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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Republic of Belarus

YANGON, 3 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexander R Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3rd July 2003. — *MNA*

Agricultural and livestock breeding tasks inspected in Heho

YANGON, 2 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and senior military officers, met officers and other ranks and their families of local station and gave necessary instructions in Heho yesterday morning.

The commander reported on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and party inspected agriculture work and breeding of poultry and pigs. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on carrying out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on a commercial scale, and presented gifts to families outstanding in livestock breeding work.

Next, they inspected the pre-primary school of the regiment. The commander presented K 30,000 for the children.

They proceeded to the agricultural and livestock breeding farm of the station near Inkhaung Village. At the briefing hall, officials reported on work being done. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage, efforts to be made for achieving greater success, and speeding up livestock breeding tasks by applying the methods disseminated by the departments concerned.

They inspected the breeding of layers, pigs, horses and mules and left necessary instructions.

They proceeded to the agricultural farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Heho Township. At the briefing hall, officials reported on agricultural tasks being carried out on the 175-acre land, distribution of quality strains

and requirements. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on pilot plantation of the strains suitable for respective regions, and extended cultivation of quality strains of potato and vegetables. He inspected the plantations of soya bean and orange and vineyard and attended to the needs.

At the briefing hall of Letpanpin agricultural farm, they heard reports presented by officials concerned on cultivation of maize and pigeon pea on 160 acres in 2002-2003, cultivation of pigeon pea on 90 acres and maize and paddy on 200 acres in the previous year, target for cultivation of niger on 50 acres, the crops cultivated, and future tasks. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on making supervision for achieving success in cultivating maize and effective use of machinery, and inspected thriving plantations of maize and potato.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe viewed the 20-acre summer paddy field of departments in Heho region. He gave instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

In the afternoon, they headed for the nursery garden of the Forest Department in the town. Director of Shan State Forest Department U Kyaw Moe reported on nurturing of over 380,000 saplings, arrangements for planting 2 million saplings of Thitseint (*Terminalia Belerica*) trees, measures being taken for prevention of deforestation, formation of respective committees for greening of Inlay Lake, and distribution of the saplings. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on effective planting of perennial trees as scheduled and abiding by directives for ever greening of the Inlay Lake, and inspected the garden.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe arrived back here by air in the evening. — *MNA*

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Course on use of EM organic fertilizer opened

YANGON, 2 July — The opening ceremony of the course on use of organic fertilizer conducted by the Myanmar Agriculture Service of Yangon Division took place at Saya San Hall of the Myanmar Rice and Paddy Research Bureau of the MAS under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Hmawby Township this morning, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Present on the occasion

were No 1 Military Region Commander Lt-Col Myint Kyi, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and members, division-level departmental officials, responsible personnel of the MAS, local authorities, course instructors, and trainees.

In his speech, Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that the agricultural sector plays the most important role in the development of national economic growth. The rise in the agricultural sector (See page 8)



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects a fish hatchery at the local regiment in Insein Township. — YANGON COMMAND

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for higher productivity and prevent loss and wastage

The State Peace and Development Council has been striving for the Union of Myanmar to be able to keep abreast with the development of other nations in the world by fulfilling the requirements of each and every sector.

The development of the nation can be determined by progress made in serving public interests. Therefore, the Government is building economic and transport infrastructure and fulfilling the requirements for human resource development in every state and division including the remote areas with the aim of improving the living standard of the entire national people. And it is also building dams, river water pumping stations, mills and factories, universities and colleges and hospitals for the economic development of the State and for the advancement of education and health standard of the people.

In his address at the second-day coordination meeting 1/ 2003 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, 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 emphasized that it was important to make a proper and systematic use of public funds according to financial rules and regulations and to prevent loss and wastage while trying to boost productivity.

For the industrial development of the State, such mills and factories as printing and dyeing factory (Yamethin), the vest factory (Kyaukse) and No. 3 paper mill (Paleik) are being built. For human resource development, four technological universities, two universities of computer studies, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, 24 government computer colleges, 26 government technological colleges and nine government technological institutes have been opened under the Ministry of Science and Technology. Moreover, the Ministry of Education has opened 64 universities, degree colleges and colleges. Similarly, the Ministry of Health has been extending the existing hospitals and institutes and opening new ones for improvement in health care services.

We would like to call upon all those in charge of the respective projects to try their hardest to complete the projects within the targeted period and to prevent loss and wastage, bearing in mind the guidance given by the Head of State.

မုန်တိုင်းမိုးကြောင့် သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုးရေးပျက်စီးဆုံးရှုံးမှုပမာဏရှိ နှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုရက်ပိုင်းအတွင်း ဘင်္ဂလားပင်လယ်အော် အနောက်တောင်ပိုင်းနှင့်ဆက်စပ်လျက်ရှိသော ဘင်္ဂလားပင်လယ်အော် အနောက် အလယ်ပိုင်းတွင် ဆိုင်ကလုန်းမုန်တိုင်းကြောင့် မိုးများမြူစီပေါ်နိုင်ကြောင်း မိုးလေဝသနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆွေဦးစီးဌာနမှ မုန်တိုင်းသတင်း ထုတ်ပြန်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ မေသလုက် နေရာကွက်ပြီးမိုးကြီးနိုင်ပါသဖြင့် မိုးကြီးကာလ သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုးထုတ်လုပ်မှု လုပ်ငန်းများတွင် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါရန် သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) ရိတ်သိမ်းဆွဲနေစပါးများ လေလွင့်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုမရှိအောင် အောက်ပါအချက်များကို ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- က- မျိုးရိုးစီမံ မှန်ကန်မှုရှိပြီး မိုးပွားရောဂါကင်းစင်သည့် စပါးခေါင်နှံများကို နှံကောက်စနစ်ဖြင့် ရွေးချယ်ရိတ်သိမ်း၍ မျိုးအဖြစ်ရယူပါ။
- ခ- တလင်းပျောက်စနစ်ဖြင့် ရိတ်သိမ်းခြေလှေ့စက် အသုံးပြုပြီး ချက်ချင်းခြေလှေ့အခြောက်ခံပါ။
- ဂ- အကယ်၍ ချက်ချင်းမဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ပါက ရိတ်ပြီးကောက်လှိုင်းများကို လယ်ကွက်ထဲတွင် ဖြန့်မထားပါနှင့် ကောက်လှိုင်းစီးပြီးအနုအပေါ်ထောင်၍ တစ်ဖက်ရပ်ပုံပါ။
- ဃ- စပါးစေ့တွင်အစိုဓာတ် (၁၄) ရာခိုင်နှုန်းရှိရအောင် နေရောင်ခြည်သုံး ပလတ်စတစ်အမိုးအကာတံများဖြင့် အခြောက်ခံပါ။
- င- လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်း၍ ခြောက်သွေ့သော နေရာတွင် စပါးစေ့များကို ပါးပါး ဖြန့်လှမ်းပါ။
- (၂) မိုးစပါးကို အစိုဓာတ်ရရှိရန် အတန်လိုက်တိုက်ရိုက်မျိုးစေ့ချ စိုက်ပျိုးပါ။
- က- အထွက်ကောင်းစပါး မျိုးကောင်းမျိုးသန့် အဆင့်မြင့် စပါးများ ရွေးချယ်စိုက်ပျိုးပါ။
- ခ- အချိန်မီ သီးထင်စိုက်ပျိုးရေးအတွက် အထွက်ကောင်း သက်တမ်းစပါးမျိုး (HYV) မျိုးများ အချိန်မီစောစော စိုက်ပျိုးပါ။
- ဂ- ဆည်ရေသောက်နှင့် မြစ်ရေတင်ဒေသများတွင် မိုးစပါးအခြေခံ တစ်နှစ်သုံးသီး သီးနှံပုံစံရှိအောင် ပထမတစ်သီး မိုးစပါးကို စောစော စိုက်ပျိုးပါ။
- (၃) မတ်လအတွင်းစိုက်ပျိုးခဲ့သော အစေ့ထုတ်ပြောင်းစိုက်ခင်းများ ရေမဝဝအောင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၄) အစိုဓာတ်ရရှိရန် မိုးခြေပဲ၊ မိုးနှမ်း၊ မိုးနေကြား အစေ့ထုတ်ပြောင်းတို့ကို မြေယာပြင်ဖောက်စိုက်ပျိုးပါ။
- (၅) မိုးကြုံရသည့် နှမ်းစိုက်ခင်းများရေမဝဝအောင် ပတ်ခြောင်း၊ စိမ်ခြောင်းများမှရေထုတ်ပါ။
- (၆) မိုးကြုံရသည့်ရေညှိစိုက်ခင်းများ ရေမဝဝအောင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ မုန်တိုင်းမိုးရွာပြီးပါက မိုးပွားရောဂါ ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်ပါ။
- မိုးစိုက်ပါခင်းများ အချိန်မီစိုက်ပျိုးရန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၇) နည်းပညာနှင့်လိုအပ်သည့် အကူအညီများကို သက်ဆိုင်ရာဌာနများသို့ အချိန်မီလျှောက်ထားဆောင်ရွက်ရန် လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆိုင်ရာဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Commander's shield soccer tournament concludes

YANGON, 2 July — The final match and prize presentation ceremony of the year 2003 Yangon Command Commander's shield soccer tournament was held at the sports ground of the command in Mingaladon this afternoon. Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony and presented the championship shield to the winning team.

Among the spectators were Commander of No (2) Military Region Brig-Gen Myo Myint, military region commanders, station commanders, officers and other ranks of the regiments and units under Yangon Command and their families. In the match, Central Ordnance Depot team beat No (323) Supply and Transport Battalion team 1-0. After the final match, the prize presentation ceremony followed. No

- (3) Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, No
- (4) Military Region Commander Col Yang Naing Oo, Commandant of Defence Services Officer Testing Team Col Tun Kyi and No (2) Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint presented second prize, first prize and other prizes to the players of the winning teams.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents championship shield to the Central Ordnance Depot team. — MNA

Drug dealers jailed

YANGON, 2 July — The members of Dagon Myothit (South) Township police station, acting on a tip-off, searched the house of Zaw Wan of No 528 on Thitsar Street, Ward 21, Dagon Myothit (South), on 17 October last year. And the authorities seized 45.6 grams of marijuana and arrested Ma Khin Htar who was on a visit at the house.

Concerning the case, the police station took action against Zaw Wan, 28, son of U Sein Kyee, and Ma Khin Htar, 24, daughter of U Htein Lin, of Hlinethaya Township, under Section 15/19 (A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

The Yangon East District Court heard the case and sentenced Zaw Wan to five years' imprisonment under Section 15 and 20 years under Section 19 (A) to serve separately and Ma Khin Htar to 20 years under Section 19(A).

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ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ရေး သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ ယခုအခါ ကမ္ဘာ့နိုင်ငံအချို့တွင် ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားလျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ဤရောဂါသည် ကိုရိုနာ (Corona) အုပ်စုဝင် မိုးရင်(စ်)ရိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အဆိုပါရိုးသည် လူနာချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချောင်း၊ နှာရည်၊ ရှူသလိမ်များမှတစ်ဆင့်သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ လူနာအသုံးအဆောင် ပစ္စည်းမှ တစ်ဆင့်သော်လည်းကောင်း အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှ ခန္ဓာကိုယ် အတွင်းသို့ ဝင်ရောက်၍ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပေါ်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ၏ လက္ခဏာများမှာ-
 - (က) ကိုယ်အပူချိန် (38°C) သို့မဟုတ် (100.5°F) ထက်ပို၍မြင့်တက်ခြင်း၊
 - (ခ) အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ ဖြစ်သည် - ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊
 - အသက်ရှူမဝခြင်း၊
 - အသက်ရှူရခက်ခဲခြင်းနှင့်
 - (ဂ) အောက်ပါအကြောင်းတစ်ခုခုရှိခြင်း - ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါရှိသူလူနာ (သို့မဟုတ်) လူနာနှင့် အနီးကပ်

- ထိတွေ့သူများနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိခြင်း - ကူးစက်မြန်မြန်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး (အဆုတ်ရောင်) ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားနေသည့် နိုင်ငံများမှ လွန်ခဲ့သည့် နှစ်ပတ်အတွင်း ပြန်လည် ရောက်ရှိခြင်း တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- ၃။ ဤရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါသူများတွင် ရောဂါ ပိုမိုဖြစ်ပွားလွယ်ပါသည်။
 - (က) ကလေးငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများ
 - (ခ) ဆီးချိုရောဂါရှိသူများ
 - (ဂ) နှာတောရည်အဆုတ်နှင့် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါရှိသူများ
 - (ဃ) ကိုယ်ခံစွမ်းအားကျစေသည့် ဆေးဝါး၊ နှစ် သောက်သုံးနေသူများ (ဥပမာ-ကော်တီဆို့ ပါဝင်သည့်ဆေးများ၊ ကင်ဆာရောဂါ များစသည့်ခြင်း)
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- (ဂ) ကောင်းမွန်စွာအိပ်စက်အနားယူခြင်း
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- (င) နှာချောင်းချောင်းဆိုးလျှင်လက်ကိုင်ဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်း
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US troops attacked again in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 July — Six more American soldiers were wounded in Iraq on Tuesday and a fatal blast at a mosque fuelled Muslim anger toward US forces, all within hours of Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld insisting Iraq was no new Vietnam.

Three soldiers were hurt near Baghdad's university when a makeshift bomb exploded by their vehicle, a military spokesman said. Their Iraqi interpreter was missing. Bystanders saw troops drag four seemingly badly wounded people from the burning wreck.

Three others were wounded in two separate grenade attacks. In Falluja, a Sunni Muslim stronghold near Baghdad where Americans and Iraqis have been involved in fatal clashes, a US commander denied troops had caused the overnight explosion which locals said killed eight people, including clerics.

But thousands of Iraqis chanted angry slogans as they buried the dead: "America is the enemy of God! Avenge the killings!"

Exactly two months after US President George W. Bush declared a formal end to the major combat operations that ousted Saddam, troops are hunting what Rumsfeld said were "terrorist" remnants of Saddam's Sunni-dominated

Baath Party administration.

Operation Desert Sidewinder began on Sunday with infantry backed by aircraft and armour. Battles would "go on for some time", Rumsfeld said. But he hit out at suggestions that almost daily attacks and the deaths of 22 US and six British soldiers since May 1 meant Iraq was sliding into prolonged guerrilla war.

Rumsfeld insisted this was no new Vietnam: "It isn't. It's a different time. It's a different era. It's a different place." Echoing his confidence, Paul Bremer, the US administrator in Iraq, dismissed recent attacks as the predictable and increasingly desperate response of die-hard Saddam loyalists to American success in winning the support of the Iraqi people.

"Those few remaining individuals who have refused to fit into the new Iraq are becoming more and more desperate," Bremer said. "They are alienating the rest of the population." — MNA/Reuters



US Army Spc Eric Jeffords from New York with the 1st Squadron 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment points to shells and a collapsed ammunition bunker at Hadithah 240 kilometres (150 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq on 1 July, 2003. A massive explosion over the weekend at this ammunition bunker near Hadithah killed at least 15 people and injured at least four when metal scavengers allegedly triggered the explosion while dismantling 155 mm artillery rounds, spreading gun powder on the ground at the depot. The depot housed old Iraqi artillery.

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Thailand to use French satellite to watch on poppy plantation

BANGKOK, 2 July — The Thai authorities will use French satellite technology to keep an eye on illicit crops plantation according to a recent sealed agreement, local Press reported on Tuesday.

The Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) signed a deal with French satellite company Spot-Image on May 20 to set up a regional remote-sensing and Geo-information Space Training Centre at ONCB's headquarters in Chiang Mai, *The Nation* newspaper reported quoting French ambassador to Thailand Laurent Aublin.

The Geo-information Space Training Centre, funded by the French Government and Spot-Image, is expected to become a regional training centre for anti-drugs agencies using satellite images to track down illicit crops.

In the first phase, experts from Spot-Image will train 10 ONCB officials on how to use satellite images in their work. Then anti-drug officials from Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar will be invited to join the training programme, which would be conducted by trained ONCB officials.

Three Spot satellites can take daily pictures of terrain as small as 2.5 square metres with high resolution in both black and white and colour, according to Spot-Image Asia Operations Director Francois Begaud.

MNA/Xinhua

China welcomes Middle East peace moves

BEIJING, 2 July — Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said here Monday that China welcomes and supports the positive measures taken by Palestine and Israel in support of the Middle East peace process.

Kong made the remark when asked to comment on the statement of the Palestinian factions of Fatah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad on suspending military operations against Israel, and Israel's withdrawal of troops from parts of the Gaza Strip.

"China welcomes and supports the positive steps taken by the Palestinians and Israel, which will help break the deadlock in the Middle East peace process," the spokesman said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Blast at Iraq ammunition dump kills 30 residents

BAGHDAD, 2 July — At least 30 Iraqis were killed and scores injured on Saturday when an ammunition dump they were looting blew up, local residents said on Monday.

They said US forces arrested several looters after the blast at the ammunition dump in a desert area north of the town of Haditha, 260 km (160 miles) northeast of Baghdad, and handed them to Iraqi police in the town.

There was no comment from the US military.

The residents said looters had been at the abandoned Iraqi army depot to seize casings of artillery shells that they could sell. It was not known what caused the blast. — Internet

Over 100 Italy-bound illegal emigrants arrested in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 2 July — Over 100 Sri Lankan and Pakistani nationals have been nabbed in Sri Lanka for attempting to travel illegally to Italy, police said Tuesday.

A ship with a Mongolian flag and an accompanying fishing trawler with 180 Italy-bound illegal emigrants on board were found by the Sri Lankan Navy off the coast of the southern fishing port of Tangalla, some 190 kilometres southeast of capital Colombo.

The trawler had 30 men on board, all of whom were Pakistani nationals, local police said.

The Sri Lankan naval authorities said that the ship was manned by a Norwegian and Baltic crew at the time of interception by the Navy on Tuesday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts say US needs foreign help in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 2 July — Two months after President George W. Bush declared major combat over in Iraq, the United States needs more troops on the ground and should accept any foreign help it can get to crush resistance and start real nation-building, military analysts said on Tuesday.

Since May 1, at least 25 US troops have been killed in hostile circumstances in Iraq, in a conflict experts say is fast becoming a low-level guerrilla war — a description rejected by Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"The war has moved into a disturbing new phase, a guerilla, counter-insurgency phase. We need to adapt," said retired Army General Dan Christman, a former Pentagon planner. Six more US soldiers were wounded on Tuesday and a fatal blast at a mosque fueled Muslim anger toward US forces. At home, US confidence in the war has plunged, according to a new poll that showed 56 per cent of respondents said things were going well for US troops in Iraq, compared to 70 per cent a month ago and 86 per cent during the week of 7 May.

Christman and other military analysts said the United States needed to adapt by getting more boots on the ground to deter attacks and to enable politicians to focus on nation-building and win over a distrustful Iraqi population.

"Our Army is absolutely stretched thin and we ought to be reaching out to all of those countries who are offering to send troops — the Bangladeshis, Pakistanis, the Indians, and NATO — I'm not sure why we have been reluctant to pick up a NATO offer," said the retired general.

NATO's role in Iraq so far has been agreeing to provide logistics help for up to 7,500 Polish troops scheduled to deploy to Iraq this summer. — MNA/Reuters



US soldiers take up positions as shots are fired during an ongoing investigation after troops killed two men when their car didn't stop at a checkpoint in Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 July, 2003. The shots were fired by US troops on a second vehicle approaching the checkpoint, killing its sole occupant and another person travelling in a car behind him.

A total number of 4 persons were killed at the same checkpoint set up to provide security for a visiting congressional delegation. — INTERNET

US must prepare for more attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 July — A group of senior US senators visiting Iraq said on Tuesday there could well be more deadly attacks on US troops before Washington can declare the war over. "The war is still on, the risks are still there and casualties could well be taken," senior Republican Senator John Warner said.

But he said there was no need for more American troops in Iraq for now, despite the escalating violence which has killed at least 22 US soldiers and six British soldiers.

"The boots on the ground as of now are adequate," said Warner, head of the Senate's Armed Services Committee.

He noted more than 30 foreign countries had promised to send troops or security forces to Iraq, where American troops have struggled to impose security after a US-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein on April 9.

US troops have come under attack mostly in central Iraq. American military officials blame the violence on Saddam loyalists who they say are bent on destabilizing oil-rich Iraq.

Warner said US military commanders would call in more soldiers if increasing attacks threatened the US-led military presence in the country.

Carl Levin, the senior Democrat on Warner's committee, said Washington could send some of its troops home if other countries sent in back-up forces. "It is not weakness to invite other countries in, that is just wisdom," Levin said.

Another Democrat, John Rockefeller, said briefings by military commanders in Iraq had driven home the message that US troops could be in Iraq "for the long run".

"There is a probability that the American people are going to need to adjust, as Congress will also, to the fact that things could get worse before they get better," said Rockefeller, vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Pat Roberts, the Republican heading the committee, said information from Iraqi informants that had been scant before the US-led invasion had now become "almost like a fire hose". — *MNA/Reuters*

Iran to invite IAEA chief to talk after rebuff

TEHRAN, 2 July — Iran will shortly invite nuclear watchdog chief Mohammed ElBaradei to Teheran for talks after rebuffing calls for tougher inspection of its facilities, the official IRNA news agency reported on Monday.

IRNA quoted Iran's Supreme National Security Council Secretary General Hassan Rohani as telling visiting British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that Teheran intended to invite the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) boss for talks.

"Iran is going to invite ElBaradei soon to visit Iran to hold talks to remove technical problems," IRNA quoted Rohani.

The Iranian Government rebuffed Straw's insistence, on a brief Sunday and Monday trip to the oil-producing country, that Teheran sign up to tougher IAEA inspections of its nuclear facilities immediately and uncondi-

tionally.

Iranian officials said they had not ruled out signing the IAEA's Additional Protocol for tougher inspections, but insisted Iran should also be allowed access to Western technology to develop its nuclear energy programme.

"Iran accepts cooperation with the IAEA but raises the question of why the members (of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) have not helped Iran in this respect," President Mohammad Khatami told Straw on Monday, state television reported.

The IAEA's ElBaradei has stressed that only by signing up to tougher inspections can Iran dispel doubts that it

may be secretly seeking to build nuclear weapons.

Straw told Iranian officials that failure to agree to more intrusive checks by UN inspectors would damage international confidence in Iran and may scupper a potential trade deal with the European Union. Iran insists its nuclear ambitions are limited to diversifying its electricity generation sources.

Rohani said that in order to remove any doubt about its peaceful nuclear intentions Iran was "ready to accept the participation of other big industrialized countries in its (uranium) enrichment projects," IRNA reported.

Foreign Ministry spokes-

man Hamid Reza Asefi said Straw's visit had not brought the possibility of Iran signing the IAEA protocol any closer, but that dialogue remained open.

— *MNA/Reuters*

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Blast sets US vehicle on fire in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 2 July — A US military vehicle blew up in central Baghdad on Tuesday, and one witness said US troops pulled four badly wounded soldiers from the burning car.

The armoured car exploded near al-Mustansiriyah University in the heart of the capital.

A Reuters reporter who arrived on the scene shortly after the 9.55 am (0555 GMT) attack said an American and an Iraqi car were on fire. The cause of the blast was not immediately clear. Some witnesses said the Iraqi car blew up next to the US vehicle while others said a rocket-propelled grenade was used in the attack.

"We were sitting at a cafeteria near the university when we heard a large explosion. We rushed to the site and found two cars burning, one American and one Iraqi," Ya'aroub Abdullah, a resident, told Reuters. "US troops pulled out from the vehicle four soldiers."

US soldiers cordoned off the area and began to investigate. They refused to comment on the incident.

Earlier in the day, a US soldier was lightly wounded when a military convoy was attacked by a rocket-propelled grenade near Baghdad Airport, the US military said.

US forces have come under fire almost daily in recent weeks in mainly Sunni Muslim central Iraq, a stronghold for ousted president Saddam Hussein when he was in power.

At least 22 US and six British troops have been killed by hostile fire since US President George W Bush declared major combat in Iraq over on 1 May.

The US military, which has about 156,000 soldiers in Iraq, has launched several operations to stamp out attacks. The latest, Operation Desert Sidewinder, began on Sunday with infantry soldiers backed by aircraft and armoured vehicles. — *MNA/Reuters*



US soldiers open the trunk of a car cautiously in case of a booby trap as they investigate after two men travelling in a car were killed in a flash traffic check point in Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 July, 2003. The check point was set up for the protection of a Congressional delegation visiting the city.

INTERNET

Jordanians refuse cooperation with Israel in Iraq's reconstruction

AMMAN, 2 July — Jordanian businessmen have rejected offers from American companies to cooperate with their Israeli counterparts to get contracts in Iraq, an Arab daily newspaper said on Monday.

A Jordanian businessman who preferred not to be named told *Al-Arab Al-Yawm* that Jordanian companies can participate in the reconstruction of Iraq depending on their accumulative experience and the close relations with the Iraqi private sector.

The newspaper reported that representatives of American and Turkish companies had visited Israel to seek possibility for Israeli companies to play a role in rebuilding Iraq.

A meeting is expected to be held next month by American, Turkish and Israeli companies to study the projects in post-war Iraq, said the daily, adding that the

meeting will be arranged by a Israeli exporting institute.

A senior US official declared last month that Iraq would be open to Israeli companies, which possess advanced technology to produce competitive commodities, to contribute to the reconstruction and investment in Iraq.

Jordan last week grouped some 1,500 political and business leaders across the world in an extraordinary meeting of the World Economic Forum, hoping it could give a chance for Arab private sector to get a share in rebuilding Iraq. Iraq used to be Jordan's biggest market, which consumed 20 per cent of its exported products before the US-led war. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqis look at a huge hole in a mosque on 1 July, 2003, caused by a blast which killed eight people overnight in the restive Iraqi town of Falluja. Six more American soldiers were wounded in Iraq and a fatal blast at a mosque fueled Muslim anger toward US forces, all within hours of Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld insisting Iraq was no new Vietnam. — *INTERNET*

US forces grab 180 in latest Iraq raids

BAGHDAD, 2 July—US forces in Iraq said on Monday they had detained 180 people in two ongoing operations to crack down on armed resistance to their occupation. Troops from the 1st Armoured Division detained 148 people in Baghdad as part of Operation Desert Scorpion, an effort to stamp out guerilla attacks launched several weeks ago, US Central Command said in a statement.

In Desert Sidewinder, a new mission which began on Sunday, soldiers detained 32 people and confiscated weapons including 10AK-47 automatic rifles and a mortar, the military said.

Soldiers from the Army's 4th Infantry Division are conducting that operation, which aims to crack down on opponents of the occupation to the north and east of Baghdad.

Witnesses said the area appeared

quiet on Monday afternoon, with no sign of major military activity.

US troops in Iraq have been coming under almost daily attack in recent weeks from rocket-propelled grenades, hand grenades and automatic rifle fire despite toppling Saddam Hussein and his government on 9 April.

At least 22 US and six British soldiers have been killed by hostile fire since US President George W Bush

declared major combat in Iraq over on 1 May.

US officers blame fragmented elements of Saddam's old power structure for the attacks. But many Iraqis say some assailants are not necessarily connected to Saddam but feel strongly their country should not be occupied and that the occupiers have failed to provide basic services and security.

MNA/Reuters

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Iraq black market oil trade spawns product shortage

BAGHDAD, 2 July—The political demise of Saddam Hussein has given rise to a lucrative black market trade in oil products that has deepened Iraq's gas oil and gasoline shortfall, Iraqi oil officials said on Monday.

More oil products than ever before are draining out of Iraq as smugglers-turned-entrepreneurs route up to three million litres a day of gas oil and two million litres a day of gasoline into Jordan, Turkey, Syria and the Gulf, said a senior Iraqi oil executive.

The black marketers are practiced hands, having smuggled about two million litres a day of gas oil and one million litres per day of gasoline for Saddam and his cronies under United Nations sanctions.

"We have never had such a problem," said another Iraqi oil industry, source. "If this keeps up we will have to import even more product." Oil-rich Iraq has already been forced to bring in gasoline and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) as power cuts and sabotage play havoc with refinery operations. With UN sanctions removed and security broken down, black marketers are out to turn a profit for themselves. Diesel trade is particularly brisk.

"At one point we had enough gas oil stockpiled to sustain a semi-normal level of operation for six months," said a top Iraqi oil official. "Where did it go?"

To hard currency buyers in the Gulf, is the answer. Gas oil, used to fuel truck, buses and generators, is being drained out of refinery storage tanks and trucked down to the Gulf.

But US and Iraqi officials have started to crack down in the south, hoping to avoid the import of gas oil.

"There has been a tightening of the screws," said the Iraqi oil executive. "But the Iraqi border is not patrolled and the situation there is much more difficult."—MNA/Reuters

Tropical Storm Bill lashes US South

NEW ORLEANS, 2 July—Heavy rains and high winds swept across the US South on Monday after Tropical Storm Bill slammed into the Louisiana coast, then moved quickly inland.

The storm, with winds up to 60 miles per hour toppled trees, flooded coastal areas and bayous and spawned at least two tornadoes, one of which injured four people when it struck a mobile home in Reserve, Louisiana. Five to 10 inches of rain fell across the area, while forecasters warned of tides five feet above normal.

Hardest hit was Pascagoula, Mississippi, near the Alabama border, where at least eight inches fell. Radar indicated that up to 15 inches may have fallen in nearby rural areas, in Mississippi, a National Weather Service meteorologist said.

Streets in New Orleans' French Quarter filled up with water, forcing Bourbon Street bars that seldom close to shutdown. Evacuations were ordered in coastal Mississippi, while residents of Grand Isle, Louisiana, got cut off from the mainland by tides rising over the lone highway outbound.

As Bill rushed inland from landfall near Morgan City, Louisiana, its effects spread into Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

In a 7 pm CDT (2100 GMT) advisory, the National Hurricane Centre said Bill's centre was 15 miles west of Slidell, Louisiana near Latitude 30.4 north, Longitude 90.3 west. Slidell is 25 miles northeast of New Orleans across Lake Pontchartrain.

MNA/Reuters



US troops watch as a group of Iraqi oil workers protest outside the former Presidential Palace which now houses the US Administrative office in Iraq on 30 June, 2003.

The workers, who lost their jobs following the fall of Saddam Hussein, are demanding employment from the new US administration. — INTERNET

Iran has no intention of manufacturing nuclear weapons

TEHERAN, 2 July—Iranian President Mohammad Khatami on Monday told visiting British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that Iran has no intention of manufacturing nuclear weapons.

Khatami said Iran's national policy is to make use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and opposes weapons of mass destruction.

Iran's nuclear programme has been under regular international inspections and the country has full co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Khatami said.

He urged the international community to acknowledge Iran's peaceful objectives in developing nuclear energy, and called on the global community to treat

all countries pursuing a nuclear energy programme without discrimination.

The United States, the European Union and IAEA have repeatedly urged Iran to sign an additional protocol to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would allow IAEA experts to pay surprise visits to Iran's nuclear facilities.

During his two-day visit, Straw again pressed Tehran to sign the protocol, saying a step by Iran toward that direction would boost international trust in Iran.

MNA/Xinhua

Rotting seafood sparks Australian mall evacuation

SYDNEY, 2 July—A fridge full of rotting seafood forced the evacuation on Monday of an Australian shopping mall.

Police in the eastern city of Brisbane said the large fridge was found dumped in the shopping centre's carpark with "biological hazard" written on it.

Mindful of potential chemical or biological incidents after the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, health department workers in full bio-chem protection suits wrapped the fridge in plastic and hauled it carefully away to be examined.—MNA/Reuters

57% Japanese doubt justification of Iraqi war

TOKYO, 2 July—About 57 per cent of Japanese do not think the US-led war on Iraq is justified, said a leading Japanese newspaper on Monday. The opposing side almost doubled the supporting side, which accounted for 29 per cent of the respondents, said the *Asahi Shimbun*.

The United States and the Britain launched attacks against Iraq in March on the ground that Iraq had been hiding weapons of mass destruction which have not been found as yet.

Sixty-seven per cent of respondents said they did not support the war, while 22 per cent said they did, according to the newspaper.

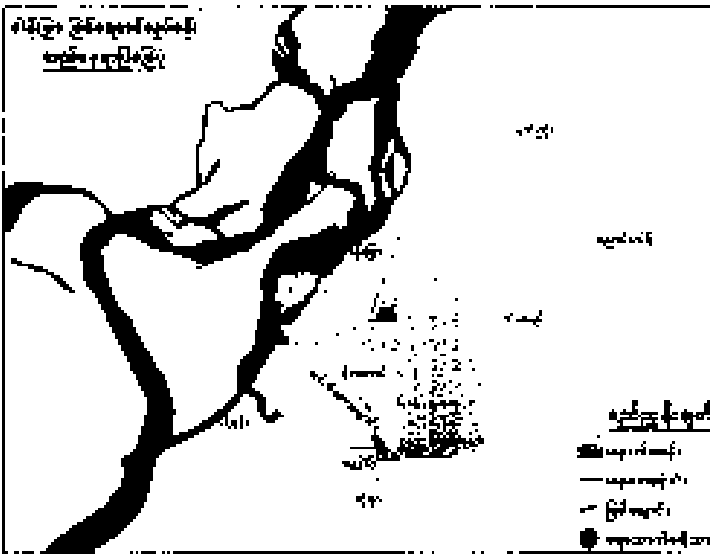
As for Prime Minister Junichiro

Koizumi's support of the war, 50 per cent of the respondents opposed his decision while the supporting group stood at 36 per cent, it said. On whether the government should send the Self-Defence Forces to Iraq in participation of postwar rebuilding, 43 per cent expressed their disagreement while 46 per cent voiced their approval, according to the newspaper.—MNA/Xinhua

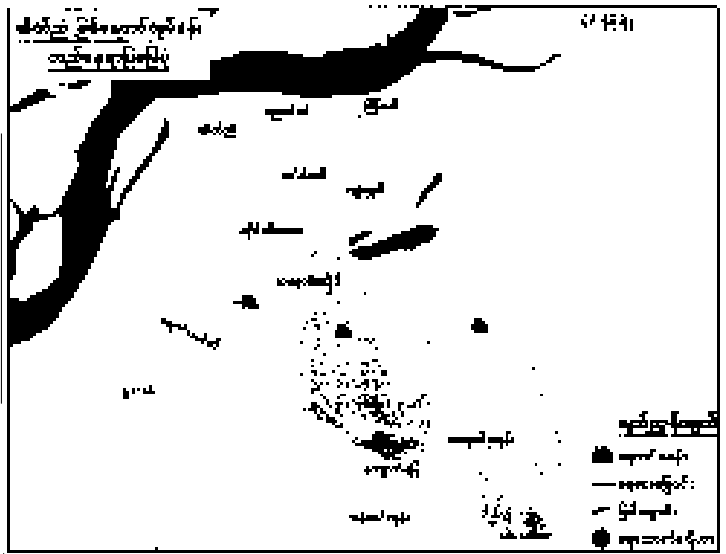


A bridge across the Dadu River in southwest China's Sichuan Province is open to traffic on 1 July, 2003. The bridge like a rainbow is 371 meters long, 10.5 meters wide with a total investment of 11.64 million yuan (1.4 million US dollars). It's construction will lay a foundation for building a water and power station near the river. — XINHUA PHOTO

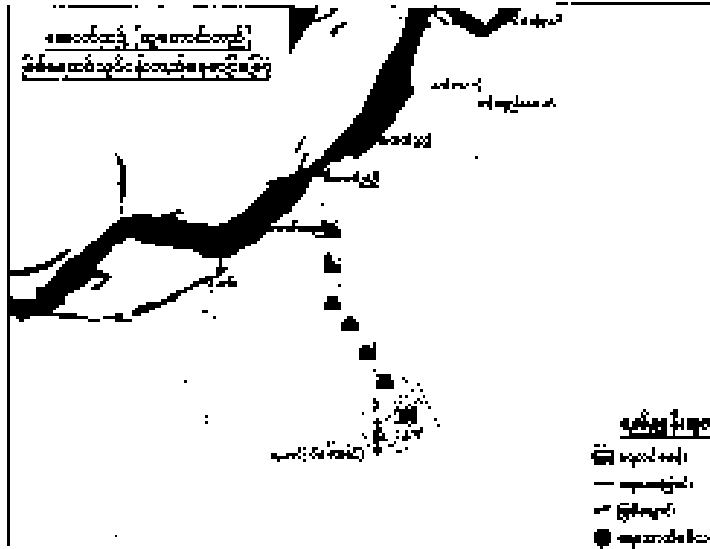
The maps showing the locations of new river-water pumping projects passed by Special Projects Implementation Committee



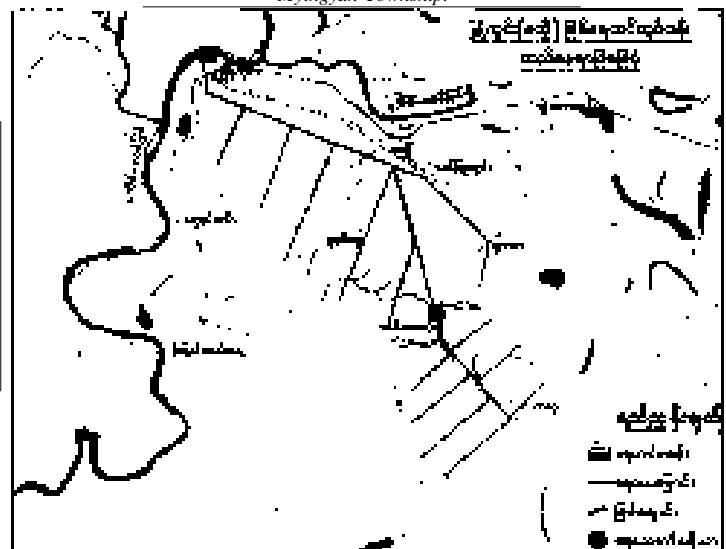
The map showing the location of Ngan Hmyar river-water pumping project.



The map showing the location of Hseik Nyan river-water pumping project in Myingyan Township.



The map showing the location of Auk Nyit (Thugaungti) river-water pumping project in Mandalay Division.



Map showing the location of Myokwin (Dubmi) river-water pumping project in Ayeyawady Division.

Myanmar Initial geodetic station of Survey Department opened

YANGON, 2 July — The ceremony to open the initial geodetic station of Myanmar of the Survey

Department, the Ministry of Forestry, was held at IGSM at Ngweyataung, on Pyay Road in Mingaladon

Township on 26 June morning.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Forestry Col Thaik Tun, advisers to the ministry, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises, officials and departmental staff.

The deputy minister first opened the initial geodetic station by cutting a ribbon. Next, Director-General U Maung Maung Tin of the Survey Department reported to the deputy minister on the history of the station.

The deputy minister and party viewed round the station and planted *thitsein* trees to hail the opening of the station. Later, Director-General U Maung Maung Tin formally unveiled the signboard of the station.

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The opening ceremony of the station in progress.—MNA



The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi being seen off at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 2 July — Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi left here by air this afternoon for Malaysia to attend the Twenty-First ASEAN Ministers on Energy

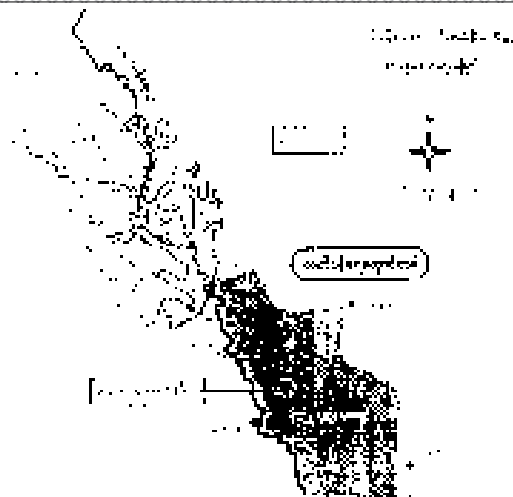
Meeting (21st AMEM) to be held on Langkawi Island in Malaysia.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun,

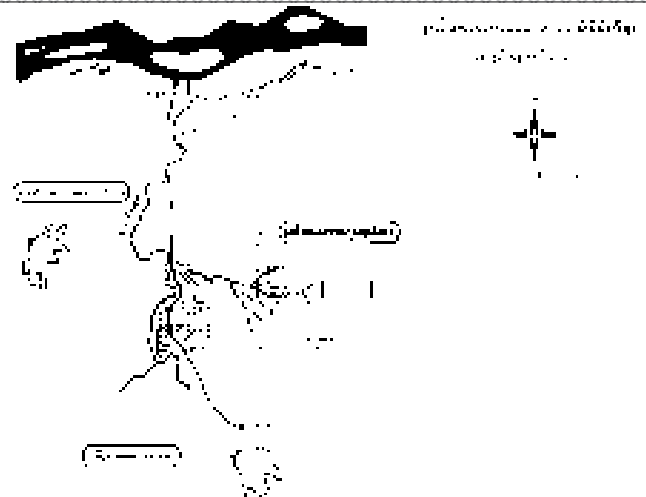
Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, departmental heads of the Ministry of Energy and families of the delegation, it is learnt.

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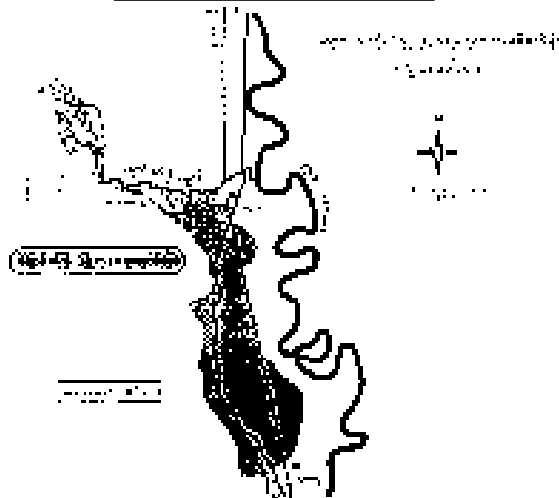
New dam projects passed by Special Projects Implementation Committee



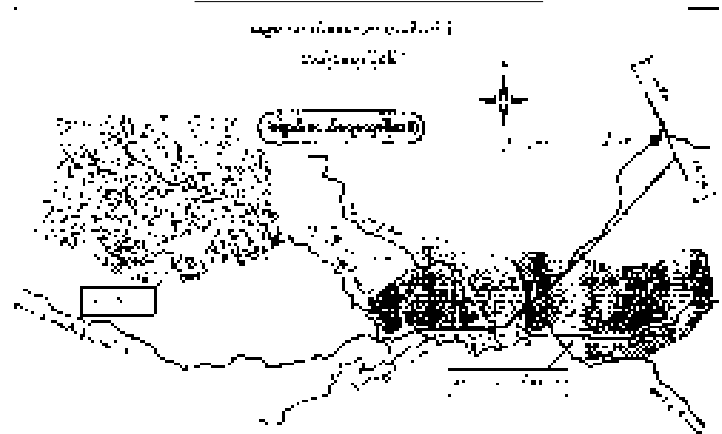
The map showing the location of Letpan Dam Project.



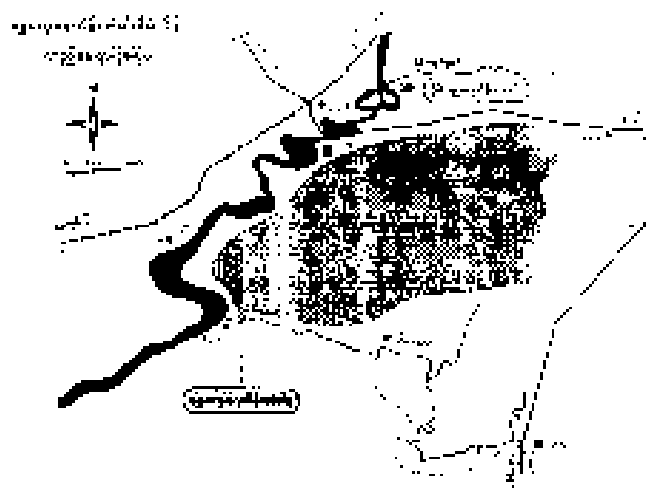
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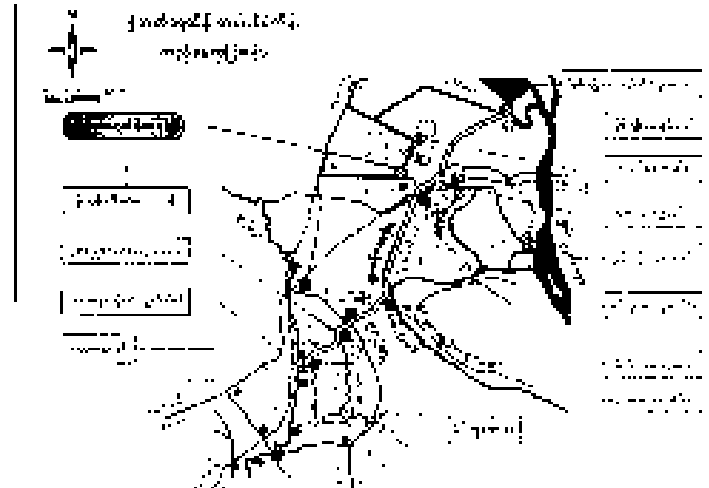
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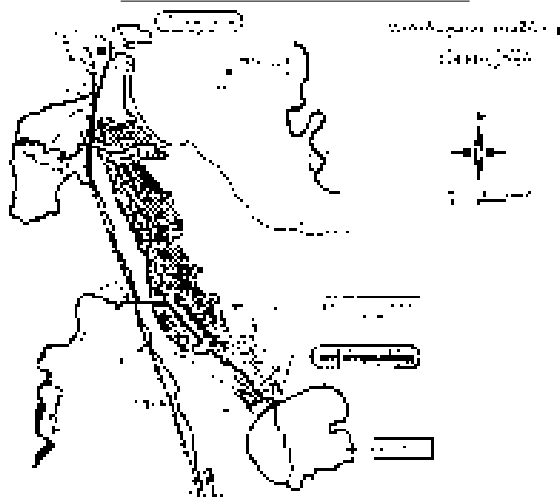
The map showing the location of Chaungmange Dam Project in Mandalay Division.



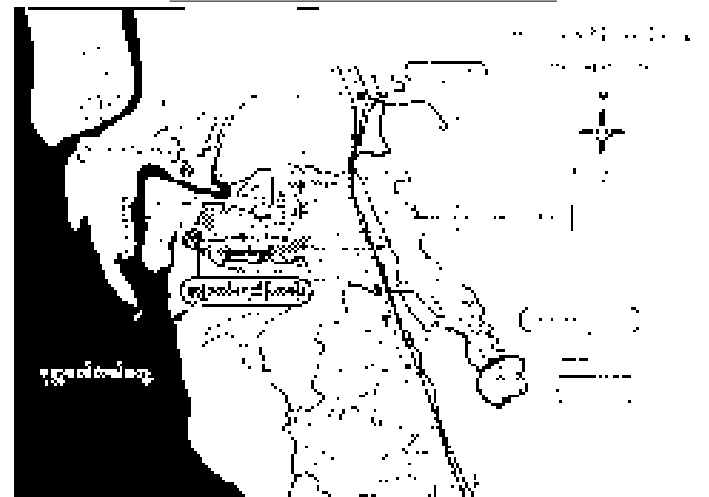
The map showing the location of Shwe Hlay Sluice Gate Project in Bago Division.



The map showing the location of Zwebat Sluice Gate Project in Bago Division.



The map showing the location of Kadaik Dam Project in Mon State.



The map showing the location of Kyonhtaw Sluice Gate Project in Mon State.

Co-operatives serving the interests of the people

Kyaw Myint Kyaw

The world saw the birth of co-operatives system in 1844. The system is now over 150 years old. However, the co-operatives system emerged in Myanmar on 3 January, 1905, and Myanmar co-operatives system is going to enter its centenary soon.

The nature of co-operatives means the activities of the people working together to overcome their common economic and social difficulties.

It is due to its principles, essence and practices that the co-operatives system has been flourishing for over one hundred years. The principles of co-operatives have been changing according to the demand of time and circumstances since 1844 and therefore, they are never out of date.

As the principles of co-operatives have been changing with the passage of time, so have the requirements of people. The co-operatives have been constantly trying to meet the changing needs of people. Therefore, the cooperative system is the one that is capable of tackling the challenges to be experienced in the future.

In this age of globalization, the gap between one class and another has become wider and as a result, social inequalities arose. In such a situation, it is the cooperative system that can protect people against these inequalities. Moreover, the co-operatives can assure sustainable development and balanced socio-economic life. At the same time, they are trying to live up to its basic principles such as self-reliance, democratic practices, equality and solidarity. Not only that, they are organizations that practise the policy of honesty, frankness, public-spiritedness and serving the common interests of people.

Myanmar co-operatives are now striving for the realization of its goal— to develop social and economic infrastructures of the State and to establish a well-bal-

anced socio-economic life while polishing up the image of co-operatives.

Therefore, Myanmar co-operatives, according to their goals, are working towards the fulfilment of such basic necessities as food, clothing and shelter, conventional needs such as health and education and social amenities such as libraries, gymnasiums and recreation centres.

If you look at the current activities of Myanmar co-operatives, it can be seen that agricultural producers' co-operatives and general co-operatives formed in rural areas where 36 million out of 52 million people reside are contributing to the agriculture sector. Similarly, in towns and cities, trading co-operatives have engaged in catering. Producers' co-operatives are benefiting the respective entrepreneurs and Government Employees' Co-operatives (GEC), the respective departments. Formed with part of the people, co-operatives are taking part in public welfare work to some extent.

If we look at the nature of co-operatives, we can see that, individual persons are socially and economically weak. However, if they become members of a cooperative, their energy, member involvement, joint innovation, protection and representative, economies of scale, bargaining power, stability and synergy become stronger.

The 49th United Nations General Assembly designated the first Saturday of July as the International Co-operatives Day. Since then, Myanmar has observed the day every year. The motto for the 2002 International Cooperative Day was "Concerned for Community". The motto for the year 2003 is "Co-operatives Make Development Happen".

In addition, the co-operatives are urged to participate actively in achieving the 2003 United Nations

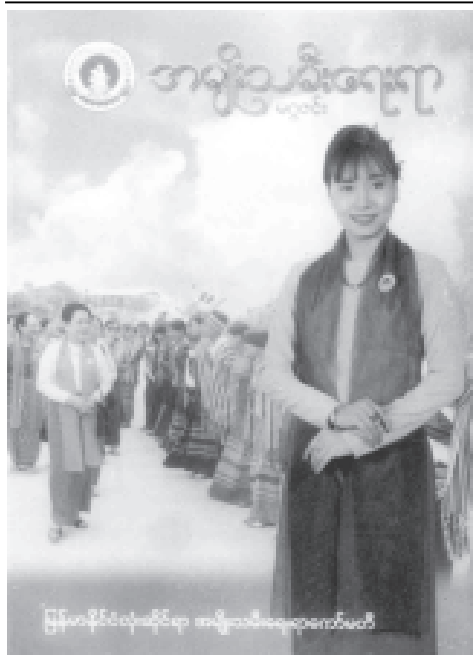


Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). To be exact, the goals are eradication of poverty, enabling all children — girls and boys alike — receive a full primary education, ensuring discrimination against women, enhancing the capabilities of women, decreasing child mortality rate, ensuring mothers healthy and strong, ensuring sustainable development in environmental conservation, and enhancing the global co-operation for achieving development.

Thanks to co-operative basic principles, essence and ethics which are ever keeping abreast with the passage of time, the co-operative movement has been in existence for over 150 years. Inasmuch as Myanmar co-operatives can serve the interests of the community, they will surely continue flourishing in the long term.

Hence, co-operatives are to build up themselves into ones which are serving the interests of the people through the co-operative might which means co-operative social values and basic principles. In other words, they are the co-operative qualities. The higher their qualities are, the better co-operatives can serve the interests of the people.

(Translation: Ko Nyi)



The Annual Women's Affairs Magazine. — MNA

Annual Women's Affairs Magazine comes out

YANGON, 2 July — Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3 July, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs published a women's affairs magazine 2003. Since 1999, the magazine has annually been published on the Myanmar Women's Day, and now this year it is the fifth publishing of the magazine.

The magazine depicts a picture of Asian Wushu gold medalist Khine Khine Maw of Myanmar with a background of the organizational tour conducted by members of the MNCWA on the front cover.

News and articles on the committee's activities, organizational field tours, and international-level local and foreign meetings are featured in the magazine with documentaries and colour photos.

Moreover, the magazine also includes such articles, poems, cartoons, short stories and novels on the tradition and current social welfare activities of Myanmar women written by well-known writers. — MNA

UMEHL to hold 16th Myanmar Gems and Jade Sales in August

YANGON, 2 July —The 16th Myanmar Gems and Jade Sales (2003) of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd will be held at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda road here from 5 to 8 August. Inspection of gem and jade lots can be made from 5 to 7 and gems, and sales with bargain and auction systems will be conducted on 8 August. Buyer registration can be made starting from today with a fee of K 4,000 for citizens and US\$ 20 for foreigners. Private gem and jade entrepreneurs may entrust their items for sale from 14 to 24 July, and 0.4 per cent of the item's value is to be paid to UMEHL. Tax on sold items will be collected in accordance with law and rules of the Ministry of Mines.

For more information, contact can be made with Myanmar Ruby Enterprise and Myanmar Imperial Jade at No 24/26, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, or dial 371027, 370564 during office hours. —MNA

Myanmar Festival 2003 to be held in Singapore

YANGON, 2 July—A coordination meeting on Myanmar Festival 2003 to be held in Singapore from 5 to 14 September took place at Karaweik Palace in Kandawgyi here this morning. Present were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt and officials.

Director-General U Khin Maung Latt spoke on the occasion. Managing Director Mr Edward Liu of Conference Exhibition Management Services Pte Ltd (CEMS)



Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt addresses the meeting. — MNA

As usual

- * Eradication of drugs
Is cause of humanity, of the world
Keeping that in mind, you take part
Others take part, with true intent
We Myanmar, make efforts
And these are very apparent.
- * In Myanmar's domain, on drug pedestal
Concocting accusations, insults
Finding fault, causing shame
And knowing that would be impossible
They feel scared, and renege
Don't want to see, who are those
Vividly, we can see.
- * Aw, human rights
They shout, saying it's their cause, others' cause
When in humanity's name, drugs
We destroy, there's no compassion
They stay away.
But later, as previously
They will take up the old tune
And keep shouting, as usual.

Po Wa (Trs)

reported on arrangements for the Myanmar Festival 2003.

Managing Director Mr Edward Liu replied to the queries raised by officials of the related ministries, chairmen and members of Myanmar Hoteliers Association and Myanmar Travel Association, officials of Myanmar Marketing Company and Myanmar Airways International.

Director-General U Khin Maung Latt called for cooperation in successful holding of the exhibition. — MNA

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

Lanmadaw Kyaw Khaung

(Continued from yesterday)

Similarly, since 2001, a ground survey was conducted under the joint programme of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control of Myanmar and the UNODC to check the illicit cultivation of opium poppy. The programme recorded an estimated yield of 1,097 metric tons for 2001. Its estimation for 2002 was 828 metric tons. This year's INCB report also said that there was 24 per cent decrease in the nation's poppy cultivation. The records released by the US and the INCB show the significant decline in illicit poppy cultivation and production in Myanmar. And it is a fine result of the harmonious efforts of the nationals under the leadership of the State and international cooperation.

Myanmar has been torching and destroying the seized narcotic drugs annually since 1990. And since the 16th destruction ceremony in 2002, the nation has been incinerating and destroying large hauls of seized drugs on the day marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Till the 16th destruction, all the specially invited ambassadors of foreign missions in Myanmar, charges d'affaires, military attaches and resident representatives and heads of UN agencies had attended the ceremonies without fail. However, sadly, officials of the US, Britain and some western European embassies in Yangon failed to attend the 17th destruction ceremony. The menace of narcotic drugs is not the problem of a single nation; it concerns with the entire world. Thus, all the peoples around the world have the duty to harmoniously cooperate in solving the problem. With might and main, Myanmar, a developing country, took part in the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking that was held throughout the world under the leadership of the Union on 26 June. The failure of the developed nations, America, Britain and some western European nations, to participate in the ceremony clearly shows their double standard stance and nature when their interests are involved.

I will now present some examples of their doubtful attitude. America presented US \$ 1 million for Wa Alternative Development Project for fiscal 2003-2004. But now, the country has withdrawn its US \$ 1 million from the funds. The project is being implemented in Hotaung region, southern Wa region, with the cooperation of the UNODC.

Executive Director Antonio Maria Costa of the UNODC held a meeting at the UNODC Head Office on 18 June 2003. At the meeting, the official explained UNODC's estimate of Myanmar's poppy cultivation and opium production in 2003. However, only four or five journalists attended the meeting. In reality, the scourge of drug problem is concerned with the entire world. In addition, it is a meeting of the UNODC, the main UN body responsible for the international narcotic problem, explaining the poppy cultivation and opium production of the Southeast Asia region including Myanmar. Thus, the media has the duty to distribute the UNODC announcement in detail, in addition to informing the world nations about the situation of the region and to making cooperative efforts for finding an answer to the problem. Because of the acts of the western media to give priority to featuring only a part of the whole story in accord with their wish, there emerges an obstacle to the sector of the international cooperation. And it is one of the examples of the west's negligence.

The Needs Assessment Mission comprising the programme experts of the UNODC, staff of the Japanese Embassy, buckwheat specialists, WHO officials and personnel concerned of the departments toured Wa and Kokang regions from 21 March to 7 April 2003 to gather information and data. The aim of the Mission was to implement an alternative programme in Wa and Kokang regions under the leadership of the Japanese Embassy in Yangon and UNODC. The Mission held a meeting at the Japanese Embassy in Yangon on 10 April to explain and discuss its finds during the expedition. Diplomats of 13 foreign missions in Yangon, and officials of ten UN agencies, government bodies and 12 NGOs attended the meeting. Altogether 55 members of the Mission took part in the discussions.

The discussions covered a wide array of sectors

including the five-year plans that would be implemented in three stages for 15 years to ensure an alternative income source in Wa and Kokang regions; implementation of four projects under the title "Emergency and Pre-Emergency Relief and Assistance" during the first two years from 2003 to 2005 of the first five-year plan, and 17 projects under the heading "Preparatory Work" during the period from 2003 to 2008; and the arrangements to implement the second five-year plan during the period from 2009 to 2013, and the third five-year plan from 2014 to 2018.

The title "the Emergency and Pre-Emergency Relief and Assistance" covers the following projects:

(a) Monitoring Cash and Food Crop Production in Kokang Region, Wa Region and Surrounding Areas

Project Period	two years
Launching date	November 2003
Budget	US \$ 1,500,000

(b) Emergency Post-Opium Poppy Cultivation Relief and Participatory Assessment for Sustainable Development (Kokang Region)

Project Period	two years
Launching date	July 2003
Budget	US \$ 5,000,000

(c) Basic Health Services, SOS Delivery and Nutritional Survey in Kokang and Wa Regions

Project Period	two years
Launching date	November 2003
Budget	US \$ 1,500,000

(d) Preparatory Assistance and Framework Building for Post Poppy Era in Wa Region

Project Period	two years
Launching date	July 2003
Budget	US \$ 2,150,000

(e) Achieving Food Security through Irrigation Activities and Land Development in Wa Region

Project period	two years
Launching date	September 2003
UNDCP funds	US \$ 810,400

Responsibilities of Wa authorities	A place for office, construction raw materials
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Myanmar government's participation	One irrigation engineer, two land surveyors
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Concerning the plan, Mr Jean-Lue Lemahieu, the resident representative of the UNODC Office in Yangon, expressed his intention to implement the entire plan with the funds of Japan, the main contributor to the plan, and the collective contribution of Germany, Italy, NGOs, the Myanmar government, Wa region authorities and Kokang region authorities. However, America's withdrawal of its fund of US \$ 1 million from the WADP and the absence of the representatives of America, Britain and western European nations at the ceremony to observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Myanmar as a show of cooperation clearly indicate that the projects which will be implemented in the Kokang and Wa regions will surely face financial difficulties.

All in all, the destruction of the narcotic drugs and precursor chemicals at the 17th ceremony held on the day marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking clearly highlights the fact that Myanmar is playing a vital role in cooperating with the international community in the fight against the narcotic drugs. The failure of the big nations, America, Britain and European countries, to render cooperation caused doubts about their will to totally root out the problem of narcotic drugs. The examples I have stated in the above paras clearly express that their changes in attitudes are just to serve their interests rather than to actually drive out the drug problem. Anyhow, Myanmar has already made a firm resolve to root out the narcotic problem as a national task under the guidance of the Head of State. In addition, the nation will make constant efforts in accord with the motto of the year 2003 "Let's talk about Drugs".

(Concluded)

(Translation: TMT)

(Kyemon: 1 July 2003)

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



Myanmar Women's Day
3rd July 2003

More fish in rice field



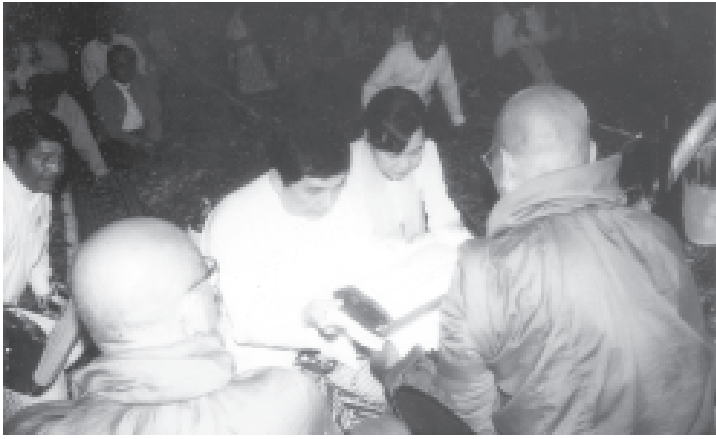
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ကျေးလက်ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးဖို့ စပါးခင်းမှာ ငါးမွေးစို့။

အမျိုးသားအဆင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး လှုပ်ရှားမှု ရက်သတ္တပတ်

(၅-၇-၂၀၀၃ မှ ၁၁-၇-၂၀၀၃ ထိ)

ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါသည် ပုံမှန်အားဖြင့် တောတောင် ထူထပ်သော ဒေသနှင့် ကမ်းရိုးတန်းဒေသများတွင် ပိုမိုဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ ရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားမှုနည်းပါးသော မြေပြန့် ဒေသများတွင် ငှက်ဖျားရိုးသယ်ဆောင်သည့် ခြင်္သေ့ငှက်များပါက ယင်းဒေသတွင် ကပ်ရောဂါအသွင် ကူးစက်ပြန့်ပွား၍ ခြင်္သေ့ ဖြစ်ပွားကာ အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးနိုင်ပါသည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားသည်ဟု သံသယရှိပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနများသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသွားရောက် ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and wife offer waso robes to Sayadaws. MNA

Health Ministry offers Waso robes

YANGON, 2 July — The Ministry of Health held the Waso robe offering ceremony under the patronage of Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and wife at the ministry's dhammayon this morning.

The minister and wife, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and wife and heads of departments under the ministry offered Waso robes to Sayadaws led by Bhaddanta Indobhassa of Kyagu Beikman Monastery in Dagon Township, Yangon.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indobhassa administered the Five Precepts. He also delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits gained.

The minister, the deputy minister and heads of department and families offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws.

Also present were deputy directors-general, rectors, staff and families of the departments and institutions of higher learning under the ministry.

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

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

ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားခြင်း

၁။ **ဓမ္မ - ကူးစက်မြန် ပြင်းထန်နမိုးနီးယား(ဆားစ်)ရောဂါ ဆိုတာ ဘာလဲ?**
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၂။ **ဓမ္မ - မည်သည့် နှိုင်းရင်(စ်)ပိုးမျိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပါသလဲ?**
ဓမ္မ နောက်ဆုံးသုတေသနတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ ကိုရိုနာအုပ်စု အမျိုးအစား နှိုင်းရင်(စ်)ကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပြီး၊ ၎င်းကို ဆားစ်နိုးရပ်စ်(SARS Virus) ဟု အမည်ပေးထားပါသည်။

၃။ **ဓမ္မ - ၎င်းရောဂါသည် အသက်အန္တရာယ်ရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**
ဓမ္မ ဖော့စ်စွာသိရှိ၍ ကုသမှုခံယူရရှိလျှင် အသက်အန္တရာယ်မရှိပါ။ သက်သာပျောက်ကင်း စေနိုင်ပါသည်။ သို့သော် အဆုတ်တွင် ပြင်းထန်စွာ ထိခိုက်၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ လူနာတွင် အခြားရောဂါ တစ်ခုခုရှိနေလျှင်သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ နောက်ကျော ကုသမှုခံယူရသော လူနာတို့တွင်သော်လည်းကောင်း အသက်အန္တရာယ်ရှိပါသည်။ အသက်ပိုကြီးလေလေ အသက်အန္တရာယ် ပိုများလေလေ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၄။ **ဓမ္မ - ၎င်းရောဂါ၏ ရောဂါပျံ့နှံ့မှု ဘယ်လောက်ကြာပါသလဲ?**
ဓမ္မ ရောဂါပိုးဝင်ရောက်ချိန်မှစ၍ ပုံမှန်အားဖြင့် (၂)ရက်မှ (၁၀)ရက်အထိ ကြာပါသည်။ လူ၏ ခုခံအားကောင်းလျှင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု နည်းပါးပါသည်။ ရောဂါဖြစ်လျှင်လည်း ရောဂါပြင်းထန်မှု လျော့နည်းပါသည်။

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

ဓမ္မ ၎င်းရောဂါ၏ အဓိက လက္ခဏာတွေဟာ ကိုယ်အပူချိန် ၃၈ ငီဒီမဟုတ် ၁၀၀.၅ ဖီထင်ရှိ၍ ပြင်းထန်စွာ ဖျားနာခြင်းအပြင် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများဖြစ်သည့် နှေးသုံးဆိုးခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူမဝခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူ ခက်ခဲခြင်း။ SARS သံသယရှိသူ(သို့မဟုတ်) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသူနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိခြင်း။ SARSရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုကြောင့် နိုင်ငံတွင်း နေထိုင်ခြင်း(သို့မဟုတ်) ခရီးသွားခြင်း။ ရင်ဘတ်ဓာတ်မှန်ရိုက်ကြည့်လျှင် နမိုးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါ၏ လက္ခဏာများ တွေ့ရှိရပါမည်။

၆။ **ဓမ္မ - အကယ်၍ မိမိတွင် ဤရောဂါရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆရပါလျှင် ဆေးရုံဆေးပေါ် ဌာနသို့ ချက်ချင်းသွားရောက် ပြသကုသမှုခံယူရန် လိုအပ်ပါသလား?**

ဓမ္မ လိုအပ်ပါသည်။ သင့်အတွက် အကျိုးရှိယုံသာမက အခြားသူများသို့ လည်း ရောဂါကူးစက် ပျံ့နှံ့မှုကို ကာကွယ်တာဆီနိုင်ပါသည်။ နာမည် များသောဆိုးရှိလျှင် နှစ်စဉ်ခန်းသုံး မျက်နှာဖုံး တပ်ဆင်ခြင်းနှင့် သင်၏လက်ကို မကြာခဏ ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးခြင်းဖြင့် အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆေးရုံဆေးပေါ်ဌာန သို့မဟုတ် သင်၏ မိသားစု ဆရာဝန်သို့ ပြသ၍ အကြံဉာဏ်ရယူရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

၇။ **ဓမ္မ - ဤရောဂါအတွက် စစ်ဆေးစမ်းသပ်စောင့်ရှောက်မှု နည်းလမ်း ရှိပါသလား?**
ဓမ္မ SARS ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများအပြင် သွေးဓာတ်ခွဲစစ်ဆေးခြင်း၊ အခြားအလေ့ကျင့်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သော ရောဂါပိုးများကို ရှာဖွေဖော်ထုတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ရင်ဘတ်ဓာတ်မှန် ရိုက်ကြည့်ခြင်းအားဖြင့် ရောဂါရှိမရှိ စစ်ဆေးနိုင်ပါသည်။

၈။ **ဓမ္မ - ဤရောဂါအတွက် ကုသနိုင်သော ကုသမှု ရှိပါသလား?**
ဓမ္မ ယခုအချိန်အထိ ကမ္ဘာ့ကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ SARS ရောဂါနှိုင်းရင်(စ်)ကို ဆေးအနိုင်သော အတည်ပြုထားသော ဆေးဝါး မရှိသေးပါ။ ဆရာဝန်များအနေနှင့် အခြားနမိုးနီးယားရောဂါပိုးကို ဆေးစေနိုင်သော ပဋိဇီဝဆေးများနှင့် အခြား အထောက်အကူပြု ကုသည့်များ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဤသို့ ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် အသက်အန္တရာယ်မှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ယခုအချိန်အထိ SARSရောဂါပိုးကို ဆေးစေနိုင်သော ဆေးဝါးအဖြစ် ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ အတည်ပြုထားမှုမရှိပါ။ ကုသမှုများအား သုတေသနပြုလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၉။ **ဓမ္မ - ကုတ်ဆွေးရောဂါကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားသော အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါနှင့် ကူးစက်မြန်ပြင်းထန် နမိုးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါ မည်သို့ ကွာခြားပါသလဲ?**

ဓမ္မ ကုတ်ဆွေးရောဂါကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားသော အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါတွင် ကုတ်ဆွေးရောဂါ လက္ခဏာ ဖြစ်သည့် ဖျားခြင်း၊ နှေးသုံးဆိုးခြင်း၊ ဓါးရောင်ရောင်ခြင်းတို့ ရှိပြီး ဖျားသောအားဖြင့် အဆုတ်ရောင်ပေါက် SARS ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ ပြင်းထန်သည့် လက္ခဏာများကို မခံစားရဘဲ အချိန်အနည်းငယ်အတွင်း ပျောက်ကင်းပါသည်။

ရောဂါကူးစက်ခြင်းပွားပုံ

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

ဓမ္မ ယခုတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှ ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ ကူးစက်မှု (၂)မျိုးရှိပါသည်။

(၁) လူနာများဆုံးဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာမည်ဖြင့်မှ တိုက်ရိုက်ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ နှစ်စဉ်ခန်းသုံး မျက်နှာဖုံး ဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်းဖြင့် ကူးစက်မှုမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

(၂) ရောဂါဖြစ်သူ၏ ချွဲ၊ သလိပ်၊ ခန္ဓာကိုယ် အရည် အသွေးအဆောင်ပစ္စည်းများကို ထိတွေ့ခြင်းတို့မှ ကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။ လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် မကြာခဏ

ဆေးကြောခြင်း၊ လက်အိတ်၊ ပလတ်စတစ်ရင်ဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုခြင်းဖြင့် ထိုသို့ ကူးစက်မှုကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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

ဓမ္မ ရေကူးခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်ကြောင်း အထောက်အထား တစ်စုံတစ်ရာမတွေ့ရှိရပါ။ သို့သော် အများပြည်သူသုံး ရေကူးကန်ကို SARS ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသူများ အသုံးပြုပါက ၎င်းတို့နှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိလျှင် ရောဂါကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။ အများပြည်သူသုံး ရေကူးကန်ကို SARS ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသူများ အသုံးမပြုသင့်ပါ။

ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

၁၂။ **ဓမ္မ - ကူးစက်မြန်ပြင်းထန် နမိုးနီးယားရောဂါအတွက် ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ဆေး ရနိုင်ပါသလား?**

ဓမ္မ ယခုအချိန်အထိ ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ဆေးများ မထုတ်လုပ်နိုင်သေးပါ။ သုတေသနပြုလုပ်ဆဲ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၁၃။ **ဓမ္မ - ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် မည်သည့်အချက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဓမ္မ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်

- တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း။
- နာမည်၊ နှေးသုံးဆိုးလျှင် လက်ကိုဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဖုံးအုပ်ခြင်း။
- တဲကွေးသလိပ်ကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း။
- လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့်စင်ကြယ်စွာ ဆေးကြောခြင်း။
- ကောင်းစွာ အိပ်စက်အနားယူခြင်း။
- အဟာရရှည်တည်သည့် အစားအစာများ စားသုံးခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု မှန်မှန်ပြုလုပ်ခြင်း။
- ခေါကောင်းလေသန့် ရှိအောင် ဆောင်ရွက်နေထိုင်ခြင်း။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း။
- ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသူများ၊ သံသယရှိသူများနှင့် တွေ့ဆုံရန် လိုအပ်ပါက ရောဂါမကူးစက်ရန် နာမည်၊ နှေးသုံးဆိုးလျှင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားသော မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်နှင့် အခြားအကာအကွယ် ပစ္စည်းကို အသုံးပြုခြင်း။ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပို့ အကူအညီတောင်းခံခြင်း။

၁၄။ **ဓမ္မ - လုပ်ငန်းခွင်တွင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားရန် မည်သို့ ဖယ်ခွဲဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသနည်း?**

ဓမ္မ လုပ်ငန်းအားလုံးကို အပိုဒ်(၁၃)ပါ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် အချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အတွင်း လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းမွန်အောင် ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အတွင်း သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- စွန့်ပစ်ပစ္စည်းများကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ပါ။
- ဂိုဏ်းဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်းပါ။

၁၅။ **ဓမ္မ - ရောဂါမကူးစက်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆေးကုသမှု မည်သို့ ဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသနည်း?**

ဓမ္မ ဓာတ်ဆေးကုသမှုနှင့်လျော်မျိုးသန့် သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို နေ့စဉ်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- ဂိုဏ်းဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်း၊ ဖျန်းပါ။
- ဟိုတယ်များအနေဖြင့် သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို အထူးဂရုပြု ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- အထူးသန့်ရှင်းမှုများအား နေထိုင်ခံစားသော အခန်းများကို ဂိုဏ်းဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်းပါ။

၁၆။ **ဓမ္မ - မိသားစု၊ မိတ်ဆွေ စသည်တို့တွင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက မကူးစက်ရန် မည်သို့ ကြိုတင် ကာကွယ်မှုများ ပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဓမ္မ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုရှိသော လူနာ၏ အိမ်နှင့်ဆေးရုံသို့ သွားရောက်ကြည့်ရှုခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

- မရောင်လွန်နိုင်ပါက အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများကို အသုံးပြုသင့်ပါသည်။ လက်ကိုလည်း မကြာခဏ ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့်ဆေးကြောသင့်ပါသည်။
- လူနာအား အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့သူများသည် လူနာအသုံးပြုခဲ့သော ပစ္စည်းများကို ဂိုဏ်းဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်းအားဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ (Bleaching powder တစ်ဆာ ရေ ၄၀ ဆ) (သို့) ရေဆေးဖြင့် ပြုတ်ပါ။
- ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနမှ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော သီးသန့် ဖယ်ခွဲမှုနှင့် အခြားညွှန်ကြားချက်များကို (၁၃)ရက်အထိ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- အများစု နေထိုင်ပါ။ အများရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပေးပို့ အကူအညီတောင်းခံပါ။

၁၇။ **ဓမ္မ - ဆေးရုံများမှမြန်လွှားတိုင်း အဝတ်အစားများလျှော့မှောင်သင့်ပါသလား?**

ဓမ္မ ဆေးရုံသွားသည့်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မသွားသည့်ဖြစ်စေ မိမိအိမ်သို့ ပြန်ရောက်လျှင် လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးခြင်းသည် ကူးစက်ရောဂါများကို ကာကွယ်မှုပေးပါသည်။ ကူးစက်လွန်များအား ကြည့်ရှုသောသူသည် မိမိအဝတ်အစားများကို ရေဆေးဖြင့် ပြုတ်လျှော့လျှင် အကောင်းဆုံးဖြစ်သည်။ ရေမျိုးသန့် စင်ပြီးမှ ကလေးယံနှင့် အခြားသူများကို ထိတွေ့ ကိုင်တွယ်ပါက ရောဂါကူးစက်မှု မပျံ့ပွားနိုင်ပါ။

၁၈။ **ဓမ္မ - ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ မပျံ့ပွားရေးအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနအနေဖြင့် အိမ်(သို့) စားသောက် ဆိုင်များတွင် မည်သို့သို့ စားသောက်ရန် အကြံပြုလိုပါသလဲ?**

ဓမ္မ သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော အစားအသောက်များ ဖြစ်ရပါမည်။ ယင်းနားမှ ကာကွယ်ပါ။ အစားအသောက်ပြင်ဆင်သူသည် မပြင်ဆင်မီ လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် စင်ကြယ်အောင် ဆေးကြောပါ။ အစားအသောက်ကို လက်ဖြင့် တိုက်ရိုက်ကိုင်တွယ်မှုကို

တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ အစားအစာပြင်ဆင်သူများသည် မျက်နှာဖုံး၊ လက်အိတ်၊ ပလတ်စတစ်ရင်ဖုံး စသော အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။ စားသောက်ဆိုင်တွင် အသုံးပြုသော နွံနံ၊ ခက်ရင်း၊ ပန်းကန် စသည်များကို ဆပ်ပြာ၊ ရေသန့်သန့်တို့ဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါက ရေဆေးဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ ပန်းကန်၊ နွံနံ၊ ခက်ရင်းနှင့် လက်သုတ်ပတ်များကို တစ်ဦးချင်း သီးသန့် သုံးစွဲသည့်နေ့စွဲ ကိုင်သုံးပါ။ စားသောက်ဆိုင်များ၏ သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်မှု အထူးအရေးကြီးပါသည်။ စားကြွင်းစားကျန်များကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ပါ။

မျက်နှာဖုံး Mask(နာမည်နှင့် ပါးစပ် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားသော အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ)

၁၉။ **ဓမ္မ - မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ (Mask) ကို မည်သို့ကိုင် တပ်ဆင်ထားသင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဓမ္မ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များသည် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်း အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ တပ်ဆင်ထားရမည်။

(SARS)ရောဂါလက္ခဏာရှိသူများ၊ (SARS)လူနာများအား ပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်နေသူများ၊ SARS လူနာနှင့် အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့ပြီးသူများသည် နောက်ဆုံးထိတွေ့သည့်ရက်မှ အနည်းဆုံး (၁၀)ရက်အထိ တပ်ဆင်ထားသင့်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ထမ်းများ။

လူအများနှင့် ဓန့် စဉ်ထိတွေ့ လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်ရွက်နေသူများ။

လူအများ၏ ပစ္စည်းများကို ထိတွေ့ ကိုင်တွယ်နေသူများသည် လက်အိတ် ဝတ်သင့်ပါသည်။ လက်ကို မကြာခဏဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးကြောသင့်ပါသည်။

၂၀။ **ဓမ္မ - မည်သည့်အမျိုးအစား မျက်နှာဖုံးအကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်း Mask မျိုးကို သုံးသင့် ပါသနည်း?**

ဓမ္မ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုလျှင် စနစ်တကျတပ်ဆင်ရပါမည်။ (Mask)ကို ပြုတ်ပြီး အိတ်ဆောင် များသို့ ထည့်ပြီး ပြန်လည်အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ အတွင်းအပြင် မှားယွင်းတပ်ဆင်ခြင်းတို့ မှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှု ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။ (Mask) ကို အသုံးပြုပြီးပါက စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ရမည်။ နှစ်စဉ်ခန်းသုံး မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ်များနှင့် N95 မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ် (Mask)နှစ်မျိုးစလုံးသည် ရောဂါပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ အများပြည်သူများအတွက် နှစ်စဉ်ခန်းသုံး မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုနိုင်ပါသည်။ SARS လူနာအား အနီးကပ်ပြုစုဆောင်ရွက်သူများအနေဖြင့် N 95 (mask)ကို အသုံးပြုရပါမည်။

၂၁။ **ဓမ္မ - မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ Maskကို မည်သို့ကြည့်ရှု၍ တစ်ကြိမ် ပြန်လဲလှယ်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

ဓမ္မ ယေဘုယျအားဖြင့် မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ်များကို ဓန့် စဉ်လဲလှယ်ရပါမည်။ အကယ်၍ မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ် သည် မျိုယွင်းမှုရှိလျှင်လည်းကောင်း၊ မျက်နှာဖုံးလျှင်လည်းကောင်း၊ မျက်နှာဖုံးလဲလှယ်သည့် ပြုရမည်။ ပြုရမည်။ (Mask)များကို မီးရှို့စွန့်ပစ်ရမည်။ ပြန်လည်အသုံးပြုနိုင်သော ပစ္စည်း များဖြစ်ပါက ရေဆေးနှင့်ပြုတ်လျှော့ခြင်း၊ သို့မဟုတ် ဓါးရောင်ခြင်း Autoclave ပြုလုပ်ပြီးမှ ပြန်လည်သုံးစွဲရပါမည်။ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုပြီးပါက အတွင်းအပြင် မှားယွင်း အထူးအရေးကြီးပါသည်။

ခရီးသွားလာခြင်း

၂၂။ **ဓမ္မ - နိုင်ငံခြားသို့ ခရီးသွားလျှင် SARS ရောဂါ ကူးစက်မှုရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**

ဓမ္မ ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော မသွားသင့်သော နိုင်ငံများသို့ မသွားခြင်း၊ ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော နိုင်ငံများမှ ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်ဆွေများလည်း မိမိထံသို့ လာရောက်လည်ပတ်ခြင်းများလည်း မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။ အကယ်၍ ရောက်ရှိလာပါက ကျန်းမာရေး ဌာနသို့ သတင်းပေးပို့ရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

၂၃။ **ဓမ္မ - ဆေးယာဉ်နှင့် ခရီးသွားလာခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှုရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**

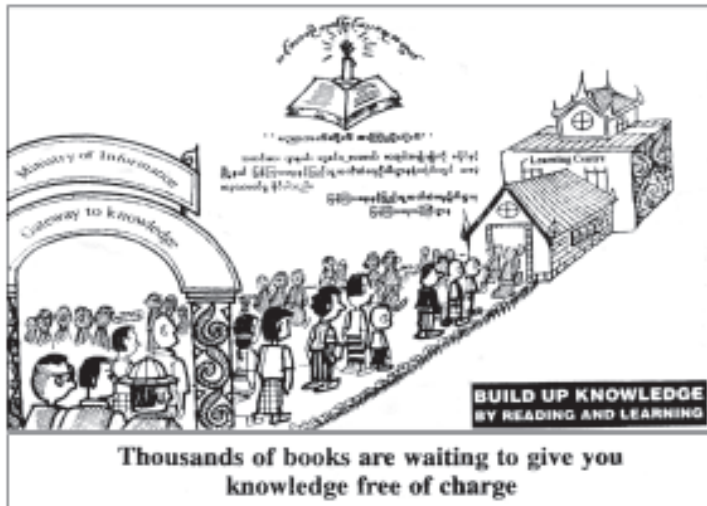
ဓမ္မ လက်ရှိတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ (SARS)ရောဂါသည်တစ်ဦး ဆေးယာဉ်ပေါ်တွင် ပါရှိပါက ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာမည်ဖြင့်မှ တိုက်ရိုက်ကူးစက်ခြင်း၊ (၆)မ ပတ်လည်ရှိ လူများအား ရောဂါ ကူးစက်စေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆေးယာဉ်အမှတ်စဉ်များအနေဖြင့် ဆေးယာဉ်ပေါ်တွင် (SARS) ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသည့်လူနာ ပါလာသည်ဟု ယူဆပါက အခြားနေရာသို့ သွားသည့် မျက်နှာဖုံးများကို ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ညွှန်ကြားထားသည့်အတိုင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ရပါမည်။

သံသယလူနာတွေ့ရှိပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပို့ပါ။

ဆက်သွယ်ရန်လိပ်စာနှင့် ဖုန်းနံပါတ်များ

ဗဟိုကူးစက်ရောဂါတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးဌာန၊
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Costa Rican authorities seize 1.31 tons of cocaine

SAN JOSE, 2 July — A
Colombian boat carrying
1.31 tons of cocaine has been
captured by Costa Rican and
US vessels, a security official
said Monday.

Carlos David was inter-
cepted last Saturday some
100 miles off Punta Burica
at the border with Panama in
the Pacific Ocean, confirmed
Patricia Baltodano, Spokes-
man of the Costa Rican Pub-
lic Security Ministry.

The boat departed from
the Colombian port of
Buenaventura near Cali in

the Pacific with eight crew-
men. Since the vessel was
taken on international waters,
it will be decided whether the
legal process will take place
in the United States or in Costa
Rica, the Spokesman said.

Costa Rica and the
United States signed five
years ago a Joint Patrolling
Treaty to cope with drug traf-
ficking on the coast of Costa
Rica. So far 35 tons of co-
caine has been seized in the
joint patrolling operations.

MNA/Xinhua

Illicit plantations of coca leaf eradicated in Colombian City

BOGOTA, 2 July — All
illicit plantations of coca leaf
have been eradicated in Orito
City in the southern Colom-
bian province of Putumayo, a
UN anti-drug official said
Monday.

"Two months after the
signing of the agreement be-
tween the United Nations and
Plan Colombia on the devel-
opment of a forest-protection

programme, we now give a
testimony of the compliance
with the proposed objectives,
not only by state institutions,
but also by communities,"
Kristian Hulse, regional legal
adviser for Latin America
and the Caribbean of the
United Nations Drug and
Crime Office, told the Press.
Coca leaf is the raw material
for cocaine.—MNA/Xinhua

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Laos jails European reporters, American for 15 years

BANGKOK, 2 July — A
Laotian court handed 15-year
prison sentences on Monday
to two European journalists
and an American citizen who
had been reporting in a con-
flict zone where a security
guard was murdered, a Lao
diplomat said.

The ruling prompted
widespread condemnation,
with Paris-based media sup-
port group Reporters With-
out Borders (RSF) saying it
was profoundly shocked by
the sentences and called the
trial a farce.

Belgian Thierry Falise,
Frenchman Vincent
Reynaud and Naw Karl Mua,
an American pastor of Lao-
tian origin, were handed the
jail terms in a court in remote
northern Xieng Xhouang
Province.

They were also fined
1,000 US dollars and ordered

to pay combined compensa-
tion of about 8,080 US dol-
lars to the family of the dead
man, Laotian ambassador to
neighbouring Thailand,
Hiem Phommachanh, told
Reuters.

The foreigners and three
local Hmong men were con-
victed of obstructing offi-
cers, possession of war weap-
ons and explosives, posses-
sion of drugs and being in-
volved in an incident that
caused the death of a local
militiaman, the ambassador
said.

The three Hmong men
received 20-year jail terms.
"All six defendants have
the right to appeal within
15 days," the ambassador
said.

"Whether to deport or
pardon them depends on if
they appeal, and negotiations
and diplomacy between the

Lao Government and the
three countries of the men,"
he said. It was not immedi-
ately clear how the three
pleaded in court.

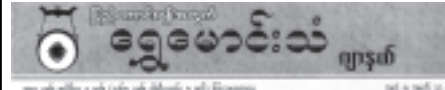
"Laos always bears in
mind good bilateral relations
with other countries," Hiem
added.

Falise, a former *Associ-
ated Press* employee, is a
Bangkok-based freelance
reporter who writes for the
French weekly *L'Express*
and Belgian publications.
Reynaud is a freelance cam-
eraman and photographer
and Mua is a pastor in Min-
nesota. He was acting as an
interpreter.

The reporters had been
working on an article on
rebels from the ethnic
Hmong hilltribe. Vientiane
denies the Hmong are rebels,
preferring to call them band-
its.—MNA/Reuters



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Singapore spends \$178m in anti-SARS battle

SINGAPORE, 2 July — Singapore Minister for Health Lim Hng Kiang told the Parliament Monday that the government has spent about 178 million US dollars in the battle against SARS.

In breaking down, Lim said that about two thirds or 108 million US dollars was spent on protective gear like gloves, gowns and masks for healthcare staff and patients.

The sum also covered payment for medical screening at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, which was designated to treat SARS cases, fever tents at polyclinics, contact tracing and the administration, and enforcement of home quarantine orders, Lim added.

The rest, about 59 million US dollars was spent on isolation wards and retro-fitting medical facilities, Lim said, noting the financial impact is not a one-off.

He also warned that hospital operating costs have to be adjusted to factor in the continued infection control measures, and so patient fees may have to go up.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says abstinence not vital for fertility treatment

MADRID, 2 July — Couples undergoing fertility treatments do not need to abstain from sex for up to a week to improve their chances of success, Israeli researchers said on Monday, in findings challenging some standard medical advice.

Men are usually advised to avoid sex for two to seven days before some types of fertility treatment, to increase semen volume and sperm count.

But scientists at Soroka University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba, said this was unnecessary.

"Our data challenge the role of abstinence in male fertility treatments," Dr Eliahu Levitas told a meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology.

Infertility affects about one in six couples because of a problem with the woman, the man or both partners. Male infertility results when no sperm, or not enough, is produced or if their shape or movement is abnormal.

"What we have found is not so relevant to (treatments) where only a single sperm is injected into the egg, but for those treatments where we are trying to get the best possible sperm quality for intra-uterine insemination," Levitas said, referring to a fertility technique in which sperm is injected into the uterus.

The World Health Organization recommends sexual abstinence for two to seven days before fertility treatment to improve the chances of success.

The researchers tested more than 7,200 semen samples for sperm concentration and shape and counts of motile, or active and moving sperm.

About 6,000 samples were from men being tested or treated for infertil-

ity and had avoided sex for up to two weeks. More than 4,500 had normal sperm counts. The rest had reduced counts ranging from mild to severe.

The study found the volume of semen increased after 11 to 14 days of abstinence but the shape and the form of the sperm deteriorated.

In men with low sperm counts, the proportion of motile sperm fell from day two onwards and reached a low at day six.

"Semen volume was directly and significantly correlated with duration of abstinence, while sperm motility was inversely and significantly related to abstinence in oligozoospermic (reduced sperm count) samples only," Levitas said. — MNA/Reuters



Charlie's Angels: Lucy Liu, Drew Barrymore and Cameron Diaz.—INTERNET

"Charlie's Angels II" takes No 1 at N American box office

LOS ANGELES, 2 July — Columbia Pictures' new action comedy "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" debuted at No 1 at the North American box office this weekend, but it still earned much less than the first movie released in 2000, according to studio estimates released on Sunday.

The second action of "Charlie's Angels" earned 38 million US dollars, off 2.1 million from the opening numbers the first movie put up in November 2000. The sequel reunites Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu as the indomitable crime-fighting heroines.

Meanwhile, the previous weekend's champ, "The Hulk", fell one spot to second place with ticket sales of 18.4 million dollars. Its total exceeded the 100-million-dollar mark after 10 days after release.

Disney's cartoon hit "Finding Nemo" dropped one spot from last weekend to No 3 with a take of 13.88 million dollars. The movie has grossed 253.9 million dollars in

its 5th weekend since release.

The British fright flick "28 Days Later" managed to take the 4th spot with an unexpectedly strong 9.7 million dollars while playing in barely a third as many theatres as the big-studio movies.

Universal's "Bruce Almighty", starring comedian Jim Carrey, took No 5 with 6.2 million dollars. Its gross sales in six weeks since release reached 221.3 million dollars. The top 12 movies grossed an estimated 111.3 million dollars this weekend, down 15 per cent from the same weekend last year. This was also the third straight weekend decline in revenues of North American box office.— MNA/Reuters

HP launches new servers for data centre

LOS ANGELES, 2 July — World leading computer maker HP on Monday introduced a powerful and cost-saving line of servers based on Intel's new Itanium 2 1.5-gigahertz processor, claiming that it would redefine data centre economics.

HP said its new line of standards-based, 64-bit servers could offer customers an unmatched cost-efficiency, saving up one million US dollars in total three-year cost over similar products provided by its arch rival IBM.

The Integrity server family introduced by HP ranges from one- and two-processor entry-level systems up to a 64-processor Integrity Superdome server, featuring high-performance and multi-operating systems. The systems are backed by more than 700 applications from major independent software vendors in both commercial and technical arenas.

"Today is the day Itanium-based systems move mainstream," said Peter Blackmore, executive vice-president of the HP Enterprise Systems Group. "Customers no longer need to choose between high-performance computing and industry-standard economics."

"HP said its Integrity Superdome server is the world's fastest commercial processing machine with a price performance ratio that is better than each of its high-end competitors and comes in 16-, 32- and 64-processor configurations. The server is also the first that can run UNIX, Windows and Linux simultaneously on a single system.

MNA/Xinhua

NASA releases e-mail to doomed "Columbia" crew

WASHINGTON, 2 July — Shuttle Columbia commander Rick Husband and pilot William McCool knew that insulating foam hit the craft after liftoff, but were told it was "not even worth mentioning," according to an e-mail released on Monday.

Investigators have said the foam strike seconds after launch is the most probable cause of the 1 February disaster, in which the craft disintegrated over Texas as it re-entered the atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

The message from Steve Stich, a space shuttle flight director at NASA's Johnson Space Centre, sent on 23 January, aimed to prepare Husband and McCool for any possible media questions about the foam strike.

"There is one item that I would like to make you aware of," Stich wrote. "This item is not even worth mentioning other than wanting to make sure that you are not surprised by it in a question from a reporter."

Stich went on to say that photo analysis showed that foam insulation from the shuttle's external fuel tank had fallen onto the shuttle's left wing "in the area of transition from the Main Wing" — where the shuttle's shape flares from nose to wing — but was no cause for concern.

"The impact appears to be totally on the lower surface and no particles are seen to traverse over the upper surface of the wing," he wrote. "Experts have reviewed the high-

speed photography and there is no concern for RCC or tile damage," he said, referring to the reinforced carbon-carbon material at the wing's leading edge and the shuttle's heat-shielding tiles.—MNA/Reuters

Disabled people well treated in Yunnan Province

KUNMING, 2 July — More than 200,000 disabled people in southwestern China's Yunnan Province have been well treated with help from the community since 1998, according to the ongoing fourth session of Yunnan Disabled Persons' Federation.

The province, with a large area of poverty and backward medical care, has over 2.6 million disabled people.

Since the Five Year Plan on Disabled People was instituted in 1998, more than 200,000 invalids have been helped, including 80,000 cataract patients, about 3,520 deaf people, 30,000 mental patients and another 26,000 people suffering from various problems, including poliomyelitis.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaria kills 104 in Bangladeshi hill districts

DHAKA, 2 July — At least 104 people died of malaria in the southeastern hill districts of Bangladesh during the last three months, reported the Independent newspaper on Monday.

Malaria broken out in the hill districts in southeastern Bangladesh in an epidemic form recently, and over 100 people died of the disease in two districts mostly due to lack of proper medicare.

In Khagrachhari District, a total of 3,700 malaria patients were admitted into health complexes in the last three months, and of them 68 died. A total of 2,125 malaria patients were admitted into hospitals in Rangamati District in the same period, and of them 36 died.— MNA/Xinhua

Beckham due in Madrid but Raul to remain Real's symbol

MADRID, 2 July—David Beckham will never supplant Raul as Real Madrid's standard-bearer, club president Florentino Perez said before the England captain pulled on the white shirt of Real for the first time this week.

"Great players have come to Real Madrid and more are coming but our symbol will always be Raul," Perez told Spanish state television.

Real signed Beckham from Manchester United in a 35-million-euro deal earlier this month and made a second capture from Old Trafford by appointing Carlos Queiroz, United's assistant manager, to replace Vicente del Bosque as coach.

Reports in Spain suggested that in return United could move in to sign Spanish international forward Raul, the Spanish champions' most popular player, but Perez moved to scotch those rumours.

"There's no football at the moment, which means we go into overdrive on rumours," Perez said in the interview broadcast late on Sunday.

"My objective as club president is to ensure that Raul stays on and retires here as Real Madrid captain," Perez said. "I'll work as hard as I can to make that happen."

Beckham is due in Spain on Tuesday for a medical and will be presented as a Real Madrid player at 1000 GMT on Wednesday but he is likely to be given a shirt without a squad number.

The number four shirt of departing captain and centre-back Fernando Hierro is the only free shirt at the moment but that could change if Fernando Morientes is transferred before the start of the new campaign.

That could see Ronaldo taking the number nine and Beckham being handed number 11, but it is unlikely to be decided before his presentation on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Al Ahli win Egyptian Cup in penalty shoot-out

CAIRO, 2 July—Al Ahli beat Ismailia 4-3 on penalties to win the Egyptian Cup after a dramatic 1-1 extra-time draw in Monday's final.

It was a record 33rd cup triumph for the Cairo club and went some way to making up for missing out on the Egyptian league title in May when they were pipped by arch-rivals Zamalek on the final day.

Egypt international Khaled Bebo scored for Al Ahli six minutes from the end of extra time after the two sides had finished goalless after 90 minutes.

But Al Ahli's goalkeeper Essam Al Hadari spilled a cross to allow Mohsen Abougreisa to equalize for Ismailia two minutes later.

El Hadari, recently dropped as Egypt's national team goalkeeper, made amends with two saves in the penalty shootout to hand Al Ahli the cup.

MNA/Reuters

Russian businessman buys Chelsea

LONDON, 2 July—Chelsea football club is to be bought by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich in a deal worth £140m.

The surprise takeover - the biggest in British football history - was finalised late on Tuesday after talks with long-time chairman Ken Bates.

He bought the club in 1982 for just £1, while taking on debts of £1.5m.

Though the club has prospered, debts have grown and it is estimated the new owner will stump up £80m to cover them.

On top of that, Mr Abramovich is buying just over half the shares of Chelsea Village, which owns the football club, for 35 pence each - putting the total value of the club's shares at £59.3m.

The Russian businessman pledged to plough even more resources into the club while Mr Bates said the deal would move Chelsea onto the "next level".

"We are delighted to agree this deal to acquire what is already one of the top clubs in Europe," Mr Abramovich said.

"We have the resources and ambition to achieve even more given the huge potential of this great club."

Mr Abramovich is one of the major shareholders in Sibneft, one of Russia's largest oil companies, and "a keen follower of sport and international football," a statement said.

BBC Business Editor Jeff Randall said Mr Abramovich also has significant interests in Russia's aluminium industry, and owns stakes in Russian airline Aeroflot and a Russian television company.

The TV interests were significant, "as in the modern game today TV rights are what it's all about," he said.

"Football has been in terrible trouble in this country recently - it's clocked up huge debts and the transfer market has collapsed,"



Russian businessman Roman Abramovich, 36, is seen during a meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow on 22 Jan, 2003 file photo. Abramovich, who is a major shareholder in the Russian oil company Sibneft and the Arctic Chukotka regional governor, on Tuesday arranged to buy 84,908,506 shares of English soccer team Chelsea Village, representing approximately 50.09 per cent of the entire issued share capital of the company.—INTERNET

he added. "I think what this could signal is the arrival of overseas sugar daddies.

"If this is the start of the super-rich invaders it'll be very, very interesting to see how the fans react to it."

One Chelsea fan told the BBC he was shocked by the news. "I think it's disgraceful because I always thought that Ken Bates was Mr Chelsea."

Internet

Agassi defeat rains on US parade

LONDON, 2 July—A new name will be engraved on the Wimbledon men's singles trophy this year after Andre Agassi, the last former champion in the draw, suffered a shattering five-set defeat by Australian Mark Philippoussis on Monday.

Unseeded Philippoussis unleashed an astonishing 46 aces, equalling the all-time Wimbledon record for a single match, to beat the second seed and world number one 6-3, 2-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 in a fourth-round epic on court one.

"To finally get him, and the way it happened, I'm just very pleased," said the Australian, who had lost his previous six matches against Agassi.

Philippoussis's victory ruined an otherwise superb day for the Americans. Andy Roddick sealed his quarter-final place and the four leading American women, Serena and Venus Williams, Lindsay Davenport and Jennifer Capriati all swept through to the last eight after a rain-delayed start to the day.

British hopes of a first home men's winner since 1936 remained alive after Tim Henman defeated last year's runner-up, Argentine David Nalbandian, 6-2, 6-7 7-5, 6-3, to reach the quarterfinals for the seventh time in eight years.

Henman will now play either Spanish third seed Juan Carlos Ferrero or Frenchman Sebastian Grosjean. Grosjean led 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 when play was stopped due to bad light.

Russia suffered as four of their five women lost, including shrieking 16-year-old wild card Maria Sharapova, but Belgian duo Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters moved through to the quarterfinals as expected.

Philippoussis, ranked 48, equalled Goran Ivanisevic's 1997 record of 46 aces in a single match at the All England Club to leave 33-year-old Agassi forlorn and exhausted after the best match so far of the men's draw.

The win ended a run of six straight defeats by Agassi and avenged his 2000 Wimbledon quarter-final defeat by the 1992 champion.

Agassi's defeat followed the shock first-

round exit of defending champion Lleyton Hewitt in the first round. It means there is no previous winner in the men's quarter-finals for the first time since 1973.

Philippoussis next plays German Alexander Popp, a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon three years ago, who made the most of his 14-inch height advantage over Belgium's Olivier Rochus to win 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Roddick convincingly saw off 12th-seed Thai Paradorn Srichaphan 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, although he was made to fight by the Thai.

The 20-year-old American, seeking his first grand slam title, faces an unseeded player in the last eight in Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman who beat Belarussian Max Mirnyi in four sets.

Roddick is still on course for a semi-final meeting with talented Swiss fourth seed Roger Federer, who beat Spain's Feliciano Lopez 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 despite play through back pain after injuring himself warming up.

Federer's quarterfinal opponent, assuming he is fit, is Dutch eighth seed Sjeng Schalken, who ousted Australian Open runner-up Rainer Schuettler of Germany in four sets.

The six favourites for the women's crown — the American quartet plus Henin and Clijsters — again had an easy time of it.

Not one of them has dropped a set in the tournament so far.

Serena out-clubbed Russian Elena Dementieva 6-2, 6-2 on Centre Court and will next face Capriati, seeded eighth, after she demolished Anastasia Myskina 6-2, 6-3.

Capriati is the last player to have beaten Serena at Wimbledon. She won their epic 2001 quarter-final in three sets.

Fourth seed Venus, the 2000 and 2001 Wimbledon champion, avenged her French Open defeat by Russian Vera Zvonareva 6-1, 6-3 to set up another all-American quarterfinal against fifth seed Lindsay Davenport.

MNA/Reuters

Russia beat foreign selection 5-2 in charity game

Moscow, 2 July — Russia's national team beat a side made up from the country's top foreign players 5-2 in a charity match on Monday to raise funds for the fight against racism. The foreigners, selected by fan balloting, put up a brave fight but the Russians looked by far the more coherent side throughout the match, refereed by Englishman Graham Poll.

Alexander Kerzhakov and Dmitry Bulykin gave the Russians a 2-0 halftime lead before Bulykin, Roman Pavlyuchenko and an own goal by South African international Matthew. But put them 5-0 ahead midway through the second half.

Georgian midfielder Alexandre Rakhviashvili and Lithuanian striker Robertas Pokus scored late in the game to make the final outcome a little more respectable for the foreign contingent.

It was the first such charity match played in Russia and the idea won the backing from European soccer's governing body UEFA.

Russian soccer has been plagued by racial tensions in recent years since the influx of players from Africa and Latin America and many Black players have complained of racial taunts directed at them during matches by mostly young Russian fans.

MNA/Reuters



Venus Williams plays a return to Lindsay Davenport during her quarter final match on center court at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, on 1 July, 2003. Williams won 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. — INTERNET



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- 9:40 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-I)
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Biological Expedition to Kponkan Razi Region (III) (Awadam Village-Ziadam Village)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

3-7-2003'(Thursday) Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad Evening Transmission (15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
- 15:32 Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Ridged gourd and bean curd Curry"
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-I)
- 15:55 Taking Shelter at Mandalay Hill
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Song "Myanmar Women's Triumphs"
- 16:10 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-II)
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Biological Expedition to Kponkan Razi Region (III) (Awadam Village-Ziadam Village)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Carrot Pudding"

- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- 16:55 Scenic Beauty of TIDDIM & Cultural Dance
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Let Mother Say This To You Daughter"
- 17:12 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 The New Destiny Project (II)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

Evening Transmission (19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
- 19:32 Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 19:36 Winemaw Fish Fingerling Breeding Camp in Kachin State
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Saute prawn with Asparagus"
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
- 19:55 Dance of the Drums
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Folk Art of Pottery
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Bagan the Wonder Land"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Biological Expedition to Kponkan Razi Region (II) Upper Shangaung -Awadam
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Golden Inlay"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
- 20:40 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Chicken with gourd curry bachelor style"
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- 20:55 Kayan Dance
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Finished Products of Teak
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Come visit my Home"
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes Everyone
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:30 Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Ridged gourd and bean curd Curry"
- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 Outstanding Myanmar

- Women (Part-I)
- 21:55 Taking Shelter at Mandalay Hill
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Song "Myanmar Women's Triumphs"
- 22:10 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-II)
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (III) (Awadam Village -Ziadam Village)
- 22:25 Song "Tranquil Bagan"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Carrot Pudding"
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- 22:55 Scenic Beauty of TIDDIM & Cultural Dance
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
- 23:10 Song "Let Mother Say This To You Daughter"
- 23:12 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 The New Destiny Project (II)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

3-7-2003'(Thursday) & 4-7-2003 (Friday) Evening Transmission (23:30 - 01:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune
- 23:32 Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 23:36 Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
- 23:40** **Headline News**
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Ridged gourd and bean curd Curry"
- 23:45** **National News**
- 23:50 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-I)
- 23:55 Taking Shelter at Mandalay Hill
- 24:00** **National News**
- 00:05 Song "Myanmar Women's Triumphs"
- 00:10 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-II)
- 00:15** **National News**
- 00:20 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (III) (Awadam Village -Ziadam Village)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 00:30** **National News**
- 00:35 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Carrot Pudding"
- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 Hill Resort Town

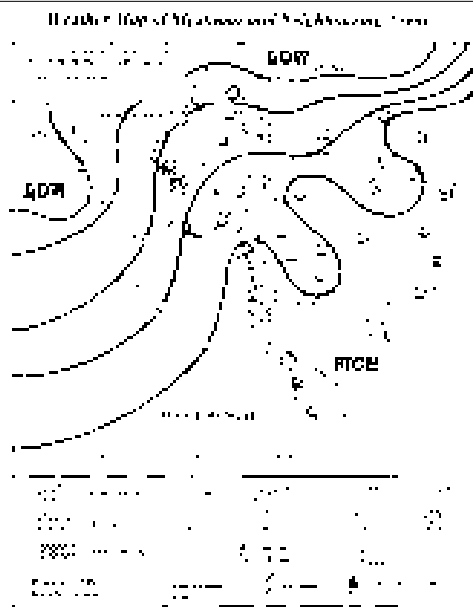
- (Thandaung)
- 00:55 Scenic Beauty of TIDDIM & Cultural Dance
- 01:00** **National News**
- 01:05 Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
- 01:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Let Mother Say This To You Daughter"
- 01:12 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 The New Destiny Project (II)
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

3-7-2003'(Thursday) Morning Transmission (03:30 - 07:30)

- 03:30 Signature Tune
- 03:32 Greetings
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 03:36 Winemaw Fish Fingerling Breeding Camp in Kachin State
- 03:40** **Headline News**
- 03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Saute prawn with Asparagus"
- 03:45** **National News**
- 03:50 Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
- 03:55 Dance of the Drums
- 04:00** **National News**
- 04:05 Folk Art of Pottery
- 04:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Bagan the Wonder Land"
- 04:15** **National News**
- 04:20 Biological Expedition to Kponkan Razi Region (II) (Upper Shangaung -Awadam)
- 04:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Golden Inlay"
- 04:30** **National News**
- 04:35 Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
- 04:40 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Chicken with gourd curry bachelor style"
- 04:45** **National News**
- 04:50 Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- 04:55 Kayin Dance
- 05:00** **National News**
- 05:05 Finished Products of Teak
- 05:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Come visit my Home"
- 05:15** **National News**
- 05:20 Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes Everyone
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 05:30 Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
- 05:40** **Headline News**
- 05:42 Easily cooked tasty dishes "Ridged gourd and bean curd Curry"
- 05:45** **National News**
- 05:50 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-I)

- 05:55 Taking Shelter at Mandalay Hill
- 06:00** **National News**
- 06:05 Song "Myanmar Women's Triumphs"
- 06:10 Outstanding Myanmar Women (Part-II)
- 06:20 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (III) (Awadam Village -Ziadam Village)
- 06:25 Song "Tranquil Bagan"
- 06:30** **National News**
- 06:35 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 06:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Carrot Pudding"

- 06:45** **National News**
- 06:50 Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- 06:55 Scenic Beauty of TIDDIM & Cultural Dance
- 07:00** **National News**
- 07:05 Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
- 07:10 Song "Let Mother Say This To You Daughter"
- 07:12 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 07:15** **National News**
- 07:20 The New Destiny Project (II)
- 07:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and see Myanmar"



WEATHER

Wednesday, 2nd July, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kentung (2.28) inches, Taunggyi (1.85) inches and Lashio (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-7-2003 was 28.0°C (82°F). Minimum temperature on 2-7-2003 was 20.6°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-7-2003 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 1-7-2003 was nil. Rainfall on 2-7-2003 was 13 mm at Yangon Airport, 21 mm at Kaba-Aye and 21 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1024 mm (40.32 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1112 mm (43.78 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1157 mm (45.55 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 1-7-2003.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-7-2003: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-7-2003 : One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-7-2003: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

2.15 pm Music	9.25 pm Topic potpourri
2.20 pm Article/Music	Alaska's endangered sea lions increase
2.35 pm ASEAN news review : Cambodia songs	9.35 pm Favourite songs chosen music lovers
2.45 pm My kind of music	9.45 pm News/Slogan
9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar Kayin State	10.00 pm Portfolio for easy listening
9.15 pm Article	

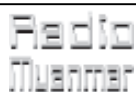


View today:
Thursday, July 3

- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:15 am**
- 6. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am**
- 7. International news

- 8:45 am**
- 8. Say It in English
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Song to uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. English For Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
- 5. အစားသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရွတ်ပြောသံသြားသံစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု (သမီးများ) (သမီးများ)
- 5:15 pm**
- 6. အစိုးရပြန်ပို့
- 5:30 pm**
- 7. Cute little dancers
- 5:45 pm**
- 8. သက်တံတေးသံစဉ်
- 6:00 pm**
- 9. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm**
- 10. ရန်ကုန်မြို့မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးဂုဏ်ရည်
- 6:30 pm**
- 11. Evening news

- 7:00 pm**
- 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
- 13. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:20 pm**
- 14. တိုင်းတော်ပြည်ပြည်ထောင်စု
- 7:40 pm**
- 15. ဒီမိုကရေစီ (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm**
- 16. News
- 17. International news



Tune in today:
Thursday, July 3

- 8:30 am**
Brief news
- 8:35 am**
Music
- 8:40 am**
Perspectives
- 8:45 am**
Music

- 18. Weather report
- 19. Tepleay:
"မိုးသက်လေကိုမြေတံတောင်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
နေအောင်၊ စင်သန်းစု
နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊
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ခါနီးကတော့-စင်စောစောစော
- 20. 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

Cash and kind donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 2 July — Wellwishers donated cash, medical equipment, exercise books and rattan-ware to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at a ceremony held at the association at the corner of Parami and Thanthumar Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC mem-

bers and wellwishers.

Deputy Head of Military Intelligence Office Col Tin Oo presented US\$ 6,694 donated by Japan based Asian Ladies Friendship Society, General Staff Officer (Grade II) of MIO Major Myint Htay, seven kinds of medicines donated by Myanmar Military Attaché to Australia U Kyaw Aye and wife Dr Aye Myo Myo Tint and family, and Managing Director of Htoo Kyaw Co Ltd U Aung Hein, 100 dozens of exercise books and rattan-ware to the president, who next presented certificates of honour to them. — MNA



Col Tin Oo presents US\$ 6,694 donated by Japan based Asian Ladies Friendship Society to MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. — MNA

Minister U Win Aung sends felicitations to Belarus

YANGON, 3 July — U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikhail Mikhailovitch Khvostov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3rd July 2003.

MNA



Minister for Co-operatives Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe accepts donation for the International Co-operative Day from a wellwisher. — COOPERATIVES

Winners of World Population Day commemorative poster, essay competitions announced

YANGON, 2 July — Winners of the World Population Day-2003 commemorative poster and essay competitions organized by the Immigration and Population Department and United Nations Population Fund were announced today by the Population Department.

In the poster competition Level-1 (aged 6-8), Maung Hein Wunna, Basic Education Primary School No 10, Kyimyindine, Maung Htet Naing Lin, of BEMS No 1, Dagon and Maung Kaung Htet Kyaw, of BEPS No 18, Tamwe, stood first, second and third respectively. The consolation prize winners are Ma May Htoo Myat Mon, of Myoma BEMS, Kyauktan, Ma Phyo Ei Zin of BEPS No 9, Tamwe, Maung Htoo Htet Kyaw of Myoma BEMS, Kyauktan, Ma Aye Chan Moe of BEHS No 1 Myeik, and Ma Swat Nwe Nwe Win of BEMS No 3 Myitkyina.

In level-2 (aged 9-12), Ma Su Myat Noe Nwe of BEHS Dagon won the first prize, Ma Pwint Tharaphi Aung of Institute of Educa-

tion Practising School (Yankin) the second and Maung Thiha Tin of BEHS-1 Dagon the third. Ma Aye Myat Myint Mo of BEHS-2, Bahan, Maung Sithu Aung of BEPS-32, Tamwe, Maung Aung Paing Soe of BEMS-2, Bago, and Ma Nan Mo Hun Non of BEHS, Taunggyi won consolation prizes.

In level-3 (aged 13-15), Maung Zin Ko Ko of BEHS-4, Ahlon, Maung Ye Htut Aung of BEHS-1 Dagon, and Ma Khin Chan Myay Thu of Institute of Education Practising School (Kamayut) won the first, second and third prizes respectively. The consolation prize winners are Maung Win Myat Thu of BEHS-3, Tamwe, Maung Kaung Myat Min Soe of Institute of Education Practising School (Kamayut), Maung Chan Myay Soe of BEHS-1, Hpa-an, Ma Naw Kay Kay Lwin of BEHS-3, Dawai, and Maung Tay Zar Naing Htoo of BEHS-16, Chanayethazan.

In level-3 (aged 16-18), the first, second and third prize winners are Maung

Sithu Aung of Dagon University, Ma Aye Ei Soe San of the Eastern University, Yangon, and Ma Po Po Kyi of the University of Foreign Language, Yangon. Maung Nanda Aung of the Eastern University, Yangon, Maung Theik Htwe Nyein Chan of BEHS-2, Loikaw and Maung Naing Htoo Kyaw of Maritime University, Yangon, Maung Aung Myo Tun of Institute of Culture, Mandalay, and Maung Aung Thura, Shwedaung Township, won consolation prizes.

In level-5 (open level-over 19), Maung Zarni Tun of Dagon Myothit (East) won the first prize, Maung Ye Aung Myat of Thingangyun Township the second and Maung Aung Moe of South Okkalapa Township the third. Consolation prize winners are Ko Than Zaw of Bahan Township, Design Ko That of Sanchaung Township and Maung Ye Htut Aung of Kyauktan Township, U Soe Lay (Bago Soe Lay) and Ma Thazin Soe Myint of Tamwe Township.

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Cash donated in honour of International Co-operative Day

YANGON, 2 July — As a gesture of hailing International Co-operative Day, which falls on 5 July 2003, a cash donation ceremony was held in the office of the Minister of Cooperatives on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Cooperatives Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Director-General of the Cooperative

Department U Soe Win, Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than, Managing Director of the Cooperatives Exports and Imports Enterprise Daw Khin Swe Soe, and wellwisher chairmen of cooperative societies.

On the occasion, Chairman of the Central Cooperative Society U Win Sein donated K 200,000, Chair-

man of the Yangon Division General Economic Co-operative Syndicate U Ye Aung, K 200,000, Chairman of the Nay La General Trading Cooperative Ltd U Myint Oo, K 200,000, and Chairman of the Moe Industrial Cooperative Society U Kyuu Khin, K 110,000. Minister Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks. —MNA

Minister inspects hotels in Bagan

YANGON, 2 July— Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials inspected the site for construction of duty free shop at Bagan-NyaungU Airport on 1 July.

The minister inspected the construction site of hotel of Eden Co Ltd.

The minister went to the

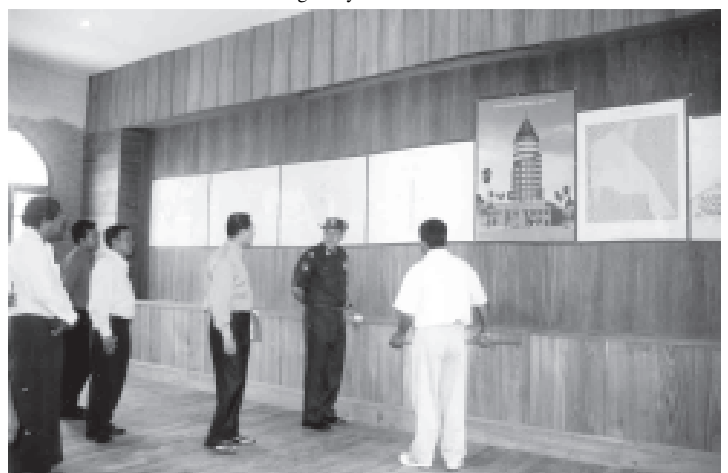
project site of Bagan Nanmyint Tower and hotel. Director U Thiha of Htoo Trading Co Ltd reported on work done. The minister gave instructions.

The minister proceeded to Thiri Pyitsaya Hotel and inspected construction of extension rooms. He went to Bagan Eya Hotel where

Project Manager U Ye Tun reported on construction of the hotel. The minister then gave instructions and inspected construction of hotels along the river bank.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected construction of bungalows of Bagan Hotel and Tharapa Hotel.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw hears report presented by Director U Thiha on Bagan Nanmyint Tower and Hotel Construction Project. — HOTEL & TOURISM

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.