and supporter of the war on terror, but like most Arab countries opposed the invasion of Iraq. After the war, Saleh said Saddam's ouster should serve as a lesson for fellow Arab leaders to choose democracy

as the way to rule their countries. His comments marked a shift from his position during the 1991 Gulf War, when he was one of few Arab leaders to openly support Saddam's regime. Saleh said the almost daily attacks against coalition forces in Iraq resulted from "the administrative vacuum" in the country.

Saleh arrived in France on a two-leg European tour that included Germany.

In Germany, he met with officials ahead of a court decision on a US request to extradite Mohammad Ali Hassan Al Moayad, a former Yemeni lawmaker arrested in Germany in January, and his aide, Mohammad Mohsen Yahya Zayed, to face terrorism charges. US officials suspect Al Moayad of supplying millions of dollars, recruits and weapons to Al Qaeda terror net-

work leader Osama Ben Laden in the years before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Saleh's government has asked Germany to return both men to Yemen. Yemen is currently discussing the men's fate with US officials.

Saleh said a plan to open an FBI office in Yemen was in line with the war on terror, but did not mean there would be a permanent US military presence in the country. FBI agents have been living in Yemen since the October 2000 bombing of the *USS Cole* that killed 17 US soldiers. US agents have also been providing counterterrorism training to Yemeni forces. But the presence of US military forces in Arab countries has been generally rejected by most Arabs and was cited by Ben Laden as a reason for his terror campaign against America.—Internet

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## Iraq deaths erode war support

BAGHDAD, 1 July—Deadly attacks on US-led troops in Iraq and the slow progress of reconstruction efforts are eroding support for the US-led occupation, according to a poll released today.

Only 56 per cent of respondents in the USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll said Iraq was worth going to war over, down from 73 per cent in April.

About 55 per cent said they were confident US-led forces would find weapons of mass destruction, down sharply from 84 per cent in late March, when the war was still raging.

Fewer than half those polled, 48 per cent, said they were confident ousted leader Saddam Hussein would be captured or killed, down from 70 per cent in March.

The poll of 1,003 adults taken at the weekend has a margin of error of three percentage points.—Internet

## Musharraf's US visit successful

ISLAMABAD, 1 July—Pakistani Foreign Minister Mian Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri has said that US President Bush's announcement of three billion-US-dollar financial assistance for Pakistan during Musharraf's visit will help the country's economic stability.

According to a report of *Associated Press of Pakistan*, Kasuri said on Sunday that Pakistan has achieved a lot during President Musharraf's visit to the United States and its benefits will start appearing soon.

The minister said that US assistance in the defence sector reflected the success of Pakistan's point of view for bringing balance of traditional weapons in this region.—MNA/Xinhua

## Iraqi mayor arrested, top aides detained

NAJAF, 1 July —American troops moved in force Monday to arrest the US-appointed mayor of this holy Shiite town, removing him on kidnapping and corruption charges and detaining 62 of his top aides, officials said.

The arrest came as a sweep in a wide swath of central Iraq moved into its second day. The sweep, dubbed operation Sidewinder, is designed to capture Saddam Hussein loyalists and curb a wave of attacks on American soldiers. So far, however, no major fugitives have been reported arrested, and some soldiers say their efforts have been plagued by faulty intelligence and bad luck.

The arrest of the mayor of Najaf, Abu Haydar Abdul Mun'im, came less than three months after he was installed by American troops after they entered the town in April. The former Iraqi army colonel was unpopular from the start with the local population because of his military background.

In recent weeks, residents of Najaf, 110 miles southwest of Baghdad, have held demonstrations against Mun'im, accusing him of links to the Baath Party of ousted dictator Saddam Hussein.

Coalition forces made the arrest at the request of an Iraqi investigative judge in Najaf, said a statement by the US-led provisional authority.—Internet



US Army scouts advance during a sweep for weapons and suspects in Shahravan village, northeast of Baghdad, on 30 June, 2003.

## China to promote knowledge of science among public

BEIJING, 1 July—China will launch new programmes to equip people with more understanding of science issues and boost their physical health, reported the *China Daily* on Monday.

The new programmes will be rolled out in the next few years in a bid to promote knowledge of science among the public.

Scientists with the Key Science and Technology under the National Task Force for severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak showed that greater stress was needed on educating the public how to prevent epidemics in future.

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Science and Technology are drafting a plan to popularize knowledge of how to prevent SARS, hepatitis and other epidemic among the public, said the *China Daily*.

To support the promoting of scientific knowledge among the public, the Ministry of Finance and other relevant departments have implemented a preferential taxation policy.

Popular science centres such as scientific museums, planetaria, observatories, and research institutions open to the public, will be exempt from tariffs and value-added taxes when they buy films and videotapes from overseas agencies.

Overseas institutions that transfer relevant broadcasting copyrights will be exempt from business taxes.

It is the first preferential taxation policy that aims to widen public understanding of science since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949, according to the *China Daily*.

MNA/Xinhua



Firefighters spray water at a burning oil tanker after unknown men set it on fire at Basra, Iraq, 600 kilometres (370 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 June, 2003. The suspected motive is seen as a warning by an unknown group to thwart rampant smuggling of Iraqi oil into Kuwait. A similar incident occurred last week. Iraq resumed its oil exports following the war that ousted Saddam Hussein but its oil pipeline has been the target of explosions and sabotage lately.

## Hotel owner buys looted ancient objects, returns them to Iraq museum

**BAGHDAD, 1 July**—A hotel owner said he has bought and returned 157 valuable objects, some more than 3,000 years old, looted from the Iraqi museum after Baghdad's fall to US-led coalition forces in April.

"A thief showed up at my hotel because I have foreign clients, asking me to help sell artifacts looted from the Iraqi National Museum," Abdulatif Hassan Aziz, 47, told AFP.

"I gave him the impression I was going to help him, and as he kept visiting me, I made him feel these ancient artifacts were not anybody's property because they belonged to the country and future generations, and that they represented Iraq history," he said.

Aziz, who owns Al-Yamama hotel on central Al-Saadun street, said he finally "convinced him to buy them at a price lower than what he wanted from foreign clients because I had told him

that I was going to return them to their rightful place at the museum."

Aziz said the looter had previously been sentenced to death, but had been released after the general amnesty declared by former president Saddam Hussein last year.

"I returned the artifacts to the Iraqi National Museum about 10 days ago and authorities there told me that I could keep one artifact," said Aziz.

"But I refused and told them that I did not want to take anything home for myself and prevent it from being seen by future Iraqi generations," he added.

Aziz said the artifacts included seven golden objects from the Assyrian

era, eight copper objects, bracelets for women and children as well as Babylonian and Ottoman seals.

The hotel manager said he witnessed the looting of the Saddam Arts Center on Haifa street "because it is right next to my house".

"The US troops looked happy to see people stealing" in the wake of Baghdad's fall on April 9, he said.

The looting of Baghdad's rich cultural heritage as US troops stood by shocked experts around the world and prompted stinging criticism of the coalition forces and Washington, which opted to protect oil installations.

Internet



A US Army soldier signals villagers to keep away from his vehicle during a sweep for weapons and suspects in Shahravan village, 80km northeast of Baghdad, 30 June 2003. Washington's top civilian officials in Iraq, Paul Bremer, 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. —INTERNET

## UNICEF donates funds to Zimbabwe for immunization

**HARARE, 1 July**—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has made available 257 million Zimbabwean dollars (about 311,000 US dollars) to the Zimbabwean Ministry of Health and Child Welfare for immunization against measles in 16 districts of the African country.

The districts, according to the *Herald* on Monday, are Plumtree, Nkayi, Shurugwi, Zvishavane, Zaka, Mt Darwin, Rushinga, Shamva, Mazowe, Wedza, Mutoko, Chivhu, Chipinge, Buhara, Mutasa and Nyanga.

Director of Disease Control and Prevention Stanley Midzi said the week-long programme would start on July 20 and thousands of children were expected to be immunized.

He said the 16 districts were not fully covered last year and as such some children were not immunized. The next national immunization programme would be conducted in 2006 he added.

Measles, one of the six child killer dis-

eases, has no specific treatment and is only preventable through immunization.

Common in the developing world, measles is a highly contagious viral disease transmittable through breathing. The virus, according to the World Health Organization, can live in the air in a room for two hours.

Children who have not been immunized against the disease are susceptible to attack and infants are generally protected for six to eight months after birth because of the immunity passed to them by their mothers.

Its symptoms show in two stages, with the first one beginning with a runny nose, coughing and a slight fever.

MNA/Xinhua

**SHANGHAI, 1 July**—Chinese scientists have developed a new-generation high-end optical fibre, the mainstream fibre for the third generation optical fibre communications system. Zhu Zhaozhang, general manager of the Shanghai-based ZhongTian Technologies Fibre Optics Co, said the first batch of the optical fibre with its own patented rights had passed quality tests of the quality control centre under the Ministry of Information Industry.

MNA/Xinhua

## China develops high-end optical fibre

## Hunan Province starts road rebuilding

**CHANGSHA, 1 July**—Hunan Province in central China has kicked off a five-year road renovation programme with an investment of 4.3 billion yuan (519.5 million US dollars).

One project that began of recent is the rebuilding of a 27.36-kilometre inter-county road between the two poverty-stricken counties of Ningxiang and Anhua. It will be completed in one year at a cost of 28 million yuan.

Sources with the communications department said the province plans to rebuild 12,951 kilometres of roads linking counties to villages or townships and 564 kilometres of inter-county roads by 2007 to boost the rural economy.

Under the government plan, an investment of 2.78 billion yuan (335 million US dollars) will be made in 238 road renovation projects with a total length of 3,800 kilometres this year.

MNA/Xinhua



An Kuang (L) and his father shear a sheep near the beautiful grassland in Xitian Village about 50 kilometers from Lishi City, north China's Shanxi Province, June 29, 2003. With an altitude of more than 2,000 meters, the natural grassland occupies an area of over 20,000 mu (1,333 hectares). — XINHUA PHOTO

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## Looting trebles Iraq's oil sector repair bill

**BAGHDAD, 1 July**—Looters and saboteurs running riot in Iraq have trebled the country's oil sector repair bill, slowing efforts to restart exports needed to fund Baghdad's postwar reconstruction.

Gary Loew, director of planning for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Restore Iraq Oil, said rampant pillaging of Iraq's oil network now accounts for more than \$800 million of infrastructure repair costs already in excess of \$1 billion. "We're estimating that about three quarters of the damages are due to looting," he said. "So that set us back. But we still have a schedule to get export sales and refining capacity up, and we're not that far off — maybe three weeks to a month." Iraqi oilfields are now pumping about 800,000 barrels per day (bpd) versus an initial target to reach 1.5 million BPD by the end of June. But Loew hopes Iraqi and US technicians can turn up the taps to hit a mid-July export target of one million bpd.

"If we just had a stable work environment everybody could work quicker," he told *Reuters* in an interview conducted on Sunday. "We're still in the situation where we have to send armed escorts out with the work crews."

Iraq's oilfields — which cranked out three million bpd before the war — sustained only minor damage amounting to about \$250-\$350 million before lawlessness set in, Loew said. But costs racked up as bandits hauled away tons of tools, desks, light sockets and industrial gear.

"There's been this continuing wave of organized criminal activity where they've been going in and taking out compressors, pumps, control units — big pieces of equipment — things that you'd need trucks and cranes to move," he said. —Internet

## Iraq says everyone now needs food aid

**ROME, 1 July**—The war in Iraq has made the entire population of 27 million dependent on food aid, leaders of aid programmes say.

Before the war that the US and Britain launched March 20 to remove the Saddam Hussein regime, 60 percent of the population had depended entirely on food aid.

"Today, the lives of 100 percent of the Iraqi population, 27 million people, depend on the provision of monthly food rations," UNICEF chief representative in Iraq Carel de Roy told IPS in a phone interview.

The United Nations WFP (World Food Programme)

chief representative in Baghdad Torben Due says the crisis is unprecedented. "To avoid a food crisis in the country we have initiated the largest emergency operation in the 40 years history of the WFP," he told IPS in an interview on email from Baghdad. The situation was bad enough before the war. A WFP survey of the southern and central provinces then showed not only that 60 percent of the population depends on food aid but that one in five Iraqis were living in chronic poverty. —Internet



## Iraqi killed, two US soldiers wounded in attack

**BAGHDAD, 1 July**—An Iraqi civilian was killed and two US military police 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 last night, attackers lobbed two grenades near US soldiers guarding the Iraqi National Museum, the soldiers said. The Americans escaped harm but a neighbouring store was damaged. There were no casualties.

"We do not know if it intended to hit our position or to hit that little store that is down there. Both grenades exploded near that

store," Sergeant John Kuzar, one of the soldiers guarding the museum, said.

A US military spokesman said the two wounded Americans from the convoy were evacuated to a military hospital. There were no details on exactly how the Iraqi civilian died.

Two military vehicles were damaged, the spokesman said.—*Internet*



*Iraqis look at the inside of a destroyed vehicle in the town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad. Three unidentified Iraqi were killed when their vehicle collided with a US patrol that had stopped after assailants opened fire. Explosions in Fallujah have clouded the US-led drive to rebuild Iraq. —INTERNET*

## Foreign investment in Shanghai unaffected by SARS

**SHANGHAI, 1 July**—Despite the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), Shanghai experienced a sharp increase in the utilization of foreign investment this year.

Statistics released by the local foreign investment department show that, between January and May, the city lured 5.16 billion US dollars in contractual investment, with some 2.99 billion US dollars already in place, both up 40 per cent over the same period last year.

A total of 2,022 foreign-financed projects were approved in the five months, up 70 per cent year-on-year, including 173 each involving an investment of more

than 10 million US dollars.

Nearly one-third of the total contractual investment came from companies which had already financed projects in Shanghai and were satisfied with the returns. In January-April alone, nearly 30 joint ventures made an additional investment of more than 10 million US dollars each.

Deputy General Manager Liu Youhai with the Shanghai Advanced Semiconductor Company said that his company has kept an an-

nual rate of returns on investment above 20 per cent for years.

To date, over 29,700 enterprises from 170 countries and regions have established businesses in Shanghai. In 2002, they registered a combined sales revenue of 588.75 billion yuan (71 billion US dollars) and generated 28.4 billion yuan in profits (3.43 billion US dollars), up 23.8 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, from a year earlier.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Restaurants, beauty salons resume business in China after SARS

**BEIJING, 1 July**—Latest statistics from the National Information Centre indicate that by mid-June, 80 per cent of restaurants and beauty salons throughout China had resumed business, after temporary suspension due to the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak.

From mid-April to mid-May when the epidemic was prevailing, the entire turnover from the restaurant business in 10 major Chinese cities dropped by about 65 per cent from a year earlier.

In Beijing, 70 per cent of restaurants temporarily suspended their business during that period, leading to a considerable 78 per cent decline in turnover compared with the same period of last year.

Nearby Tianjin witnessed a dramatic fall of 79 per cent while Xi'an, a major tourist destination in northwest China, and Taiyuan, capital of Shanxi Province in north China, both endured drops of 80 per cent.

During that period, 98 per cent of beauty salons and 40 per cent of barbershops in China put up their shutters.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Optimism on Iraq slips in new poll

**WASHINGTON, 1 July**—Most Americans still say things are going at least fairly well in Iraq, but the number who think things are going badly has tripled since early May, a new poll says.

Just over half, 56 percent, say things are going well, according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, and 42 percent say badly.

The number who said things are going well has dipped from 86 percent in early May to 56 percent, and the number that say badly has grown from 13 percent to 42 percent.

More than 60 US troops have died in Iraq, more than a third of them in hostile action, since President Bush declared May 1 that major combat had ended. The public continues to show support for both the president, with a 61 percent job approval rating in this poll, and the overall Iraq effort.

Two-thirds say they are confident that the United States will be able to rebuild the Iraqi economy, and just over half say they are confident the United States will be able to stop the attacks against its soldiers, estab-

lish a stable government and find weapons of mass destruction.

The number that expects the United States to find weapons of mass destruction, however, has dropped from 84 percent in late March to 53 percent now.

Almost four in 10 say they believe the Bush administration deliberately misled the public about whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, while six in 10 say they do not believe that.

More than half, 53 percent, say it would matter a great deal to them if they became convinced the Bush administration deliberately misled the public on that subject.

The poll of 1,003 adults was taken Friday through Sunday and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

*Internet*

## US hands back Syrian border guards wounded in Iraq border clash

**DAMASCUS, 1 July**—The United States has handed back five Syrian border guards wounded in a US attack on a convoy on the border with Iraq on June 19, Syria's official SANA news agency said.

"Responding to the protests of the Syrian ministry of foreign affairs following the incident at the Syrian-Iraqi border, the United States has returned to Syria the five (border guards)," it said, citing an official spokesman. It added that the five had been taken to a hospital.

The guards were detained by US forces on June 19 following a raid in the border area by Task Force 20, a secret unit set up to hunt down senior members of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime.

The White House had said Iraqi leaders were the targets of the operation, and US defence officials said the convoy of six or seven vehicles was believed to be carrying regime figures when it was struck.

US officials said it was not clear if the fighting had strayed over into Syrian territory. The guards' return was reportedly delayed by the Pentagon, which wanted to question them further, despite the objec-

tions of Syria, US military officers on the ground and of the US State Department, which feared it would harm relations with Damascus. —*Internet*

## More nature reserves in China put under state protection

**CHANGCHUN, 1 July**—The Chinese State Council has approved 29 new nature reserves nationwide under state-level protection, increasing the number of reserves under such protection to 226.

Among the newly-approved reserves, six are located in northeast China's Jilin Province with the Longwan Volcano crater lakes perhaps the most spectacular.

The Longwan Reserve is located in Huinan County in the Changbai Mountain Range, covering an area of 15,061 hectares with over 75 per cent of forest coverage.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*US soldiers search a car in the street of Baghdad during an operation dubbed "Desert Sidewinder" on 29 June, 2003. The massive operation launched by US military forces in central and northern Iraq Sunday aimed to crush insurgents and capture senior figures from former Baath Party regime and terrorists suspected of perpetrating attacks against US forces. —XINHUA PHOTO*



*Minister U Than Aung reports on extension of universities and degree colleges. — MNA*



*Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reports on construction of universities and hospitals. — MNA*



*Minister U Aung Thaung reports on factory projects at the meeting. — MNA*

**Special  
Projects  
Implementation  
Committee  
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co-ordination  
meeting**



*Minister U Thaung reports on opening of universities, colleges and institutes. — MNA*



*Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi reports on projects of the Ministry of Energy. — MNA*



*Panglong University of the Ministry of Education in Loilem District, Shan State. — MNA*



*Panglong Government Computer College of the Ministry of Science and Technology in Loilem District, Shan State. — MNA*





The Obstetric and Gynaecological Ward of Lashio People's Hospital of the Ministry of Health. (News on page 1) — MNA



No 3 Paper Mill (Paleik) of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Mandalay Division. (News on page 1) — MNA



Pynmana Township 300-bed Hospital of the Ministry of Health in Mandalay Division. (News on page 1) — MNA



Maubin University construction project being implemented by the Ministry of Education in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Division. (News on page 1) — MNA



Loilem General Hospital of the Ministry of Health in Shan State. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Measures for upgrading Kandawgyi Garden and Zoo coordinated

YANGON, 1 July — The third work co-ordination meeting of the work committee for upgrading of Yangon Kandawgyi Garden and Yangon Zoological Gardens was held at the Agricultural Museum on Myaypadethakyun this afternoon. Chairman of the work committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen

Myint Swe addressed the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Forestry Col Thaik Tun, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa work committee members, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises. — MNA

## Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 1 July — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep

two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General

(Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).

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Traditional medicine hospital construction project in Mandalay being implemented by the Ministry of Health. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 1 July — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers

and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants

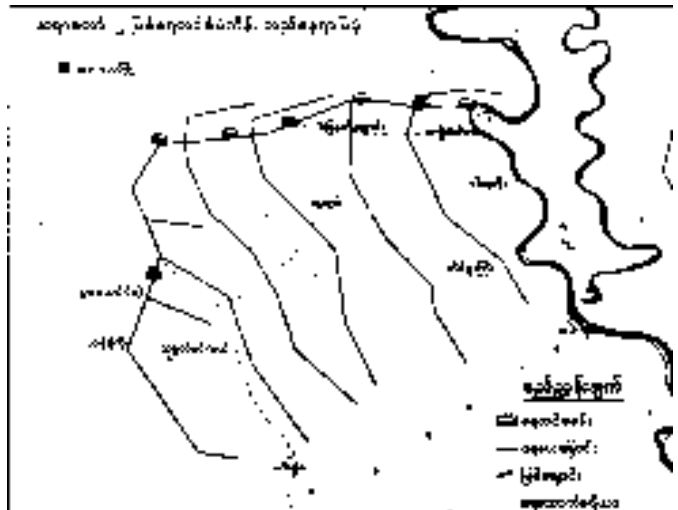
are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there.

Educative booklets and pamphlets are also available there. — MNA

# The maps showing the locations of new river-water pumping projects passed by Special Projects Implementation Committee



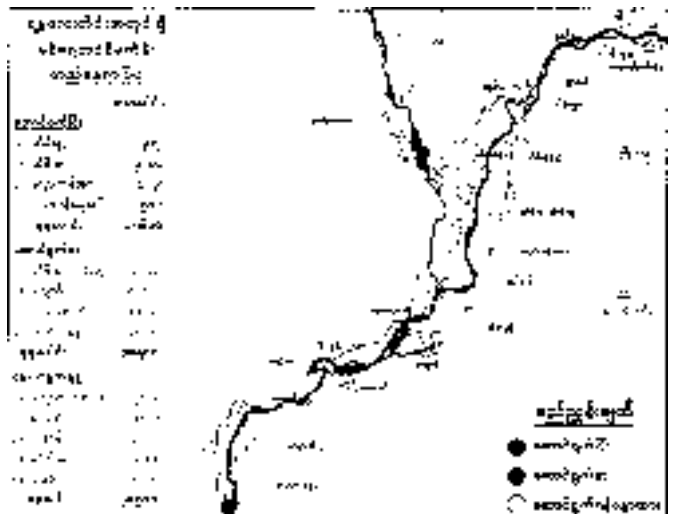
The map showing the locations of river-water pumping projects in Ayadaw region.



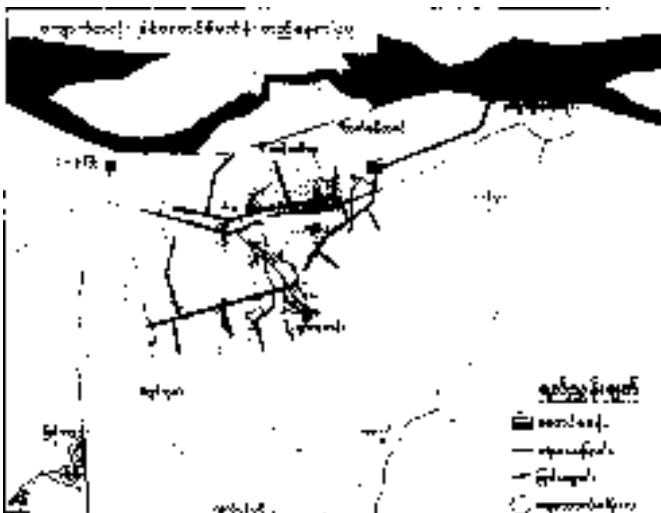
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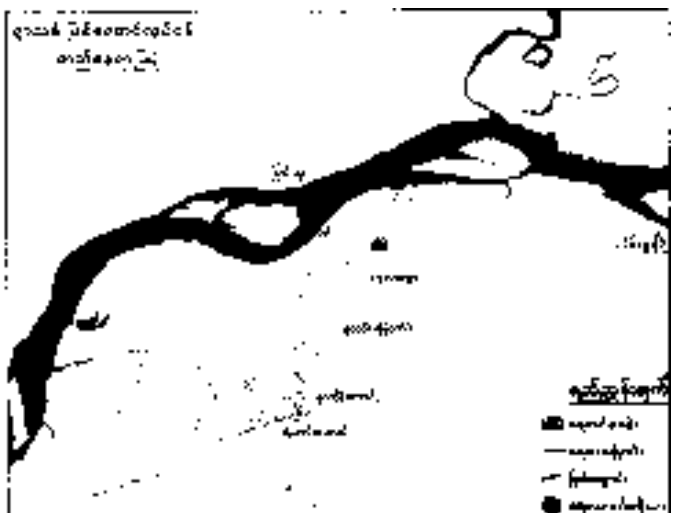
The map showing the location of Ayadaw-3 river-water pumping project.



Map showing the locations of river-water pumping projects in Mandalay Division.



The map showing the location of Kyauktalon river-water pumping project.



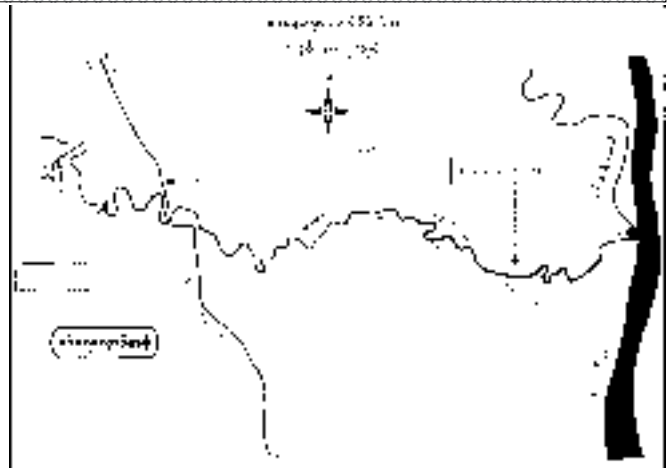
The map showing the location of Ywathit river-water pumping project.



## New dam projects passed by Special Projects Implementation Committee



The map showing the location of Paungnet Dam Project.



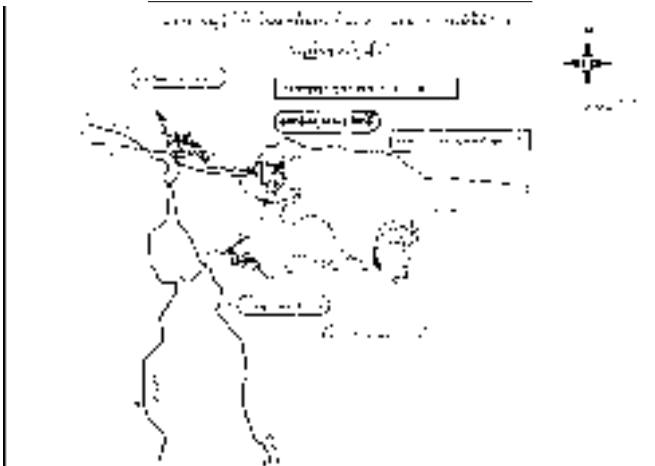
The map showing the location of Madeh Dam Project.



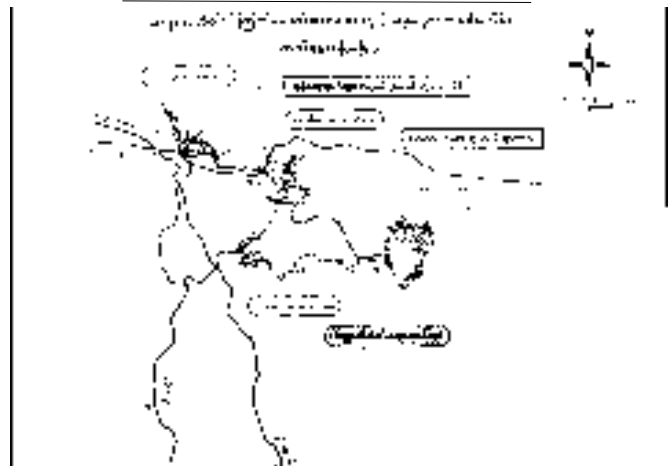
The map showing the location of Khawah Dam Project.



The map showing the location of KyeeOn-KyeeWah Multi-purpose Dam Project.



The map showing the location of Taung Yay Dam Project.



The map showing the location of Kyauktaga Dam Project.



The map showing the location of Thinpon Dam Project.



The map showing the location of Ngwetha Dam Project.

## Assessment of the attitude of US and western European nations concerning Myanmar's anti-drug drive

*Lanmadaw Kyaw Khaung*

Myanmar is striving its utmost to wipe out the narcotic drugs as a national task. It is implementing the task in accord with the guidance of the Head of State and on self-reliant basis. As a result of its strenuous efforts in combating the drugs, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control has been able to hold the 17th destruction of the seized narcotic drugs and chemicals used in refining drugs in the compound of the Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Streets in Kamayut Township, Yangon, on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June 2003. Present at the ceremony were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the chairman and the vice-chairmen of the CCDAC, ministers, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, ambassadors of foreign missions in Myanmar, charges d'affaires, military attaches, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, members of the CCDAC and the working bodies, senior police officers, members of the social organizations, patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa and members, prize winners in the in article, song, poem, painting, cartoon, poster, computer drawing and computer poster competitions marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and specially invited guests.

First, bottles of cough syrups, which had drug potency, were destroyed by road rollers at the ceremony. The ambassadors, the charges d'affaires, the military attaches, and the resident representatives and officials of the UN agencies tested and examined the narcotics that were to be destroyed. Afterwards, CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of Singapore Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz and Ambassador of the Philippines Ms Mme Phoebe A Gomez pressed the button to incinerate the seized narcotic drugs.

The street price of the seized narcotic drugs that were destroyed at the 17th ceremony was US \$ 862.496 million. The incinerated drugs were as follows:

Opium	1,125.28 kilos	or 1.125 tons
Heroin	219.28 kilos	or 0.219 ton
Marijuana	277.35 kilos	or 0.277 ton
Stimulant tablets	7,605,173	
Morphine powder	51.8 kilos	or 0.05 ton
Phensedyl	270.665 litre	
Ephedrine	1,155.17 kilo	or 1.155 tons
Main raw materials used in refining narcotic drugs		
Caffeine	66.06 kilos	or 0.066 ton
ICE crystal	105.2 kilos	or 0.105 ton
Other ten kinds of narcotic drugs		

As Myanmar has been striving with greater momentum in fighting against the drugs as a national task, it has destroyed the drugs for the 17th time since 1990. The total street value of the seized drugs that were destroyed during the 17 times was over US \$ 12,414 million. The following kinds of drugs were destroyed during the 17 times:

Opium	27,847.22 kilos	or 27.847 tons
Heroin	4,189.27 kilos	or 4.189 tons
Marijuana	6,129.31 kilos	or 6.129 tons
Stimulant tablets	123,407,347	
Morphine powder	413.99 kilos	or 0.413 ton
Phensedyl	31,356.62 litres	
Ephedrine	15,603.31 kilos	or 15.603 tons

Main raw materials used in refining narcotic drugs		
Ephedrine pills	4,105.405	
Caffeine	5,086.06 kilos	or 5.086 tons
ICE crystal	1,035.2 kilos	or 1.035 tons
Phenyl acetic acid	2,143.471	or 2.143 tons

In addition to the destruction ceremonies in Yangon, the seized narcotics were also incinerated in the border areas and other towns for 32 times.

(a) The following drugs and precursor chemicals were destroyed in the border areas and other towns:

1. Heroin	599.58 kilos
2. Opium	4,358.87 kilos
3. Liquid opium	3,694.55 litres
4. Morphine	451.61 kilos
5. Phensedyl	737.53 litres
6. Acetic Anhydride	264,594.8 litres
7. Sulfuric acid	11,473.99 litres
8. Ether	9,283.75 litres
9. Alcohol	10,442.78 litres
10. Refineries	21
11. Opium fields	7,836 acres
12. Related equipment	1,706 pieces
13. Other chemicals	110,411.9 litres
14. Met Ephedrine	178.01 kilos

(b) Poppy seeds were destroyed for ten times.

During the ten times, 165,988 kilos or 165.98 tons of poppy seeds were destroyed. The destruction of the seeds amounts to preventing putting of 101,646 acres of land under poppy and production of 45.35 tons of opium.

As Myanmar is launching the anti-drug drive with added momentum, it is also extending its cooperation with its neighboring countries, the nations in the sub-region and the region and the world nations in rooting out the drugs. But sadly, America and the western European countries stopped all the assistance including the aids for the anti-drug drive to Myanmar beginning 1988. However, till now, Myanmar has been striving on self-reliant basis to eliminate the menace of the narcotic drugs as a national task. The seizure and destruction of narcotics during the period from 1988 to June 2003 reflect the determined efforts of the government in rooting out the narcotic drugs without receiving any foreign assistance.

The seizure of narcotic drugs during the period from September 1988 to 15 June 2003 is as follows:

Opium	35,851.31 kilos
Heroin	5,227.20 kilos
Stimulant tablets	127,041,808
Ephedrine	21,153.60 kilos
Marijuana	8,102.51 kilos
Phensedyl	35,448.50 litres
Acetic Anhydride	82,710.78 kilos
Chemicals	569,430.33 litres
Liquid opium	719.36 kilos
Morphine	791.86 kilos
Caffeine	5,086.4 kilos
ICE crystal	1,035.2 kilos

Myanmar and the United States conducted opium yield survey for nine times during the period from 1993 to 2003 to end the practice of poppy cultivation in Myanmar. The finds of the survey released by the US clearly indicated that Myanmar was seeing a drastic decline in poppy cultivation and production since 1997. There was 26 per cent decrease of poppy yield in Myanmar in 2002. According to the survey report for 2003, it is learnt that the poppy yield continues to decline in the year also.

(To be continued)

(Translation: TMT)

(Kyemon: 1 July 2003)

## UMFCCI faculty member leaves for Japan

YANGON, 1 July — Part-time tutor U Tun Tun of International Trade Course of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry left here by air this morning for Japan to attend AMEICC Strategic Human resource Development Training Programme (AMSH-1) from 3 to 11 July 2003 at the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) at Tokyo Kenshu Centre.

He was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials. — MNA

## 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

## သတိပေးချက်

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Myanmar Women's Day  
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## More fish in rice field



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U Tun Tun being seen off at the airport. — MNA



# Paddy-plus-fish projects — income generation for farmers

Hla Tun (Twantay)

In recent days, I was feeling glad as my health improved and then returned to normal. Meanwhile, I received an invitation signed by Deputy Director-General U Nyi Nyi Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to attend a ceremony of releasing fingerlings into paddy fields of Myanma Agriculture Services at the entrance to Bago.

I reported the matter to my superior and formed an information group to cover news about the ceremony. The information group comprised of Editor U Sein Shwe of Myanmar Alin Daily, Senior Reporter U Thant Zin Tun of Kyemon Daily and myself.

I was anxious to go to Bago as I had not been travelling for long. I left my home before 5 am for the Fisheries Department, the assembly point. From there, we headed for Bago in a mini bus.

Although it was the rainy season, the weather was fine on that day. On our way, we picked members of the Information group from Myanmar Radio and Television. Along the way to Bago, we enquired about the salient points of the journey and studied the work plan, pamphlet and mottoes. Deputy Director-General U Nyi Nyi Lwin, Directors U Khin Ko Lay and Major Myint Oo and officials patiently replied to our queries.

It was 7.05 am when we arrived at the entrance to Bago. We went right to the place in Bago Quality Strain Farm where the ceremony would be held. We paid homage to Bago Shwemawdaw Pagoda from the car.

Bago Quality Strain Farm is located in Kamarnat Village at the roadside on Bago-Thanatpin motor road. The vast area of paddy fields, the main economy of Myanmar, can be seen in the region. In some plots, farmers were ploughing paddy fields using cattle and in some fields, preparations were being made to transplant paddy. There were also transplanted fields.

Guests began to arrive. Among them were, Bago Division, District and Township level departmental officials, members of the Agriculture Supervisory Committee, Daw Sao Nan Khun Hsam, wife of the commander, and members of division, district and township Working Committees of Women's Affairs, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, social organizations, local farmers and invited guests.

Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Commander of No 77 LID Brig-Gen Than Htay and heads of department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries arrived on time.

First, Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko delivered an address on releasing of fingerlings into paddy fields for boosting fish production in Bago Division. Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein also spoke on the occasion. He said that the ceremony was to release fingerlings into rice fields to produce more fish from the paddy fields. He also explained matters relating to initiating the paddy-plus-fish project.

Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Brig-Gen Than Htay released the fingerlings into the paddy fields.

Afterwards, Daw Sao Nan Khun Hsam, wife of the commander, members of division, district, and township WCWAs, MCWA and others released the fingerlings.



Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein view releasing fingerlings into paddy fields. — PHOTO: THANT ZIN TUN (KYEMON)

Officials of the Fisheries Department attending the ceremony presented fingerlings to local farmers.

The ceremony held for paddy-plus-fish project, in other words, more fish for paddy field, was the first of its kind. Altogether, 237,000 fingerlings including talavia, Ngakhu (*Clarius batrachus*), Ngagyin (*Cirrhina mrigala*) and Ngakhonma (*Barbus spp*) were released into 474 acres of paddy fields at the rate of 500 fingerlings per acre.

After the ceremony, officials of MRTV, Myawady TV and the News and Periodicals Enterprise carried on their work. They interviewed Agriculture Supervisory Committee members and local farmers who would practically implement the projects, documented the ceremony, took documentary photos, taped the event simultaneously. MRTV crew went right down to the paddy fields and taped the interviews with farmers in the paddy fields in the background. It was about 10.30 am. Still, it was overcast around the place where the ceremony was held. I noticed offerings to the God of Rain in the form of request to hold up rain for some time. When we were about to leave Bago, it started to rain. It did not rain during the ceremony. We stopped for lunch at a restaurant in Bago. When we left Bago, it was already noon.

On the return journey, I recollected the paddy-plus-fish project for 2003-2004 of the Fisheries Department.

Monsoon paddy is grown on about 12 million acres of land in Myanmar. By keeping fingerlings in these fields, paddy plants will be fertilized, weeds will get killed, and paddy plants will be protected from some paddy-destroying insects by letting the fishes eat them. This will lead to an increase in productivity. In addition, there will be more fish production and farmers will earn more. This will contribute to development of rural areas.

In carrying out the paddy-plus-fish project, it is arranged to keep 0.03 acre of land (3 % of an acre of land) in one acre for shelter of fish, without affecting the sown acreage.

Arrangements are made to place 2.75 million of 1.5-inch to 2-inch fingerlings (500 fingerlings in every acre of 5,500 acres of land) in the fields in seven states and divisions that will implement the project in the monsoon paddy growing season of the fiscal year. Arrangements will be made for producing more fingerlings than needed, it is learnt.

The states and divisions covered in the project and the location of

## More fish in rice field



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the 5,500 acres of land are as follows: 1,800 acres in Patheingyi, Pyawb, Myaungmya and Maubin in Ayeyawady Division; 1,000 acres in Waw, Thanatpin and Kawa region in Bago Division (East); 350 acres in Letpadan region in Bago Division (West); 250 acres in Thaton and Mawlamyine region in Mon State; 250 acres in Kawkaik and Hpa-an region in Kayah State; 250 acres in Pymnana and Lewe region in Mandalay Division; 100 acres in Shwebo District in Sagaing Division, and 1,500 acres in Twantay and Taikkyi region in Yangon Division.

I am proud to say that my native town Twantay is covered by the paddy-plus-fish project. The fingerlings that will be distributed free of charge are of good strains that are suitable to the respective regions, that are immune from certain diseases and tasty. They are Shwewa Ngagyin (*Cirrhina mrigala*), talavia, Ngakhonma (*Barbus spp*) and Ngakhu (*Clarius batrachus*). The ratio is two of Shwewa Ngagyin (*Cirrhina mrigala*), two of talavia or Ngakhonma (*Barbus spp*) and one of Ngakhu (*Clarius batrachus*).

The benefits of the paddy-plus-fish project are as follows: 200 fingerlings will survive in an acre of paddy in which 500 fingerlings were released, when the survival rate is calculated at the rate of 40 %. It is estimated that if a fish weighs five ticals, an acre of land will produce 10 viss of fish and 5,500 acres, 55,000 viss.

I remember the main points from the speeches of the commander and the minister made at the ceremony. The staple food of Asia and Pacific regions including Myanmar is rice and main dish is fish and fish products. Fish grows in water. Catching fishes from the fields for curry is the practice of farmers.

Under the new programme, fishes eat crabs, snails, larva and insects in the paddy fields. They will soften the soil and kill weed. Fish excrement makes the soil more fertile and this will lead to greater productivity and the farmers will earn more money.

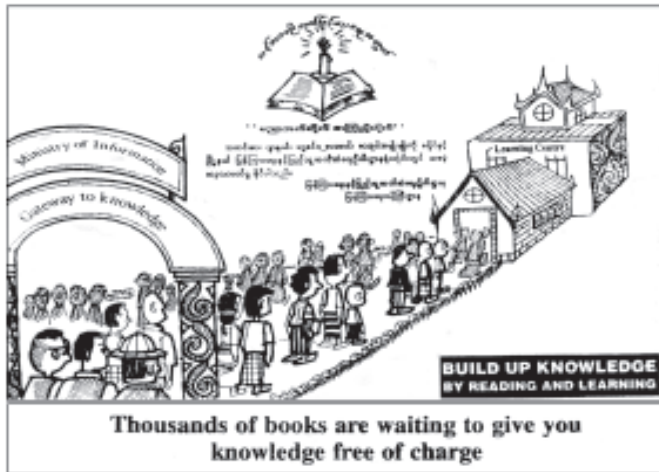
So, I recited the motto of the paddy-plus-fish project:

Paddy is gold and fish is silver  
Agriculture and fish is the economy of the State.  
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(Translation: BG + KKK)



Head of Bago District Fisheries Department Daw Myint Thein presents fingerlings to local farmers. — PHOTO: THANT ZIN TUN (KYEMON)



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Phone: 372416

### Malaysian police seize over 247,000 pirated VCDs

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 July — Malaysian police seized 247,939 pirated video compact discs (VCDs), including 90 pornographic VCDs, and detained seven distributors in raids conducted nationwide recently.

During the raids, the police checked 21 premises that stored and sold VCDs. Public Relations Chief in the police headquarters Supt Jamshah Mustafa said in a statement released here on Sunday. —MNA/Xinhua

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## ပြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### Annan calls for greater flexibility in global trade talks

GENEVA, 1 July — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday called for more flexibility in global trade talks ahead of an upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Cancun, Mexico in September this year.

Speaking at the opening session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN chief said there were only 10 weeks left before the WTO ministerial meeting, but key headlines had been missed.

"The time has come for all parties to show more flexibility and give priority to

the global interests," he said, noting it is still not too late to avoid a setback for economic development.

Ministers from the 146 WTO member countries are scheduled to conduct a "mid-term" review of the current Doha development round trade talks, which was launched in 2001, in Mexico's resort of Cancun on September 10-14.

Deep divisions in such areas as agriculture subsidies and access for poor countries to generic medicines hampered progress in current trade talks.

MNA/Xinhua

### Britain's network rail to cut 2,000 jobs

LONDON, 1 July — British railways operator Network Rail announced on Monday to cut 2,000 jobs over the next 3 years in a new effort to control costs and improve performance efficiency.

The firm's chairman Ian McAllister was making the announcement while releasing a 10-year plan aimed at improving train services and boosting efficiency. Network Rail took over from previous operator Railtrack last year after its financial collapse.

"Over the next three years we are planning to reduce the number of people employed by about 2,000," McAllister said.

"That will largely come out of administration staff, contracting staff and so on. It is our responsibility to run the railways efficiently," he said.

Since the once state-owned railways were broken up and sold off in the 1980s, the network has been blighted by fatal crashes. Train companies have struggled to turn a profit, and passengers are still carried on decrepit, decades-old trains.

In the 10-year plan, the firm also said it wanted to reduce the number of late-running trains to one in 10 by 2009, rather than the current 20 per cent as required by the government. —MNA/Xinhua

### Arroyo urges rich countries to remove trade barriers

MANILA, 1 July — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Monday called on developed countries to remove trade barriers to help reduce poverty in developing countries.

Arroyo issued the appeal in her speech at the opening of the 36th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) here.

"Trade liberalization can mean billions of dollars to poor countries. Yet up to today, developed countries continue to exercise protectionism," she complained.

Arroyo called for the flow of greater private capital from the developed to the developing countries. "Foreign companies and capital should get more engaged in developing countries that upgrade their policies and standards. It's a two-way street," she said.

She stressed that developed and developing countries alike should accept new responsibilities to go with new opportunities for the future of Asia.

"Debtor countries must meet the challenge of adopting standards of transparency and accountability. In turn, developed countries must recognize their duty to open markets, transfer resources and reform international institutions," she said.

Arroyo said the Manila-based ADB should promote greater trade between developed and developing countries, which she said must then be used for poverty reduction and development. She also asked the 61-member lending agency to actively support institutional capacity building in the developing countries, "because today, weak administrative capacity still hobbles many poor countries."

The 36th annual meeting of the ADB's Board of Governors was originally scheduled to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in May. But the Bank changed its schedule in April and said the conference would be significantly smaller in scale than usual, possibly due to the Iraq war.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Agriculture, livestock breeding tasks coordinated in Kayah State

YANGON, 1 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence attended a coordination meeting at the local station in Loikaw, Kayah State, on 28 June.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Thein Swe, senior military officers, and state-level departmental officials.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe said that it is necessary to accelerate the agricultural pace in the region. Of 10 major crops, targets have been made to ensure estimated per acre yields — 100 baskets of paddy per acre, 50 baskets of groundnut per acre, 20 baskets of sesame per acre, 50 baskets of sunflower per acre, 20 baskets of gram per acre, 20 baskets of pedisein per acre, 25 baskets of pigeon pea per acre, 400 viss of cotton per acre, 30 tons of sugarcane per acre, and 80 baskets of maize per acre. Moreover, it is also necessary to cultivate crops that can

grow well in the region. The cultivation of thitseint, rubber, and oil palm trees should also be carried out. To boost the crop yields, quality hybrid strains and fertilizer should be used in proper proportion. Only by doing so, not only will there be surplus in self-sufficiency, but there will also be growth in regional economy.

Col Thein Swe then reported on agricultural tasks being undertaken in Kayah State, and arrangements for reclamation of cultivable land.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also reported on extensive undertakings of agricultural tasks and assistance being provided in Kayah State.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions and attended to the requirements.

In the morning on 29 June, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, together with Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, attended the 2003-2004 Taungthlonon-region crop cultivation and monsoon cultivation exhibition held at the briefing hall of the agricultural service of Taungthlonon

region. Col Thein Swe and officials reported on tasks being carried out for reclamation of land in the region and progress in the cultivation of monsoon crops.

Then, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on departmental cooperation for success in agriculture and livestock breeding industries. He then inspected the reclamation of highland cultivation in Taungthlonon region.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the Loikaw Station, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint heard reports on agricultural tasks, and gave instructions on reclamation of vacant and virgin land for extending agriculture work.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party visited Hsutaungpyae Myonanshwe Pagoda in Loikaw and paid homage to the pagoda. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe donated K 100,000 to the pagoda trustees board for the all-round renovation of the pagoda. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also donated K 50,000 to the funds of the pagoda. — MNA

## Sewing machines donated to MNWCWA to hail Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 1 July — As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3 July 2003, Tri Star General Trading Co Ltd donated 50 Rose-brand sewing machines to the Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs at a ceremony held at the meeting hall of the Social Welfare Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the MNWCWA Deputy Min-

ister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement U Hlaing Win, Vice-President of the Working Committee Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, member of the MNCWA and the Working Committee Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing and wellwishers.

Deputy Minister U Hlaing Win spoke words of thanks for the donations.

Patron of Tri Star General Trading Co Ltd Hajima

Daw Halimabano presented 15 sewing machines in memory of late WOI Thaug Tun; Managing Director U Thein Naing, 10 sewing machines; Directors U Myo Win and U Hla Naing, 10 sewing machines each; and General Manager U Myint Aung, five sewing machines.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

MNA



Managing Director U Thein Naing presents donation of 10 sewing machines to MNCWA and MNWCWA Member Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. — MNA

## Leading patrons of MWSF meets

YANGON, 1 July — The leading patrons of the Myanmar Women Sports Federation held a meeting at the meeting hall of the Social Welfare Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion

were head of the panel of patrons of the MWSF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, leading patrons Daw Khin Than Nwe, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and members, President of the MWSF Prof Dr Daw May May Yi and executives.

Matters discussed at the meeting were arrangements being made by the MWSF for honouring the Myanmar youth football team, which won championship cup in the U-18 First ASEAN Soccer Tournament. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the ceremony to mark the 33rd anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise. — MNA

## 33rd anniversary of MMPE held

YANGON, 1 July — The prize distribution of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information to mark its 33rd founding anniversary was held in conjunction with pro-

tee for Video Scrutiny, Myanmar film producers' association and Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, prize-winning staff of MMPE, employees and guests. The minister made an address on the occasion, saying that it was to honour service personnel for their outstanding performance and to encourage them to be able to perform the future tasks successfully. He spoke of the need for MMPE to accomplish the targets set. The minister also spoke on production of Myanmar film and video of high quality and export. He urged officials concerned to work in unity.

Next, the minister presented gifts to 25 staff who were awarded medal for excellent performance in civil services by the State Peace and Development Council through Managing Director U Bo Kyi, and to the three branches that

earned income most in 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Wellwishers Sein Wah Ni Film Production, Thiri Thandar Media, and Mingalar Co Ltd presented K 100,000 each for cash assistance to the staff's child students to the minister. The minister presented cash assistance and exercise books to 281 child students through Managing Director U Bo Kyi. Deputy Minister U Thein Sein presented gifts to outstanding staff and branches, and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, gifts and 580 uniforms to branches and divisions that could earn income most through officials concerned, and Managing Director U Bo Kyi, two officials who contributed towards MMPE and 12 employees.

The cash assistance for the staff's child students amounted to K 3.5 million. — MNA

## Bombs exploded in Toungoo

YANGON, 1 July — With the intention of disturbing peace and tranquillity of the State and community, KNU insurgents are committing such terrorist acts as killing innocent people, looting public properties, and planting mines.

A bomb went off at the block of concrete stone across the drain to the entrance to Sasana Hitakaayi Dhamma Beikman beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Ward-20, Toungoo, Bago Division, at about 3 pm on 27 June.

Ten minutes after the incident, another time bomb blast also occurred at a signboard 50 yards from the compound of Sasana Hitakaayi Dhamma Beikman.

There were no casualties in the incidents except the damages to the stone block and the signboard.

Those bomb explosions are under investigation by the authorities concerned.

MNA

viding cash assistance to the staff's child students at MPPE (Head Office) on Shwetaunggya Street in Bahan Township at 4 pm today. It was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads, advisers, officials of the film censor board, video censor board, the scrutinizing committee for upgrading the standard of Myanmar motion pictures, the Central Commit-

## 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.

## SPORTS

## Brazil's Lucio staying at Leverkusen

BERLIN, 1 July—Bayer Leverkusen defender Lucio will stay with the Bundesliga side and not transfer to Italian club AS Roma, the German team said on Sunday.

"This will put an end to all the speculation that he will be leaving," Leverkusen said in a statement, hours after the World Cup winner had said the same thing in a German newspaper.

"I have decided to play for another year with Bayer Leverkusen. We have a strong team and I feel extremely good here with my family," Lucio said in the statement.

The player said he had received offers from several European clubs in recent weeks, including Roma and Italian champions Juventus, but that if he did transfer to Serie A it would have only been to Juve.

He added talks with Roma had not been concrete as reported.

"Neither my adviser Sandro Becker nor I had ever given a verbal or written vow to the president of AS Roma, Mr. Sensi," he added. —MNA/Reuters



Mark Philippoussis of Australia celebrates his victory over Andre Agassi of the US in the fourth round of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.—INTERNET

## Agassi out: Philippoussis aces out No 2 seed

WIMBLEDON, 1 July —The ace race was one-sided, the match much closer. Andre Agassi lost them both.

The top-ranked Agassi was overpowered Monday by unseeded Mark Philippoussis, who tied a Wimbledon record with 46 aces and pulled off a fourth-round upset, 6-3, 2-6, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4.

The defeat ended Agassi's bid at 33 to become the oldest men's champion at Wimbledon in the Open era.

"Everyone was expecting him to win, and that's a great position to be in," Philippoussis said.

Agassi hit 10 aces and kept the match close by overcoming 18 of 21 break points on his serve, but he converted only two of 11 break-point chances himself. Philippoussis repeatedly came up with big serves on important points - and against a player whose service return may be the best ever.

Internet

## France to play Brazil to mark FIFA's 100th anniversary

PARIS, 1 July — France, co-founders of FIFA and creators of the World Cup, will play five-time world champions Brazil in a friendly next May to mark the centenary of the sport's governing body.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter said before Sunday's Confederations Cup final that the May 20 Stade de France match is part of a series of events to mark the organization's 100th birthday next year.

In South America, there will be a match to celebrate the first World Cup staged in Montevideo, capital of twice winners Uruguay, in 1930.

There will also be an issue of commemorative stamps and coins and a series of other celebratory events throughout 2004. —MNA/Xinhua

## Petit says Confederations Cup final should not be played

PARIS, 1 July—French midfielder Emmanuel Petit, whose brother died on a soccer pitch, said the Confederations Cup final between France and Cameroon should not have gone ahead after Marc-Vivien Foe's death.

"There are times when you should sit back and think about the men before thinking about the game," the Chelsea midfielder, who scored in France's World Cup victory over Brazil in 1998, told paper *Le Journal du Dimanche*.

"When a player dies on the pitch in these circumstances, there are other priorities. "Of course, like (FIFA president) Sepp Blatter says, the sport, the game must go on. "But you must first honour the player, stand close to his family and support them," he said.

Petit's brother Olivier died in April 1988 in a football game with his amateur club Arques. Currently nursing a groin injury, Petit has not been called up by France for the Confederations Cup.

MNA/Reuters



Jennifer Capriati of the U.S., serves to Russia's Anastasia Myskina, during their Women's Singles, fourth round match, on the seventh day of the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, on 30 June, 2003. Capriati won the match 6-2, 6-3.—INTERNET

## My best season, says Henry

PARIS, 1 July — Arsenal striker Thierry Henry, France's inspiration in the Confederations Cup, believes this has been his best season.

"On a personal level, yes, it's my best season," Henry said in an interview published on Sunday, the day of the final between France and Cameroon.

"I've scored 40 odd goals, but my biggest satisfaction is my 23 decisive passes (assists) in the (English Premier League) championship that's for sure," he told *L'Equipe* sports daily.

Henry, who has scored 41 goals in all competitions this season, is only one goal short of David Trezeguet's tally of 22 for France, the best record among active players.

Asked if it was his objective to overtake his friend and former Monaco team mate, Henry said: "Okay, I want to go down in history but in a normal way, if it's got to come it will come."

"I didn't get here by telling myself 'I've got to catch up with David'."

Henry, who was voted the English player of the year by the players and writers, scored the last of his 41 goals in France's 3-2 victory over Turkey in the Confederations Cup semifinal in Paris on Thursday.

The match was being played shortly

after the news broke from St Etienne that Cameroon's Marc-Vivien Foe had collapsed during the other semi-final and died shortly afterwards.

Henry pointed his finger to the heavens after opening the scoring in the 11th minute.

"It was just to dedicate the goal to him (Foe). It was the only thing I could do," Henry said.

He said he did not want to talk about the death of a player he had met numerous times in club matches in France and England "out of respect for his family and loved ones. I can't find the words".

Henry said he was happy but a bit surprised at the rapturous receptions and adulation he had received from France's fans at all three Confederations Cup stadiums.

The Arsenal player has taken on the mantle of Zinedine Zidane as France's top player in the tournament in the absence of the Real Madrid playmaker.

Henry said there had not been the same reaction in 2000 after a very good season that included the UEFA Cup final with Arsenal and winning the European championship with France. —MNA/Reuters

## Female trio takes charge of Brazilian match

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 July—History was made in Brazilian football on Sunday when an all-female officiating trio took charge of a First Division match for the first time.

Referee Silvia Regina Oliveira, who showed eight yellow cards, and assistants Aline Lambert and Ana Paula Oliveira were jeered off the field after disallowing two goals by home team Guarani in their 1-0 defeat by Sao Paulo.

Lambert was surrounded by furious Guarani players after the second decision late in the game but television replays suggested both decisions were correct.

Replays also suggested the referee was right to allow Fabio Simplicio's 43rd minute goal to stand despite Guarani claims that he was offside.

"It was a good performance. All three were very competent. The problem is that there's a lot of sexism in football," said former referee Claudio Cerdeira.

Guarani coach Pepe was not impressed.

"I didn't like it," he said.

"They should have added on eight minutes of injury time for the time-wasting by (Sao Paulo goalkeeper) Rogerio Ceni. All the decisions went in Sao Paulo's favour."

Sao Paulo continued their good run under former Chile coach Roberto Rojas as they moved into second place while Guarani slipped to 16th. Cruzeiro stayed top with a 3-2 win over Interna-

tional as coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo began a 30-day touchline ban.

Striker Deivid scored twice for Cruzeiro as he took his tally to 12 goals in 15 games. Brazilian international Alex scored the third from a free kick while Daniel Carvalho and Andre, from a penalty, replied for the visitors.

Cruzeiro had Chilean international midfielder Claudio Maldonado sent off for a second bookable offence. —MNA/Reuters

## Kadafi Jr signs for Perugia

TORRE ALFINA (Italy), 1 July—Serie A side Perugia paraded the most unorthodox signing of Italy's closed season on Sunday when they presented Al-Saadi Kadafi, son of Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Kadafi, to the Press.

Journalists, club officials and TV crews crowded into the courtyard of the 13th Century castle in the village of Torre Alfina in Umbria to watch Kadafi pose with the Perugia shirt that he will wear next season, having signed a two-year contract with the

club.

While Perugia's president Luciano Gaucci greeted his new player, a specially invited group of fans chanted and unfurled a banner that read "Welcome Saadi".

Kadafi's passion for football is well known. As player/owner of Libyan First Division side Al-Ittihad the striker scored 25 goals in the last two seasons, and as president of the Libyan Football Federation he heads Libya's bid for the 2010 World Cup.

MNA/Reuters

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ချစ်သော အဖေ၊ ဦးတောင်မောင် ကွယ်လွန်သည့်မှာ (၂၀-၆-၂၀၀၃) နေ့တွင် (၃)နှစ်ပြည့်မြောက်ခဲ့ပြီး ဖခင်ကြီးအား ရည်စူး၍ လစဉ်လတိုင်း နှစ်စဉ်နှစ်တိုင်း ပြုလုပ်ခဲ့သည့် ကုသိုလ်ကောင်းမှုအစုစုကို အဖေရှင်ရာဘာမုသာရမေဓီဆိုင်ခံပါစေ။ ဤကောင်းမှုကြောင့် အဖေဦးတောင်မောင်ကောင်းရာသုဂတိလာပါစေ။  
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**MRTV-3**
**2-7-2003\*(Wednesday)  
(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 Winemaw Fish  
Fingerling Breeding  
Camp in Kachin State  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Saute prawn with  
Asparagus"  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Fantastic Scenic Sun-  
sets of Myanmar  
9:25 Dance of the Drums  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Folk Art of Pottery  
9:40 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Bagan the Wonder  
Land"  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (II) (Upper  
Shangaung-  
Awadam)  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and  
See Myanmar"

**2-7-2003\*(Wednesday)  
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 Winemaw Fish  
Fingerling Breeding  
Camp in Kachin State  
**15:40** **Headline News**  
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Saute prawn  
with Asparagus"  
**15:45** **National News**  
15:50 Fantastic Scenic Sun-  
sets of Myanmar  
15:55 Dance of the Drums  
**16:00** **National News**  
16:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
16:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Bagan the  
Wonder Land"  
**16:15** **National News**  
16:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (II) (Upper  
Shangaung-Awadam)  
16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
**16:30** **National News**

- 16:35 Unforgettable Customs of  
the Chins  
16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Chicken with  
gourd curry bachelor  
style"  
**16:45** **National News**  
16:50 Pickled Herbal Tea  
Leaves of Myanmar  
16:55 Kayan Dance  
**17:00** **National News**  
17:05 Finished Products of  
Teak  
17:10 Song "Through My  
Eyes"  
**17:15** **National News**  
17:20 Ngwe Hsaung Wel-  
comes Everyone  
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 The Ancient City of  
Myanmar (Bagan)  
**19:40** **Headline News**  
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"  
**19:45** **National News**  
19:50 Goodwill visit to Viet-  
nam  
19:55 The Solo Dance  
**20:00** **National News**  
20:05 Obvious Achievement  
(Health)  
20:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"New Goal"  
20:12 Myanma Elephant  
**20:15** **National News**  
20:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (I) (Yan-  
gon- Putao-upper Shangaung)  
20:25 Song "Land of Beauty"  
**20:30** **National News**  
20:35 Three Dimensional  
Gems Studded Paint-  
ing  
20:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Curry of Hilsa"  
**20:45** **National News**  
20:50 The Splendour of Mt.  
Victoria (Natmataung)  
20:55 A Dance to the Harvest  
**21:00** **National News**  
21:05 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors  
21:10 Song "Peace be with  
you"  
**21:15** **National News**  
21:20 The New Destiny  
Project (A driving Force  
aimed at reducing  
poppy cultivation) (I)  
21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
21:30 Winemaw Fish  
Fingerling Breeding  
Camp in Kachin State  
**21:35** **Headline News**  
21:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Saute prawn

- with Asparagus"  
**21:45** **National News**  
21:50 Fantastic Scenic Sun-  
sets of Myanmar  
21:55 Dance of the Drums  
**22:00** **National News**  
22:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
22:10 Myanma Modern Song  
"Bagan The Wonder  
Land"  
**22:15** **National News**  
22:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (II) (Upper  
Shangaung-Awadam)  
22:25 Song "Come Visit My  
Home"  
**22:30** **National News**  
22:35 Unforgettable  
Customs of the Chins  
22:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Chicken with  
gourd curry bachelor  
style"  
**22:45** **National News**  
22:50 Pickled Herbal Tea  
Leaves of Myanmar  
22:55 Kayan Dance  
**23:00** **National News**  
23:05 Finished Products of  
Teak  
23:10 Song "Through My  
Eyes"  
**23:15** **National News**  
23:20 Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes  
Everyone  
23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

**2-7-2003\*(Wednesday) &  
3-7-2003 (Thursday)  
Evening Transmission  
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"  
23:36 Winemaw Fish  
Fingerling Breeding  
Camp in Kachin State  
**23:40** **Headline News**  
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**23:45** **National News**  
23:50 Fantastic Scenic Sun-  
sets of Myanmar  
23:55 Dance of the Drums  
**24:00** **National News**  
00:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
00:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Bagan the Wonder  
Land"  
**00:15** **National News**  
00:20 Biological Expedition  
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Region (II) (Upper  
Shangaung-Awadam)  
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Beauty & Scenic Sights  
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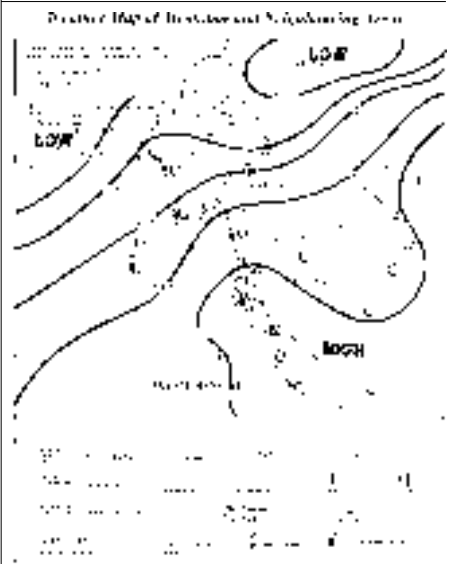
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00:50 Pickled Herbal Tea  
Leaves of Myanmar  
00:55 Kayan Dance  
**01:00** **National News**  
01:05 Finished Products of  
Teak  
01:10 Song "Through My  
Eyes"  
**01:15** **National News**  
01:20 Ngwe Hsaung  
Welcomes Everyone  
1:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

**3-7-2003\*(Thursday)  
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 The Ancient City of  
Myanmar (Bagan)  
**03:40** **Headline News**  
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Stir Sheat-fish"  
**03:45** **National News**  
03:50 Goodwill visit to Viet-  
nam  
03:55 The Solo Dance  
**04:00** **National News**  
04:05 Obvious Achievement  
(Health)  
04:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"New Goal"  
04:12 Myanmar Elephant  
**04:15** **National News**  
04:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (I)  
(Yan-  
gon- Putao- upper  
Shangaung)  
04:25 Song "Land of Beauty"  
**04:30** **National News**  
04:35 Three Dimensional  
Gems Studded Painting  
Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Curry of Hilsa"  
**04:45** **National News**  
04:50 The Splendour of Mt  
Victoria (Natmataung)  
04:55 A Dance to the Harvest  
**05:00** **National News**  
05:05 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors  
05:10 Song "Peace be with  
you"  
**05:15** **National News**  
05:20 The New Destiny  
Project (A driving Force  
aimed at reducing  
poppy cultivation) (I)  
05:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
05:30 Winemaw Fish  
Fingerling Breeding  
Camp in Kachin State  
**05:35** **Headline News**  
05:40 Easily cooked tasty  
dishes "Saute prawn  
with Asparagus"  
**05:45** **National News**  
05:50 Fantastic Scenic Sun-

- sets of Myanmar  
Dance of the Drums  
**06:00** **National News**  
06:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
06:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Bagan the Won-  
der Land"  
**06:15** **National News**  
06:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi Re-  
gion (II) (Upper  
Shangaung-Awadam)  
06:25 Song "Come Visit My  
Home"  
**06:30** **National News**  
06:35 Unforgettable Cus-  
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06:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Chicken with

- gourd curry bachelor  
style"  
**06:45** **National News**  
06:50 Pickled Herbal Tea  
Leaves of Myanmar  
06:55 Kayan Dance  
**07:00** **National News**  
07:05 Finished products of  
Teak  
07:10 Song "Through My  
Eyes"  
**07:15** **National News**  
07:20 Ngwe Hsaung  
Welcomes Everyone  
07:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 1 July, 2003

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division and Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (6.22) inches, Sitway (3.66) inches, Putao (2.76) inches, Kawthong (2.72) inches and Kyaukpadaung (2.32) inches. Maximum temperature on 30-6-2003 was 28.0°C (82°F). Minimum temperature on 1-7-2003 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 1-7-2003 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 30-6-2003 was nil. Rainfall on 1-7-2003 was 8 mm at Yangon Airport, 39 mm at Kaba-Aye and 23 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1011 mm (39.80 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1091 mm (42.95 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1136 mm (44.36 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 3 mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 30-6-2003. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 2-7-2003:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Kachin States and widespread in the remaining areas. Likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain in Northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-7-2003:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-7-2003:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Flood Bulletin**

(Issued at 11:30 hr MST on 1.7.2003)

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Toddy palms in	<b>9.15 pm</b> Article
Myanmar	<b>9.25 pm</b> Music at your request
<b>2.45 pm</b> World of music	<b>9.45 pm</b> News/Slogan
<b>9.00 pm</b> Variations on a tune:	<b>10.00 pm</b> Portfolio for easy
Without you	listening



View today:  
Wednesday, July 2

- 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. မြန်မာ့ပြည်သူ့ကျန်းမာရေး  
**8:10 am**  
6. ကျန်းမာရေးစာတမ်း  
**8:20 am**  
7. မြန်မာ့အမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်းအနား

- 8:30 am**  
8. International news  
**8:45 am**  
9. English for Everyday Use  
**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold national  
spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in Reading  
**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical Programme  
**5:00 pm**  
5. အဆင်သင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး  
ရန်ပြင်သေ့ကြွေးသင်္ခန်းစာ  
တတ်ပညာ (သတ္တဗေဒအရာပြု)  
(သတ္တဗေဒ)  
**5:15 pm**  
6. Classical song  
**5:30 pm**  
7. အတိတ်ပြန်  
**5:40 pm**  
8. မိုင်ခန့်အဝေးသို့တက်ရောက်မှုပြန်  
မိမိလမ်းစဉ်  
**5:50 pm**  
9. Musical programme

- 6:05 pm**  
10. ရွှေသံလုံးအသံအခန်းအစဉ်  
**6:15 pm**  
11. Discovery  
**6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
14. Musical Programme  
**7:20 pm**  
15. ကော်ဖီ (အပိုင်း-၂)



Tune in today:  
Wednesday, July 2

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

- 7.30 pm**  
16. မြန်မာ့အမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်းအနား  
**8:00 pm**  
17. News  
18. International news  
19. Weather report  
20. မိုင်ခန့်အဝေးသို့တက်ရောက်မှုပြန်  
"သေ့" (အပိုင်း-၃)  
21. The next day  
programme

- 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  
**1.55 pm** Music  
**2.05 pm** International news  
**2.15 pm** Music  
**2.20 pm** Article/Music  
**2.35 pm** Discovery



Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt delivers a speech at the coordination meeting for upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden and environs. — MNA

## Upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden and environs coordinated

YANGON, 1 July — A coordination meeting on the upgrading of Kandawgyi Garden in Yangon City took place at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here today, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, and officials.

Minister for Forest U Aung Phone reported on the designs of the central symbol zone, the education zone,

the recreation zone, and the relaxation zone; and tasks to be done for the garden city road, the conference hall, the exercise garden, the water palace, and the flower garden.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe and U Win Aung of Wood Land Co gave supplementary reports. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on arrangements for the modernization of the agricultural museum.

Next, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein also reported on the modern aquarium to be built in the garden.

Those present at the meeting also took part in the discussions. Afterwards, Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt gave instructions on first-phase tasks to carry out. — MNA

## Development of nation must be judged ...

(from page 1)

In 1988, a total of 53 kinds of degrees and diplomas were conferred on graduates and now 150 kinds of degrees and diplomas were conferred on graduates.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported on institutes of medicine, dental institutes, institutes of pharmacy, institutes of para-medical science in Yangon and Mandalay, construction at institute of nursing, construction of institute of medicine (Magway), primary health university (Magway) traditional medicine university (Mandalay), 1,200-bed psychiatric hospital, 300-bed teaching hospital in Mandalay, 200-bed Kyaukse hospital, Myeik, Kengtung, Loilem, Kalay, Bhamo, Meiktila, Maubin and Lashio hospitals, construction of 300-bed Pynmana hospital, Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar), Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar), Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and Hepatitis (B) Vaccine Factory.

Senior General Than Shwe said the special projects cover economic infrastructures, transport structures and human resources infrastructures including dams, sluice gates, river water pumping stations, industries, bridges, institutions of higher learning and general hospitals, that are needed for the nation. Implementation of the special projects lead to development of all sectors of the State including economic, education, health and transport sectors and raising the living standard of the people.

The development of the nation must be judged on progress made in public interest. Hence, serious attention should be paid to completion of the special projects, which are for national development, in time. At the same time,

efforts will have to be made to raise the agricultural and livestock breeding sectors one level higher; agriculture and animal aquatic farming are the main sectors supporting the State's economy. Only then will the core economies for the nation be strengthened; in addition surplus food can be produced for the people.

Strenuous efforts should be made to boost production. At the same time, funds must be used in accord with the financial rules and regulations, and supervision should be made to reduce wastage and stop unnecessary expenses.

Only then will the effective efforts be made for promoting the national interest and food, security and shelter supply, and raising the social standard.

The factories built by the Ministry of Industry-1 include Printing and Dyeing Factory of the Myanma Textile Industries near Shweda village west of Yangon-Mandalay Highway five miles north of Yamethin. It was built at an estimated cost of over K 977 million. It is producing over 1.9 million yards of white cloth, dyed cloth and printed cloth annually.

The MTI also built the Vest Factory (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse Industrial Zone. It was built at an estimated cost of K 1,300 million. The factory is now producing over 1.2 million vests, over six million T-shirts and over 0.18 million sport shirts a year.

The Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries constructed the No 3 Paper Mill (Paleik) near Paleik Textiles and Finishing Plant in Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division. Built at a cost of over K 1,674 million, the mill was inaugurated on 13 April 2001. The mill is producing 25 tons of newsprint per day.

### 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

The MPC of the Ministry of Industry-1 will implement industrial projects near Hlay-gyi-tet village, Thabaung Township, on west bank of Ngawun River, Ayeyawady Division. The first factory that will produce 200 tons of pulp a day will be built at a cost of over K 28,660 million. The second factory that will produce 50 tons of high quality paper per day will be built at a cost of over K 600 million. It will produce paper rolls, printing paper, copier paper, and coated paper. The third factory will produce CTMP pulp to manufacture 60 tons of newsprint per day. It will be built at a cost of over K 2,037 million. — MNA



Shan State General Hospital undertaken by the Ministry of Health in Kengtung, Shan State (East). — MNA