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*Daw Kyaing Kyaing presents prize to Daw Thein Hsaing (Writer Ma Myat Lay).— NLM*

## Myanmar society not based on individuals, but on family led by father and mother

### True Myanmar women born in Myanmar society never need to demand rights like their foreign counterparts

YANGON, 3 July — Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, presented prizes to the outstanding women at the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day for 2003 at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, at 8 am today.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt delivered an address at the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye; member of Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of the Secretary-1; Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo; wives of the members of the State Peace and Development Council; Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the mayor of Yangon, deputy ministers,

the vice-mayor, members of the MNCWA, advisers, members of the Working Committee, members of the Work Committee for Organizing 2003 Myanmar Women's Day, members of WCWAs of Yangon Division and Districts, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, representatives of social organizations, artists, donors, outstanding women and guests.

First, Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt delivered an address. He said:

The Myanmar Women's Day was organized in honour of the entire Myanmar women, and it glorified the honourable dignity, the brilliant efforts, and their tradition to safeguard and promote the nation and the lineage.

Throughout the long history, the true Myanmar women have the fine tradition of striving shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts for national progress, emergence of Myanmar culture and building of a strong State based on nationalist fervour.

At present, efforts are being made with the strength of the entire nation for the nation to catch up with world nations and stand with dignity and for perpetuity of the

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#### Four political objectives

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

#### Four economic objectives

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

#### Four social objectives

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

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*With Daw Kyaing Kyaing in attendance, Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt addresses the ceremony to mark 2003 Myanmar Women's Day.— MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 4 July, 2003

### Paddy-plus-fish project for increasing incomes of rural people

Now is the time when the Government is fulfilling all the requirements to raise the momentum of development in the agriculture sector by disseminating new and modern cultivation methods in rural areas where agriculture is the main line of business, by providing quality strains and by adopting measures that can be in the best interests of the farmers.

The ceremony to introduce the paddy-plus-fish project was held at the Bago Quality Strain Farm in Kamanat Village in Bago Division on 27 June. Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Southern Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended it and released fingerlings into the paddy fields.

Fish live on crabs, mollusc, larvae and insects in the fields. They soften the soil and rid the fields of algae. Excrement of fish makes the soil more fertile and it leads to the high yield of paddy output.

Hence, fish are put into paddy fields nowadays. It is very beneficial to the rural people in income generation. At the recent ceremony to put fish into paddy fields held on 27 June, altogether 237,000 fingerlings including talavia, ngakhu (clarius batrachus), ngayin (cirrhina mrigala) and ngakhonma (barbas spp) were released into 474 acres of paddy fields at the rate of 500 fingerlings per acre. In fact, the paddy-plus-fish project began in 2002. This year, the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries put fish into paddy fields in 5,500 acres in seven States and Divisions namely Ayeyawady, Bago, Mandalay, Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and Mon and Kayin States.

In Myanmar, there are over 12 million acres under cultivation. The more extensively the paddy-plus-fish project is implemented, remarkable increase can surely be seen in fresh water fish production of the country.

Hence, it is very encouraging that the paddy-plus-fish project or the more fish in rice field project is under implementation. The point is that collective efforts are needed to extend the implementation of the project.



Yangon City Development Committee Joint-Secretary U Kyi Win hears report on sanitation works by Head of Pollution Control & Cleansing Department U Tun Than Tun at the co-ordination meeting held on 3-7-2003. — YCDC



ASEAN QUIZ: Winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz of Myanma Radio & Television — Ma Sanda Lin (first), Maung Kyaw Zeya (second), Maung Pyae Phyto Min (third) and Maung Nyi Nyi Lwin (consolation prize) seen with prizes on 1-7-2003. — MRTV

### Poppy-substitute crop seeds, rice, salt provided to Kokang nationals who contributed towards total elimination of poppy cultivation in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 3 July — The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control provided coffee saplings, seeds of poppy-substitute crops — maize, high-yield strain paddy and vegetables — rice and salt to Kokang national who contributed towards total elimination of poppy cultivation in Shan State (North) at a ceremony held at the Drug Elimination Museum in Laukkai on 28 June afternoon.

It was attended by CCDAC members Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun and Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, Brig-Gen Than Win of Laukkai Station, local authorities, Kokang National Race Leader of Special Region-1 U Phon Kya Shin and Kokang nationals.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung explained the purpose of providing the provision. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung dealt with measures being taken with might and main for eradication of narcotic drugs in Myanmar under the leadership of the State Peace and Development Council; and Brig-Gen Than Win, with tasks being undertaken for fighting anti-narcotic drugs and regional development in



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents bags of rice and salt to Kokang national race leader of Special Region-1 U Phon Kya Shin. — MNA

Kokang region.

Next, on behalf of the commander of North-East Command, Brig-Gen Than Win presented the coffee saplings and seeds of maize and paddy; Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung, seeds of vegetables; and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, 5,000 bags of rice and 100 bags of salt to U Phone Kya Shin.

U Phone Kya Shin expressed his thanks, saying that Kokang nationals cultivated poppy for many years but they have no longer cultivated poppy since the year in which the government started the 15-year plan. He added that Kokang nationals are implementing the objectives of the plan fully.

In the poppy cultivation season of the previous year, the government pro-

vided seeds of poppy-substitute crops to them, which led to the total eradication of poppy cultivation in Kokang region. Under the New Destiny Project, seeds of crops were provided to Kokang national race farmers. They are going to cultivate these seeds and the harvests will be in October or November. Until the harvest season, the farmers will surely have difficulty with foodstuff.

He said that he thanks the government wholeheartedly for its provision. In conclusion, he pledged to make endeavours with added momentum for achieving greater success in cultivating poppy-substitute crops.

After the ceremony, the deputy ministers and officials viewed the perennial crop plantations and poultry farm of U Yan Kyo

Wai near Stone Pillar BP 127, and the model farm of Kokang region poppy-substitute perennial crops near Yanlonkyaing Village in Laukkai Township. In the model farm, a total of some 3,900 mango trees are grown on 33.62 acres, 1,000 lychee trees on 5.20 acres, 3,000 orange trees on 15.46 acres, 3,000 grapefruit trees on 50.73 acres, and 6,000 pepper trees on 24.39 acres.

They also observed the agriculture and livestock breeding farm of Kokang Su Paung Nyi Nya Co, poppy-substitute perennial crops farm of Kunmin Gili Co, Kokang-Myanmar poultry farm near Konhsa Village and the perennial crops plantation of U Mye Shauk Chan and U Lu Ar Paung near Nali Village, and fulfilled their requirements.

MNA

### Narcotic drugs seized in Monkoe, Bhamo, Muse

YANGON, 3 July — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Myanmar Police Force, acting on information, stopped and searched a Beijing Jeep bus, going from Phaunghsai to Monkoe, at Kaungtat Police Station in Monkoe Township, Shan State (North), on 19 June and seized passenger Re Se, son of U Yee Shwe Hpa of Panphek Village, Monhoung Village-tract, Kutkai Township, to-

gether with 26 rounds of M-22 ammunition. Further investigation led to seizure of Ri Kya Sant, son of U Rin In Chaw of Ward 4, Tayok Village, Phaunghsai Village-tract, with 940 grams of raw opium.

While the combined team were waiting on the lane in Budozagon (Shanwaing Ward), Paukkon Ward, Bhamo, they searched suspect Ma Dashi Lu, daughter of U Da Shi Gam of Ward 4,

Mongkhong Village, Mansi Township, with 35.01 grams of heroin the same day. On 24 June, the combined team comprising members of the local battalion and Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, searched the place where precursor chemical liquid which can be used in refining heroin were hidden in the bush beside the lane near old Malun Village in Muse Township.

The team arrested Sai Saw Hla, who looked after the chemical liquid, son of U Shwe Kyaung of Manhaung Village, Namhon Village-tract, Muse Township, together with 252 litres of Ether, 360 litres of Lysol and 100 litres of Hydrochloric acid.

Actions are being taken against them under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law at the police station concerned.

MNA

### Seeds of poppy-substitute crops provided in Tachilek

YANGON, 3 July — The Tachilek District Committee for Drug Abuse Control organized a ceremony to provide seeds of poppy-substitute crops to poppy cultivators at Monglin (West) Village in Tachilek Township on 29 June morning, attended by about 350 local people.

On the occasion, Chairman of District Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Nyunt delivered a speech. Next, Lt-Col Aung Nyunt and officials presented 150 baskets of paddy strain and 20 baskets of maize strain ex-poppy-growers of Maka, Kyasheepa, Kyalaw, Panpe, Hwewai, Khashan, Hwelaw, Namkahm, Madei and Kyataw villages. — MNA

### Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 3 July — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Department, it is learnt. — MNA



## Britain to lead peacekeeping force in southern Iraq

LONDON, 3 July— British Ministry of Defence said on Tuesday that Britain would lead a 16,000-strong international peacekeeping force in southern Iraq.

About 11,000 British troops in the force were already in that area helping restore security and stability, a spokesman for the ministry said, adding that nine other countries had agreed to commit about 5,000 troops to the British sector of control in Iraq.

Discussions on getting multinational troops to the British sector of control had been going on for several weeks and the nine countries that had signed up for help were Denmark, the Czech Republic, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal and Romania, the spokesman said. Denmark had already deployed troops to the British sector of control and troops from the Czech Republic had set up a field hospital in the southern city of Basra, he added. —MNA/Xinhua

## Shiites call for end of US rule in Iraq

NAJAF, 3 July — Two top leaders of Iraq's Shiite majority denied Iranian influence in their movements and called for the formation of a multiethnic Iraqi government and the end to the US-led occupation.

Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim's group — the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq — set off alarm bells in Washington because of its strong links to Iran, where it was based until the toppling of Saddam Hussein. US forces have raided its offices in Baghdad several times in recent days.

But the Shiite leader denied that Shiite Muslim Iran was trying to play a role in Iraq, which also has a Shiite majority but has been ruled for decades by minority Sunni Muslims.

"Our demand is that a government be formed by the Iraqis and work to end the occupation by peaceful means," al-Hakim told The Associated Press in this holy southern city.

Saddam's fall is seen by many Shiites as an opportunity for them to claim their rightful place in Iraqi politics — though many abroad fear a Shiite power grab could spell an Iranian-style theocracy, something the US-led occupation authority is determined to avoid.

Another Shiite leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, also denied an Iranian influence in his movement.

"We don't have any contact with any foreign side when it comes to Iraqi affairs," al-Sistani said in a written response to a reporter's questions. "All governments should respect Iraq's sovereignty, the will of the Iraqi people and not interfere in their affairs."

Al-Sistani, one of Iraq's most influential personalities, issued a fatwa, or religious ruling, this week, denouncing US administrators' plans to appoint a council to draw up a new constitution and demanding elections so Iraqis can elect their own constitutional convention.

The fatwa said a constitutional council hand-picked by the Americans was "fundamentally unacceptable."

"There is no guarantee that the council would create a constitution conforming with the greater interests of the Iraqi people and expressing the national identity, whose basis is Islam and its noble social values," read the fatwa, dated Saturday and posted on al-Sistani's Web site.

Three leaders — al-Hakim, al-Sistani and Muqtada al-Sadr — enjoy widespread support among Iraqi Shiites, who make up 60 percent of Iraq's 24 million people. —Internet

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## Smugglers headed to Iran drain wealth from Iraq

HAI UMRAH, 3 July— This isolated highway crossing on the Iranian border has become a black hole into which Iraq's former wealth is being sucked.

The dozens of backhoes, industrial generators, drilling rigs, cement mixers, cranes and heavy factory machines lined up here waiting to cross into Iran are a virtual catalog of the vast amount of equipment stolen from Iraqi government facilities after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

The smuggling of looted goods desperately needed to rebuild the country passes without any interference from the local autonomous Iraqi Kurdish government — nor from the United States, which allows the Kurds to maintain a standing militia and control of the border posts. US occupation authorities insist that American and British forces have neither the mandate nor the manpower to halt the trade.

US officials have repeat-

edly blamed the nationwide looting on Hussein loyalists bent on sabotaging reconstruction. But Kurdish officials, truck drivers and the owner of one large smuggling enterprise charge that the trade in stolen goods is an organized criminal activity in which both businessmen and Kurdish leaders take a cut of the action.

"It's a mafia, which we can't stop," said an official of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, or KDP, which rules Haj Umrah and the northern half of the Kurdish region. "The people who are in charge are the top peshmarga, who have too much influence," he said, referring to the guerrilla commanders who led the Kurds' fight against the Baghdad regime since the early 1970s. —Internet

## US forces storm Iraqi towns in sweep

CAMP BOOM, 3 July — Insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a US military vehicle in the restive town of Fallujah, wounding an NBC News employee, and US forces arrested a former Iraqi colonel as part of a sweep against remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime.

In southern Iraq, American soldiers detained the US-appointed mayor of the Shiite-dominated city of Najaf, accusing him of

kidnapping and corruption, and arrested 62 of his aides. The mayor, Abu Haydar Abdul Mun'im, had been deeply unpopular among Najaf residents because of his background in Saddam's military.

US and British troops have been trying to win favor among the Shiite Muslims in the south, which until recently had seen little of the anti-coalition violence that has plagued American forces in mostly Sunni central Iraq. —Internet

## Medium, small hydropower plants abundant in Yunnan

KUNMING, 3 July—As many as 1,560 medium and small hydropower plants have been built in the gorges of southwest China's Yunnan

Province, offering abundant and clean electric power to the province's rural areas.

The hydropower plants, each with an installed ca-

capacity of below 250,000 kilowatts, are playing an important role in economic development in rural areas of Yunnan. —MNA/Xinhua



Unexploded ordnance and other debris, litter over a wide area at an ammunition depot near Hadithah 240 kilometers (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. —INTERNET



Rocket-propelled grenades slammed into US military vehicles in two attacks in and around Baghdad on 1 July, and a massive explosion at a mosque in the town of Fallujah killed at least five Iraqis and injured four others. Iraqi civilians said the explosion late Monday in Fallujah was caused by a missile or bomb strike. —INTERNET

## Chinese, French defence ministers hold talks

**BELJING, 3 July — Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan held talks here Monday with French Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie.**

Cao, who is also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and State Councillor, said China and France had a long history of friendly exchanges, and bilateral relations had entered a new stage since they established all-round friendly partnership in 1997.

Peace and development remain the main themes despite the increase of destabilizing factors, Cao said, stressing their responsibility to safeguard world peace and promote

common development.

Cao said the Armed Forces of China would learn from the experience of military reform of other countries to promote its own reform and realize the modernization of national defence and the Armed Forces.

Alliot-Marie said the two countries and military forces had maintained close contact in recent years. The two sides shared the same or similar views on many key international issues.

She hoped her visit to China would expand consensus and strengthen cooperation. —MNA/Xinhua



# Iraq attacks pose political challenge for Bush

WASHINGTON, 3 July —With each US death in Iraq, President Bush faces the potential of a growing political threat at home as Americans become more unsettled by continued violence, analysts say.

Bush, whose 2004 re-election strategy relies heavily on casting himself as a strong leader in a time of grave threats, could see that image damaged by the steady death toll or prolonged attacks on US troops.

"There is public recognition that things aren't going well in Iraq," said Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup poll. He added that public opinion is "moving in a direction that, if it continues, would begin to be very significant for the Bush administration and their re-election strategy."

A Gallup poll this week showed the number of Americans who thought things were going badly in Iraq jumped to 42 percent from 29 percent a month ago. Fifty-six percent said the war was worth it, down from 73 percent when major military action ended in mid-April.

A University of Maryland poll this week found a majority now believes Bush "stretched the truth" on whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and links to al Qaeda, although two-thirds still say Bush was right to go to war.

The public will accept US casualties if they believe the cause is just, "but eventually there is a tip-over point where the perception changes, and no one knows when

that comes," Newport said.

Democratic presidential contender Howard Dean, who has strongly criticized the president's Iraq policy, has jumped to the head of the pack of Bush's 2004 challengers. Democrats say growing doubts about Bush's judgment on Iraq open up new avenues to question his leadership and ability to handle foreign policy.

"It raises doubts about Bush's core message — that I make you safer and I won the war," said Democratic consultant Jenny Backus.

Administration officials say US troops in Iraq are not facing a Vietnam-like quagmire. The military has launched numerous raids in recent days to halt Iraqi attacks.

Bush has ruled out an early exit from Iraq of 150,000 US troops and challenged Iraqi militants on Wednesday with a defiant call of "Bring them on." At least 23 American servicemen have been killed by hostile fire since Bush declared the end of major combat operations on 1 May.

Bush said there were people in Iraq who wanted to drive out US troops and "create the conditions where we get nervous and decide to leave. We're not going to get nervous."

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier stands amid the debris of a destroyed military vehicle in the al-Mustansiriya neighbourhood of Baghdad. A group of visiting US senators warned the fighting was not over yet in Iraq and the American public must know US troops have a long struggle ahead of them. — INTERNET

## Iran ready to sign additional protocol to NPT

Moscow, 3 July —Teheran is ready to sign "the additional protocol to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)," Iranian Vice-President Gholamreza Aghazadeh said in Moscow on Tuesday.

Iran will sign the protocol "only in the atmosphere of transparency and confidence between signatories to the document", Aghazadeh said in an interview with ITAR-TASS and Channel One television.

"This should not be regarded as extra conditions on the part of Iran," he said, adding that Iran wants all parties to the NPT "to abide by their commitments".

The additional protocol to the NPT will give the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) experts access to carry out surprise inspections of all nuclear facilities in Iran.

Aghazadeh, who is also head of the Iranian atomic energy organization, reiterated Iran's readiness to invite IAEA chief Mohammed ElBaradei to visit Iran.

"We have been developing fruitful cooperation with the IAEA for long, and the Teheran visit of the IAEA head on July 6 will include consultations to coordinate some hitherto unsettled issues," he said. "It is not planned for ElBaradei to visit Iranian nuclear sites," he added.

He confirmed the Russian Foreign Ministry statement that Iran and Russia would sign an agreement on the return of spent nuclear fuel to Russia.

Earlier on Tuesday, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said that the spent nuclear fuel, which may be used for processing nuclear arms, would be returned to Russia from Iran after being used at Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant.

MNA/Xinhua

## US Marine killed in Iraq mine explosion

BAGHDAD, 3 July — A US Marine was killed and three others injured Wednesday while conducting mine-clearing operations in Iraq, US military officials said.

Central Command in Florida said in a statement the blast occurred in Kerbala, south of Baghdad, as 1st Marine Expeditionary Force troops carried out mine-clearing.

It said an Iraqi fire department technician accompanying the Marines was also injured.

Internet

CAIRO, 3 July — A leader of a prominent Shiite group accused the Bush administration on Wednesday of renegeing on pledges to hand over power to local political groups in Iraq.

Hamid al-Bayati, of the Shiite Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, also blamed Americans for failing to secure Iraq after Saddam's fall and "plunging the country into an unending cycle of violence." "They kept promising us Iraq would be ruled by its people once there was a regime change and Saddam was removed, but that didn't happen and seems far from happening," he told The Associated Press from his London office.

The remarks by al-Bayati, the chief overseas representative of the council, were the toughest to date about the Bush administration by one of its former allies. He represented the council in prewar contacts between anti-Saddam groups and Washington.

On Saturday, Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, one of Iraq's most influential spiritual leaders, issued a fatwa, or religious edict, denouncing US plans for a council to draw up a new constitution and demanding elections so that Iraqis can choose their own constitutional convention.

Internet

## ElBaradei to visit Iran on 9 July

TEHERAN, 3 July —Teheran said on Tuesday Mohammed ElBaradei, the head of the UN's nuclear watchdog, would visit Iran on 9 July as pressure mounts on the Islamic Republic to accept tougher inspections of its nuclear sites.

The United Nations, United States, Russia and the European Union have all urged Iran to allow more intrusive, short-notice nuclear inspections after an IAEA report criticized Iran last month for failing to fully report its atomic activities.

"He is going to come to Iran next Wednesday, 9 July," Khalil Mousavi, a spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters

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## German economy to shrink

BERLIN, 3 July —A leading economic institute said Tuesday German economic growth would see a decline this year.

The biggest economy in Europe is due to shrink by 0.1 per cent, said the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW).

The institute revised down its previous projection of some 0.6 per cent for German economic growth this year.

The economy would see a rise next year and could grow by some 1.3 per cent, said Klaus Zimmermann, chief of the DIW. But there was still no real "economic breakthrough" in sight, he warned.

The DIW urged the Euro-

pean Central Bank to further cut its key interest rate by another 0.5 percentage points to 1.5 per cent to give the economic growth in eurozone more impetus.

Zimmermann welcomed the German Government's decision to implement the third phase of the tax reforms in 2004, a year earlier.

He said this could lead to more consumption and investment. The expert also warned of a deflation that comes from sinking prices and shrinking economic power.

MNA/Xinhua

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US Army soldier patrol the restive town of Fallujah on 2 June, 2003. Six American soldiers were wounded in Iraq on 1 July and a group of visiting senators said there could be more attacks on US troops after a fatal blast at a mosque fueled Muslim anger with the occupying forces. — INTERNET

## US soldier dies from wounds in Iraq attack

BAGHDAD, 3 July — A US soldier who was wounded on Tuesday in an attack on his military convoy in Baghdad has died from his injuries, the US military said on Wednesday.

The soldier belonged to the 352nd Civil Affairs Command — a non-combat unit — which had been involved primarily in the reconstruction of post-war Iraq, assessing which public works projects have priority and assigning funds to them, a spokeswoman said. His convoy was hit by an “improvised explosive device” on a Baghdad highway.

The death raises to at least 23 the number of Americans killed by hostile fire in Iraq since President Bush declared major combat over on 1 May.

Two other Americans who had gone missing were found dead in uncertain circumstances and six British soldiers were killed a week ago in the south of Iraq. The US-led occupation forces have come under a barrage of attacks in recent days. American officials blame the attacks on highly trained members of Iraq's former army and intelligence services loyal to deposed President Saddam Hussein whose 24-year rule ended in April. — *Internet*

## Greek President meets with Chinese FM

ATHENS, 3 July — Greek President Costis Stephanopoulos on Tuesday met with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, and both sides hailed the good relations between the two countries and expressed their shared will to strengthen cooperation in international affairs.

Economic cooperation between China and Greece has great potential and China is willing to further boost cooperation with Greece, Li said during the meeting with Stephanopoulos at the Presidential Palace in Athens. China attaches great importance to its friendly relations with Greece and hopes to further promote and deepen the existing good ties between the two sides, Li said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Army reservist from Kennebunk killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 July — An Army reservist whose retirement request was denied because of Operation Iraqi Freedom was killed in Iraq, possibly when his convoy came under attack.

First Sgt Christopher Coffin, 51, of Kennebunk, Maine, was a member of 352nd Civil Affairs Command assisting convoys traveling between Baghdad and Kuwait when he died Tuesday, his sister-in-law, Candy Barr Heimbach, said Wednesday.

Coffin's family lives in Somerville, NJ, she said. Coffin's relatives in New

Jersey could not immediately be reached. People who answered the telephone at two Somerville listings for Coffin said they were not related to him. Heimbach said the Army initially told the family that Coffin was driving a vehicle that was involved in an accident after swerving to avoid an Iraqi civilian vehicle. Coffin, who moved to

Maine with his wife Betsy 15 years ago, planned to retire but his plans changed when war came, Heimbach said.

“He made a commitment to my sister to spend their older years together and not to put himself in jeopardy, where there'd be any chance she'd have to suffer through what she's going through now,” she said. — *Internet*



Ali Abdurassool, 25, carves up high demanded blocks of ice for triple the price along the roadside Wednesday, on 2 July, 2003, in Baghdad. While ordinary Iraqis may be fed up with the US-led provisional government's inability to get life back to normal more than two months after the fall of Saddam Hussein a few have found ways to profit in Iraq's post-war economy. — *INTERNET*

## Russia, Iran to sign protocol on return of spent nuclear fuel

MOSCOW, 3 July — Moscow and Teheran will sign a protocol requiring Iran to return spent nuclear fuel used at the Bushehr nuclear power plant to Russia, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said Tuesday.

“There are plans to sign this protocol in the near future. This has been agreed upon with Iran,” Yakovenko said.

He reiterated Russia's pledge to continue helping Iran build the Bushehr nuclear power plant, noting Russia sees “no obstacles”.

Yakovenko defended Russia's assistance in the Bushehr project as “transparent”, adding that the project is “proceeding in strict compliance with in-

ternational standards”.

Yakovenko made the statement on the second day of the four-day visit by Iranian Vice-President and head of Iran's atomic energy organization Gholamreza Aghazadeh to Russia. The main topic of his trip is to discuss nuclear cooperation between Iran and Russia.

On Monday, during meeting with Aghazadeh, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov urged Iran to sign an additional protocol that would give the International Atomic Energy Agency experts access to carry out surprise inspections of all nuclear facilities.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Israel seeks to amend law to allow exports to Iraq

TEL AVIV, 3 July — Israel is working to amend a law to allow exporters to sell goods to Iraq, the Finance Ministry said on Wednesday.

Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to approve the move soon, a ministry spokeswoman said.

The *Maariv* daily reported on Wednesday that Israeli exporters would be able to start trading with Iraq within days following the toppling of Saddam Hussein's rule and once the law is amended.

The change would be limited to one year after which the decision would be reviewed, the paper said. Iraq would not be removed from the list of enemy states and Israelis will not be allowed to visit the country, *Maariv* reported.

The Finance Ministry is working on the change with the foreign and justice ministries, the spokeswoman said but she was unable to say when the law would officially be changed.

Foreign Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment while a Justice Ministry spokesman said he was not aware of any moves to change the law.

Israeli companies have already started exporting goods to Iraq using Palestinians and Jordanians as middlemen, the paper said. Israel also uses intermediaries, some of them Arabs, to trade with other Arab states. — *MNA/Reuters*



US senator John Warner (C), the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee speaks to reporters in Baghdad on 1 July, 2003. Nine members of the Senate panels on Armed Services and Intelligence including Carl Levin (2nd L), Pat Roberts (R) and John D Rockefeller (2nd R) are travelling in Iraq and the surrounding region this week to assess US operations amid concerns of growing Iraqi resistance to the occupation. — *INTERNET*

## Kabul hospital to be renovated with Chinese aid

KABUL, 3 July — A major hospital in the Afghan capital city is to undergo a thorough renovation and expansion project, which will make it the biggest and most advanced medical facility in the country, officials said on Tuesday.

The project, funded by the Chinese Government, is part of the aid package of 150 million US dollars pledged by China for Afghanistan's reconstruction process after the ouster of the Taleban in 2001. An agreement on the rehabilitation project of the Republic Hospital near downtown Kabul was signed here between Afghan Health Minister Suhaila Seddiq and Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan Sun Yuxi.

Renovation work on the hospital, which was badly damaged during factional fightings in the early 1990s in the city, is expected to formally begin later this month with a total cost of some 4.35 million US dollars, said an official from the Chinese Embassy. China will also provide assistance in training Afghan staff to operate the state-of-art medical instrument to be equipped in the hospital after the renovation project, which will be implemented by a Chinese company, completes within one year. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Vietnam's coal export up

HANOI, 3 July — Vietnam exported 3.28 million tons of coal in the first half of this year, 7.5 per cent more than the same period last year, obtaining an export revenue of over 84 million US dollars.

Export sales rose because the Chinese market stabilized while sales to Western Europe, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, and Chinese Taiwan increased, according to the latest issue of *Vietnam Investment Review* on Tuesday.

Vietnam mined 19 per cent more coal in the first six months of this year than the same period last year, and already achieved 59.5 per cent of its target for 2003.

*MNA/Xinhua*



## US troops nab more anti-coalition suspects in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 July—US troops seeking out anti-coalition forces in Iraq managed to detain 25 “high-value” targets as their operation, dubbed Sidewinder, moved into its fourth day on Wednesday.

Those captured include former leaders of the Baath Party and the Fedayeen but no major fugitives of the ousted Saddam regime.

A military statement said the US Army conducted 25 raids and detained 25 suspects.

The campaign has also netted a cache of weapons.

In the north of Baghdad, troops discovered a collection of 200 rocket-propelled grenades which are often used in anti-US attacks.

The increasing attacks have killed more than 23 US

soldiers and wounded dozens more since major combat was declared over on 1 May. On Tuesday, assailants travelling in a vehicle in central Baghdad fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a US military vehicle, wounding three soldiers. —Internet



British troops talk to former Iraqi Army soldiers during their protest outside the British camp in Basra, some 600 kilometers, 373 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq on 2 July, 2003 to demand back pay after the army was dissolved by the occupying US and British forces. The protest coincided with the Wednesday visit of British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw.—INTERNET

## ASEAN members discuss legal cooperation within grouping

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 July — The ASEAN attorneys-general attending a meeting on criminal matters in Malaysia have recognized the importance of having mutual legal assistance among the ASEAN members.

Some countries had indicated that they were prepared to sign the Malaysia-initiated Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty by early next year while others needed to study them further, Malaysian Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail told reporters at the end of the three-day meeting in Kota Kinabalu, east Malaysia, on Wednesday.

“But everyone of them recognizes (the importance of having such a treaty). They agree that mutual legal assistance is required and necessary but the issue is how we put it in an effective instrument,” he said.

Except for Vietnam, the other nine ASEAN countries were represented at the meeting along with observers from the United States, Britain and Australia.

Abdul Gani, who chaired the meeting, said that since the treaty was not an ASEAN

initiative, it would not require the consensus of all the ASEAN members before it could be signed.

He said that he was assured that there would be “at least a few countries which are ready to sign” the treaty.

“They have indicated that they want to move fast and that they don’t have much problems with the provisions of the treaty,” he said.

Asked what were the concerns expressed at the meeting, Abdul Gani said that they related to the application, enforcement ability and relevance of the treaty to the domestic laws. Nevertheless, he said, the Secretariat would have to look at all the written comments and suggestions which would be submitted by member countries within a month. — MNA/Xinhua

## Tectonic quake jolts Indonesia’s Bengkulu Province

JAKARTA, 3 July — A tectonic earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter Scale rocked Bengkulu Province on the Indonesian island of Sumatra on Wednesday morning, the national news agency Antara reported.

Head of the meteorological office in Kepahyang District, Armin Paimin said the focus of the quake, which struck at 7:47 am (local time or 0047 GMT), was located at 33 kilometres beneath the surface of the Indian Ocean, some 295 kilometres south-west of Bengkulu City.

He said the tremor was felt in Bengkulu City, as well as in the districts of North Bengkulu, South Bengkulu,

Kepahyang and Rejang Lebong.

Many residents of the city and surrounding areas fled their houses when they felt the tremor, which sparked panic, but caused no injury.

On June 6, 2002, a massive earthquake measuring up to 7.3 on the Richter Scale killed at least 102 people in Bengkulu and left hundreds of others injured.

MNA/Xinhua

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## UN pushes for more powerful Iraqi council

BAGHDAD, 3 July — UN envoys to Iraq are steering US-led civilian rulers towards forming a more powerful Iraqi council, which would be more acceptable to the population, a senior UN official said on Wednesday.

Ghassan Salameh, adviser to the special UN representative to Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello, also said basic essentials needed to support eventual elections to replace the US and British occupying power may not be in place for up to a year.

“We started sowing ideas that can convince the coalition that what they were intending to do when we got here a month ago was a non-starter with the Iraqis,” Salameh told Reuters.

“Whenever change took place it went into the direction we were conveying of what the Iraqi people want,” he said.

The US-led coalition governing Iraq intends to appoint an advisory council of some 25 to 30 Iraqi members later this month to serve alongside the provisional authority.

The influence of the United Nations in postwar Iraq has yet to be determined, after the United States and Britain went to war in Iraq without the authorization of the world

body.

But Salameh said the United Nations has since convinced Washington and London that the Iraqi council should have some executive powers and not simply be an advisory panel, as had been originally intended.

For example the council will have the right to appoint ministers and a say in issuing the budget, Salameh said.

“We would have liked this change to go even further, to be as close as possible to a provisional government,” he said.

Salameh said the United Nations had just begun consulting Iraqi constitutional experts on how to move toward a national Constitution that would attract the widest support.

But Salameh, who was Lebanon’s minister of culture until May, acknowledged that for most Iraqis the issue of creating a new Constitution to guide a country that had been controlled by Saddam Hussein for decades was not a top priority. — MNA/Reuters

## EgyptAir says keen to reopen Baghdad route swiftly

CAIRO, 3 July — EgyptAir will begin talks with aviation authorities on Saturday about restarting its flights to Baghdad and wants to begin operating the route as soon as possible, the airline’s commercial director said on Wednesday.

“EgyptAir is ready to immediately begin its flights to Iraq,” Saeed el-Zumor told reporters. “We have studies about the economics of operating the Cairo-Baghdad route which have confirmed the feasibility of operating this line economically.”

EgyptAir would discuss the resumption of Baghdad flights on Saturday with the International Air Transport Association’s (IATA) Amman office, he said.

That office had been

authorized by IATA and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to consult with the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Iraq about opening air routes to Baghdad, he added.

The CPA on Tuesday invited airlines to submit applications to provide commercial air services to Baghdad, a sign that the reopening of Baghdad International Airport was imminent.

Airlines were invited to

apply immediately. The CPA said it would select the companies it deemed acceptable around July 10.

Zumor did not say whether EgyptAir would present its application to the CPA directly.

The main US contractor rebuilding Iraq’s infrastructure in June said it aimed to reopen the airport on July 15. But no firm date has been set for the resumption of flights to Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier stands guard as former Iraqi government employees hold a rally to demand back pay outside the former Presidential Palace which now houses the US administration office in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 July, 2003. The employees lost their jobs following the fall of Saddam Hussein to coalition forces. —INTERNET



# Ex-commandos blamed for ambushes

BAGHDAD, 3 July—Evidence from captured or killed assailants shows professional commandos from Saddam Hussein's old power structure are behind recent attacks on occupying forces, the US administrator in Iraq said yesterday.

Paul Bremer vowed to crush the insurgents in a tough-talking news conference as US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld insisted Iraq was no new Vietnam.

"It isn't. It's a different time. It's a different era. It's a different place," he said at the Pentagon.

"If you want to call that a quagmire, do it. I don't."

Echoing Rumsfeld's confidence, Bremer dismissed recent attacks as the predictable and increasingly desperate response of Saddam loyalists to American success in winning the support of Iraqis.

But a group of senior US senators visiting Iraq said

after a meeting with Bremer that there could well be more deadly attacks on US troops before Washington can declare the war over.

They said the American public must know US troops have a long struggle ahead of them.

The delegation of nine senators - four Republicans and five Democrats - was briefed by Bremer on the security situation.

"The war is still on, the risks are still there and casualties could well be taken," senior Republican Senator John Warner, said as a fatal blast at a mosque fuelled public anger with occupying forces.

But Warner said there

was no need for more American troops in Iraq for now, despite the escalating violence.

Bremer also said at his news conference that US forces had yet to uncover evidence of a central command ordering the attacks on occupying forces.

"It looks to us as if... they are conducted by people who probably had experience in the intelligence services or in the military," Bremer said.

"These are professional operations, usually small units of five or seven men... showing that there is probably military expertise behind them," he said.

Internet



Iraqi boys look at empty shells outside the Haditha town hall, 300 kilometers northwest of Baghdad, Iraq on 1 July, 2003. A massive explosion at an ammunition depot near Haditha over the weekend killed at least 15 people and injured at least four others when metal scavengers allegedly triggered the explosion while dismantling 155 mm artillery rounds, spreading gun powder on the ground at the depot. — INTERNET

## ASEAN meeting of Attorneys-General opens in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 July—There is an "urgent and compelling need" for greater international cooperation and to iron out procedural differences in the region's legal system to prevent criminals from exploiting its weaknesses, a Malaysian leader has said.

Opening the ASEAN Meeting of Attorneys-General in Kota Kinabalu, east Malaysia, on Monday, Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said that collective effort was critical to ensure that there were "no safe havens for criminals in our territories".

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam.

"We cannot allow them to escape justice just because of differences between our

legal systems and laws... we cannot allow them to walk free just because procedural and administrative difficulties impede obtaining evidence of their crime," he said.

Speaking to reporters later, Abdullah said that at present, cooperation was still possible but it needed to be enhanced further due to the complexity of the issue.

"We regard this as something urgent. Criminals don't wait for us... transborder crimes are committed all the time and we have to as far as possible be always ahead of them," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia, Malaysia agree to improve information sector

JAKARTA, 2 July—Indonesia and Malaysia have agreed to improve the relationship between the two countries, especially in the communication and information sector.

"The discussion is still in the context of information and various sectors we want to improve, including media relationship that we are responsible for," visiting Malaysian Information Minister Khalil Yaacob was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying here Monday. He made the remarks after a meeting with Vice-President Hamzah Haz and Indonesian Information Minister Syamsul Muarif.

MNA/Xinhua

## Former US General warns of long haul in Iraq

LONDON, 3 July—A former four-star US Army General who led a major and controversial attack during the liberation of Kuwait in 1991, warned on Tuesday that US troops could be locked into Iraq for the next decade.

"I think we are there for 10 years," General Barry McCaffrey told BBC television's Newsnight programme, stressing that the next 12 months would be very tough.

"We have got a year of a very complex, dangerous, violent environment that we are going to have to deal with. We have got three huge, warning factions—the Kurds, the Shia, the Sunni Muslims," McCaffrey, who retired in 1996, said.

McCaffrey, who led the

US 24th Mechanized Infantry Division in what was termed the greatest cavalry charge in history in the famed "left hook" dash during the 1991 Iraq war, warned of a "growing and very violent underground opposition".

He said the US forces, with international reinforcements, would cope in the short term, but with two-thirds of the Armed Forces deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and South Korea it was not sustainable long term.

"The coalition can't re-

ate security and stability operations by themselves. You have to build an Iraqi police force and build a new Iraqi military... that is capable of maintaining their own security," he added.

McCaffrey said it was vital for the truth to be told to the American people.

"I think there has been some unhelpful language. We have got to be straight with the American people and we have got to be straight with the US, Armed forces," McCaffrey said.

MNA/Reuters

## UN chief weapons inspector says Australian PM misleading public

SYDNEY, 3 July—Minister John Howard was misleading the Australian public over the legality of the war against Iraq, former United Nations chief weapons inspector Richard Butler said today.

He said while the outcome of the war - the removal of Saddam Hussein - was clearly a good result, international law had been disregarded in the manner it was achieved.

"A great deal of international law was disregarded and a great deal of serious political china was broken at the (UN) Security Council when the US and the UK, supported by Australia, decided to ignore international law and invade another country," Mr Butler told ABC radio.

"I don't give a damn what the prime minister of Australia says about this, he's misleading the Australian people."

"It is contrary to international law to invade another country without the authority of the Security Council."

"That authority was sought and the council refused to give it but the US, the UK and Australia went ahead anyway."

On the question of weapons of mass destruction, Mr Butler said he suspected the mammoth quantities referred to by the coalition forces as justification for the war against Iraq actually never existed.

"I suspect, I don't know, but I suspect there was some pumping up of the situation to justify the war," he said.

Internet

## Trade volume between N-W China, Kazakhstan sees sharp growth

URUMQI, 3 July—Trade volume between northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and Kazakhstan reached 830 million US dollars during the first five months of this year, up 69.8 per cent from the same period last year.

During the same period, Xinjiang exported goods valued at 260 million US dollars to neighbouring Kazakhstan, while Kazakhstan exported 570 million US dollars' worth of goods to Xinjiang, up 152.1 per cent and 48.3 per cent, respectively, from the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis gather amidst the rubble on 1 July, 2003 hours after an explosion ripped the mosque killing ten people and injuring four others. The blast raised tensions in a region already simmering with anti-American activity. Iraqi residents claimed the explosion was caused by a missile or bomb strike. — INTERNET

## Myanmar society not based on individuals, but ...

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sovereignty. Thus, the entire womenfolk will have to harmoniously take part in the task. The government is striving in all sectors for rapid progress of the Union, national economic development, and the people to fully enjoy the fruits of the national progress with peace of mind.

The government has acknowledged the role of women who have taken part in the national development drive with patriotism. It is seriously making arrangements for progress of the women's sector, the women mass to emerge as a national force, enabling them to take part in the nation-building endeavours in respective sectors.

The Myanmar society already has the good foundations for all-round development of the women's sector. Thus, it can be said that it is a blessing to be a Myanmar woman.

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Peace and Development Council is giving encouragement to development of the women's sector. It is making systematic arrangements to promote and strengthen the fine traditions of the Myanmar women, to enhance their brilliant abilities, and to use such abilities in the national development drive.

With the aim of creating a force of truly Myanmar women that is endowed with the fine traditions, priority has been given to promotion of Myanmar women's spiritual ability including flourishing of the spirit to cherish the traditions and culture, patriotism, the spirit to love the nation, and the will to protect the race and lineage.

The government has formed and assigned duties to the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs for progress of the women's sector and to realize the sector's aims on national scale.



*Daw Kyaing Kyaing presents a prize to Senior Engineer Daw Si Than who led 17 Myanmar women engineers to build Yenwe Creek Bridge.— NLM*

ties assigned by the State.

It is also organizing and leading the Myanmar womenfolk to become a consolidated national force and enabling it to harmoniously strive together with other social organizations in the national development drive.

tee themselves led groups and went down to the grassroots level of the country to conduct organizational tasks with a view to helping young women know Myanmar tradition, morals and the existing rules and regulations which give protection to women.

Thanks to the energetic efforts of the officials concerned, wrong ideologies and the tendency to rely on foreigners become less and less among Myanmar young women, and they can avoid the instigations of destructive elements and deception of human traffickers. Moreover, the number of cases on trafficking in persons becomes less and less gradually

pleasant environments.

Therefore, with a great deal of basic women's rights in hand, the endeavours to improve the Myanmar women's sector that gives priority to their development have everything in common with the movements of the international women's sector and have also become more and more active in cooperating with them.

The MNCWA laid down systematic work programmes for the development of the women's sector and is shouldering these responsibilities hand in hand with respective subcommittees by giving educational talks, holding educational seminars, making field tours of all the divi-

launched by the destructive elements from their negative point of view who cannot bear the growing relations between Myanmar women and international women and are attempting to destroy them, and the armed insurgent groups who are trying to break up the national consolidation prevailing among Myanmar women and to tarnish the dignity of women.

For economic reason, these destructive elements and armed insurgent groups are luring innocent and young national women, and inducing them with false pledges to go abroad illegally. Based on the nationalistic spirit and the Union Spirit, the mass of Myanmar



*Daw Mya Mya San presents a prize to outstanding Wushu athlete Khaing Khaing Maw.— NLM*

ignored the important role of the womenfolk any time in the past, but have due regards for them.

The Myanmar women are enjoying equal rights compared with their male counterparts in all sectors. In addition, men and women in Myanmar have mutual understanding, sympathy, and respect between them. The formation of the Myanmar society is not based on individuals, but on the family led by the father and the mother. As the mother equally shares with her spouse in managing the family affairs, it is true that a Myanmar woman never loses her rights in the society. The true Myanmar women born in the Myanmar society never need to demand rights like their counterparts in other nations. It is a pride for all Myanmar women since they are enjoying their rights as inborn rights.

In this regard, the State

Thanks to the Myanmar society based on good foundations, the women's sector is enjoying progress to a certain degree. The MNCWA is now implementing the task for development of the sector, and to steer it towards serving the national interest.

The MNCWA, on behalf of the State, is striving for progress of the Myanmar women's sector in coordination with the efforts to develop the international women's sector. Thus, the day on which the MNCWA emerged, is marked as the Myanmar Women's Day to highlight their significant and profound abilities, brilliant accomplishments and fine traditions. The MNCWA has formed the working committee and subcommittees to systematically develop all the fields including the health, education, social and economic fields of the sector in accord with the du-

Especially, in the young women's sector, efforts are systematically made not only for promoting health, health care services and sharing knowledge on reproductive health but also for spreading of Myanmar typical women's qualities such as upholding customs and tradition, having morals, and behaving well in their words and deeds.

In addition, with regard to the women's sector, the Committee for Prevention of Violence against Women and Rehabilitation and the Working Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons have been formed to systematically carry out the measures for preventing violence against women and trafficking in women and children, which are given priority in the international community, he said.

It is heartening to learn that officials concerned from the Myanmar National Women's Affairs Commit-



*Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents a prize to outstanding MPF member Police Capt Khin Mya Mya.— NLM*

thanks to the efforts of the officials concerned from the MNCWA. Due to harmonious efforts of officials from different levels of the MNCWA, success has been achieved. It is found that the movements of the international women's sector in greater momentum is now placing emphasis on not only women's right, but also the development of the women's sector, elimination of poverty bred by the discrimination against women, and peaceful and

sions and states and rendering every necessary assistance to the local populace. Moreover, the MNCWA also cooperates with governmental departments, social organizations and the national people to achieve the goal. Thanks to these endeavours, it can be witnessed that the aims of the development of women's sector set by the State are becoming more and more realized. The Secretary-1 urged all to beware of destructive acts being

women are to organize young women not to do so and prevent them from being persuaded by unscrupulous persons.

No matter what the destructive acts of internal and external destructive elements may be, the Government is making efforts with true and genuine goodwill to ensure the women of Myanmar national races to be on par with the international women in development status.

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The invented fabrications of the wicked therefore will surely end up in failure. And the responsibilities of the MNCWA are becoming more and more important.

Moreover, the MNCWA, the MNWCWA, and division/state/township committees are to cooperate with each other harmoniously for the realization of the aims of women's sector set by the State, while striving for the perpetual flourishing of magnificent dignity possessed by the mass of Myanmar women.

To sum up, I would like to urge all Myanmar women — to preserve and promote the significant characteristics of Myanmar women, upholding the Myanmar Women's Day, which came into existence, and that deserves the entire mass of Myanmar women;

— to strive for speedy development of the women's sector by further strengthening the Myanmar women's rights that have existed throughout the course of history;

— to participate in the nation-building tasks by turning the mass of Myanmar women into a strong and efficient national force; and

— to earnestly safeguard the hereditary characteristics of Myanmar young women, the cherishing of traditional culture, and the further cementing of patriotic spirit, nationalistic spirit, national consolidation spirit, and the Union Spirit.

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented a prize and a certificate of honour awarded by MNCWA to 89 years old writer Ma Myat Lay (a) Daw Thein Hsaing who is the oldest woman in writing treatises, novels and articles and learning advanced subjects. Daw Thein Hsaing had received BA, Dip in Education and the degree of Law. She also received the Certificate in International Marketing at 84 and the Certificate in Basic Library Technical Services (Level 1, 2 and 3) at 85 and Dip in Applied Psychology at 88. Daw Kyaing Kyaing also presented a prize and a certificate of honour awarded by MNCWA to the Myanmar women engineers led by Senior Engineer Daw Si Than who had built Yenwe Creek Bridge near Pyuntaza, Bago Division. It was the first bridge built by Myanmar women engineers.

Daw Mya Mya San presented a prize and a certificate of honour awarded by MNCWA to outstanding student Ma Naw Thitsa Moe Myint of Anisakhan Basic Education High School in PyinOoLwin Township. The student won the first position with six distinctions in the 2002 matriculation examination in the entire nation. Daw Mya Mya San also presented a prize and a certificate of honour awarded by MNCWA to Ma Khaing Khaing Maw who won one silver in the Taijiquan event in XIX South-East Asian Games in 1997, 9th position in Taijiquan event in 4th World Wushu Championship in 1997, one gold in the Second SEA Wushu Championship in 1999, one gold in Taijiquan event and one gold in Taiji combined event, three silvers in Taijiquan, Taijijian and Taiji combined events in the 5th Asian Wushu Championship in year 2002, one gold in Taijiquan + Taijijian event in XXI SEA Games in 2001, one silver and the fourth position in Taijiquan event in the 6th Wushu Championship in 2001 and one gold in the Taijiquan and Taijijian event in XIV Asian Games in 2002. Daw Mya Mya San presented a prize and a certificate of honour awarded by MNCWA to Myanmar disabled athlete Ma Nyunt Nyunt Win who won one bronze in the Third Photography Contest for Skills of Disabled in 1991, one silver in the Javelin Event in the 7th Far East and South Pacific Countries' Competition for the Disabled in 1999, three golds in the Javelin, Discus and Shot-put Events in the First ASEAN Countries' Tournament for the Disabled in 2002, two silvers in the Javelin and discus events and the fourth position in the shot-put event in the 8th Far East and South Pacific Countries' Competition for the Disabled in 2002.

Vice-Chairperson-1 of Work Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Women's Day member of MNCWA and MNWCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented prizes and certificates of honour awarded by MNCWA to outstanding Myanmar Police Force member Police Capt Daw Khin Mya Mya who discharged duty assigned by the State at the risk of her life, Daw Saw Ohnma Khaing of the Fire Fighting Training School of Fire Services Department who discharged duty on rescued items in breaking out the fire at risk of her life as well as over 800 times of fire fighting demonstration and outstanding Red Cross member Daw Aye Aye Than, winner of Excellent Performance in Social Field (Third-Class), who participated in the social activities such as rescue works on fire hazard, floods and natural diseases in Taninthayi Divi-



*Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party view the photo exhibition on women's activities.— NLM*

sion and attended 1992 Asia-Pacific Region Youths' Get-Together.

After the ceremony, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and guests viewed photographs on women activities, various kinds of books and magazines related to the women's affairs displayed at the lobby of IBC.— MNA

## Appointment of Ambassador of New Zealand agreed on

YANGON, 4 July — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has accorded agreement to the appointment of Mr Peter Howard Rider as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of New Zealand to the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Alan Williams. Mr Rider will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.

Mr Peter Howard Rider was born on 1 January 1951. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Philosophy degree, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1978. He served as Second Secretary at the New Zealand Embassy in Bahrain from 1980 to 1982 and as Policy Officer in the Middle East & Africa Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1983 to 1984.

He was seconded to the Ministry of Trade and Industry from 1984 to 1985. He served as First Secretary at the New Zealand Embassy in Riyadh from 1988 to 1989 and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of New Zealand in Geneva from 1989 to 1992. He also served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of New Zealand in New York from 1995 to 1998. He served as Director of the Audit Review Division of the Ministry from 1998 to 2000. Since 2000, he has been serving as International Affairs Adviser to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. — MNA

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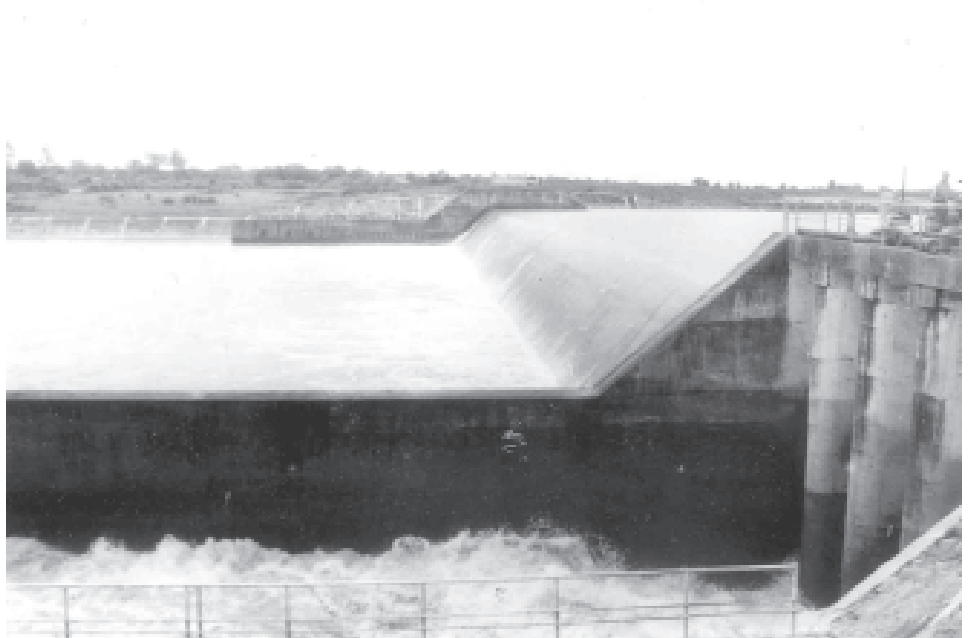
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Next, the minister and party went to the Zwebat sluice gate project, being implemented by the construction group-6 of the Irrigation Department in the east of Moeyungyi Lake near Kywetsu Village, Waw Township, Bago Division. Director U Khin Maung Myint of the construction group-6 reported to the minister on tasks being carried out for the supply of irrigation water in summer, plans for extended cultivation. After hearing reports, the minister looked into Shankaing sluice gate, Pinekyon sluice gate, Tarwa sluice gate, Hsema sluice gate, and Zwebat sluice gate on the map. The minister also inspected the keeping of ostriches at the Myanma Farms Enterprise on the ten-mile hill in Bago Township.

In the evening, the minister arrived at the vegetables and fruits research and development bureau of the MAS in Yemon Village in Hlegu Township, where he heard reports on findings of the bureau. He gave instructions on cultivation of table-type grape, honey-orange, four kitchen crops — onion, garlic, potato, and chilli. He also inspected the cultivation of okras, cucumbers, beans and pulses, and monsoon crops, and mango plantations. — MNA



*The Zaungtu Diversion Weir in Bago Township seen on 3-7-2003.— A&I*

# Let's talk about drugs

*Ko Hkam*

In commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking, an occasion for burning and destroying seized narcotic drugs was held on 26 June 2003. This is the seventeenth time that such occasion takes place annually on this day. Competitions on drawing cartoons, paintings and posters and writing short stories and articles were also held throughout the nation for people of different ages and prizes were awarded to winners on a separate occasion to mark this day.

This commemorative event is not only held in Yangon but in all States and Divisions with grandeur and in a form of public campaign. Similar ceremonies were also held in nations around the world.

The theme proclaimed by the United Nations for this year is "Let's talk about drugs". The devastating problem of narcotic drugs had penetrated all walks of life throughout the international community and is the one that cannot be overlooked or ignored. This problem affects both young and old members of the society in every country and should not be treated lightly as a problem of others and not ours. As it will not subside with the passage of time, the theme adopted by United Nations serves as a warning to address the problem without setting aside or delaying it.

Myanmar, in harmony with the theme, had never evaded the problem of narcotic drugs throughout its history. Hard evidences can be seen therein of the sacrifices made in terms of blood, sweat, limbs and life in our country's quest against the menace of drugs, a dire legacy left by colonial powers. There was never a cover up or denial over illicit poppy cultivation in our country. The ethnic hill tribe minorities living along border areas have borne the brunt of this colonial legacy and efforts are being made to alleviate their sufferings resulting there from. For them to be free from dependency on poppy cultivation as way of life and to raise their living standards, the country have introduced crop substitution and income generating mechanisms through a 15-year programme and New Destiny project. We have never waited for any outside assistance in these endeavours. Whether we receive assistance or not, we have been fulfilling our responsibilities with dedication and with confidence to overcome the problem relying on our own resources.

The problem of narcotic drugs is not one nation's problem. It is the problem of the whole human race and can only be overcome through joint effort and cooperation of all nations. Believing this firmly, Myanmar also attaches priority towards international cooperation in solving the problem.

Leaders of nations, in their statements at the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Narcotic Drugs in 1998, unanimously called for international cooperation and resistance against drugs. This

empathy was explicitly reflected in the Political Declaration proclaimed by the Assembly. Similarly, at the 46th session of United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs held at the Ministerial level in Vienna in April 2003, delegates reinforced this call on the importance of international cooperation.

The statement made by the Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Presentation made by the Secretary, the Director-General of Police on the occasions to commemorate International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking stressed the degree of successes achieved in Myanmar's efforts to eradicate narcotic drugs. These are not meant only for our citizens but also for the international community to appreciate the situation.

On the other hand, it cannot be denied that these efforts and successes benefited not only Myanmar but also the whole human race at large.

We always invite members of the Diplomatic Corps and United Nations Agencies, international press correspondents as well as other distinguished guests residing in Yangon to occasions where such efforts are presented and explained. Every year, the invited guests attended with keen interest but somehow, there were absentees this year. Some Embassies sent Counselors or Secretaries to represent the Ambassadors who cannot attend due to their prior engagements but we regretfully noticed that certain Embassies were not represented at all.

This we believe, is the occasion that concerns all people around the world as it commemorates the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking under the aegis of the United Nations. It is celebrated not only here in our country but in many other countries as well.

No matter what the reasons are for not participating in such an important international event against drugs, this deliberate act can be construed as not heeding to or ignoring the UN advocated commitment to set aside political, racial, religious and cultural differences in joint efforts to combat narcotic drugs.

As long as the problem of narcotic drugs is being dealt not as a social dilemma but with a political bent, this problem will linger on and survive on our planet.

We are of the view that it is time now to discard our political, social and religious affinities and join hands, without hesitation or despair, in dealing with the problem of narcotic drugs in line with the theme proclaimed by the United Nations.

Myanmar will relentlessly pursue to implement activities outlined under the 15-year programme to eradicate narcotic drugs and hopefully, the international community will cooperate with clear insight and understanding.

(Translation: AS)

## Foster Home inspected

YANGON, 3 July — Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Hlaing Win this morning inspected the Foster Home established with the assistance of the Child Care Association of Total Myanmar Exploration & Production in Shwenantha model village in Mingaladon Township here.

President of the Association U Aung Than, headmaster U Chantha and officials welcomed him and reported the provision of care to 62 orphans and poor children.

Deputy Minister U Hlaing Win viewed round the Foster Home and gave necessary instructions to the staff.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Hlaing Win inspects the Foster Home. — SWRR

## Basic training course for guides to be opened

YANGON, 3 July — Under the supervision of the Directorate of Hotels & Tourism under the Ministry of Hotels & Tourism, the basic training course No 28 for guides will be opened on 7 July. The

list of those eligible to attend the course has been announced at the Training School of the minsitry at No 40 on Bo Sun Pet Street here. They are to get themselves registered not later than 4 July. — MNA

## People's Desire

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

## Efficient use of electricity

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

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

## Efficient use of fuel

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

## 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.



## More fish in rice field



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## အမျိုးသားအဆင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး လှုပ်ရှားမှု ရက်သတ္တပတ်

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ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါသည် ပုံမှန်အားဖြင့် တောတောင် တူထပ်သော ဒေသနှင့် ကမ်းရိုးတန်းဒေသများတွင် ပိုမိုဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ ရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားရောဂါ ပါးသော မြေပြန့် ဒေသများတွင် ငှက်ဖျားရိုးသယ်ဆောင်သည့် ခြင်္သေ့ငှက်များပါက ယင်းဒေသတွင် ကပ်ရောဂါအသွင် ကူးစက်ပြန့်ပွား၍ ပြင်းထန် ဖြစ်ပွားကာ အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးနိုင်ပါသည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားသည်ဟု သံသယရှိပါက စ်စံရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနများသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသွားရောက် ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



## Myanmar delegation arrives back from Malaysia

YANGON, 3 July — The Myanmar delegation led by Attorney-General U Aye Maung, after attending the ASEAN Attorneys-General's Meeting on Treaty on Mutual Assistance on Criminal Matters at the invitation of the Malaysian Attorney-General, arrived back here by air this afternoon.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Auditor-General Brig-Gen

Tin Aye, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing, Director-General of the Attorney-General's Office U Mya Nyein and directors, the law officer of Yangon Division, officials, and the families of the delegation members. Attorney-General's Office Director U Than Kyaw and Deputy Director U Than Aung, who accompanied the Attorney-General, also arrived back here on the same flight.

MNA

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



The delegation being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

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

ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားခြင်း

၁။ **မေး - ကူးစက်မြန် ပြင်းထန်နမိုးနီးယား(ဆားစ်)ရောဂါ ဆိုတာ ဘာလဲ?**  
**ဖြေ** အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းနှင့် အဆုတ်သို့ လျင်မြန်စွာ ကူးစက်စေသော ပြင်းထန်သည့် အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပြီး အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှတစ်ဆင့် ကူးစက်သော နိုင်ငံရပ်(၆) ရောဂါပိုးအသစ် တစ်မျိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယခုကာလအတွင်း ကမ္ဘာ့နိုင်ငံအချို့တွင် ဖြစ်ပွားလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၂။ **မေး - မည်သည့် နိုင်ငံ(ရပ်)နီးယား(ဆားစ်)ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပါသလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** နောက်ဆုံးသုတေသနတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ ကိုရိုနာအုပ်စု အမျိုးအစား နိုင်ငံရပ်စုံကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပြီး၊ ၎င်းကို ဆားစ်နီးယား(SARS Virus) ဟု အမည်ပေးထားပါသည်။

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

**ဖြေ** ဖော့စ်စတစ်ရောဂါ ကုသမှုမယူရရှိလျှင် အသက်အန္တရာယ်မရှိပါ။ သက်သာပျောက်ကင်း စေနိုင်ပါသည်။ သို့သော် အဆုတ်တွင် ပြင်းထန်စွာ ထိခိုက်၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ လူနာတွင် အခြားရောဂါ တစ်ခုခုရှိနေလျှင်သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ နောက်ကျော ကုသမှုမယူရသော လူနာတို့တွင်သော်လည်းကောင်း အသက်အန္တရာယ်ရှိပါသည်။ အသက်ပိုကြီးလေလေ အသက်အန္တရာယ် ပိုများလေလေ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၄။ **မေး - ၎င်းရောဂါ၏ ရောဂါပျံ့နှံ့မှု ဘယ်သောကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပါသလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** ရောဂါပိုးဝတ်ရောင်ချိန်မှစ၍ ပုံမှန်အားဖြင့် (၂)ရက်မှ (၁၀)ရက်အထိ ကြာပါသည်။ လူ၏ ခွံအားကောင်းလျှင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု နည်းပါးပါသည်။ ရောဂါဖြစ်လျှင်လည်း ရောဂါပြင်းထန်မှု လျော့နည်းပါသည်။

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

**ဖြေ** ၎င်းရောဂါ၏ အဓိက လက္ခဏာတွေဟာ ကိုယ်အပူချိန် ၃၈ ငါးပတ်တံ ၁၀၀.၅ ဖိတ်တီရှ် ပြင်းထန်စွာ ဖျားနာခြင်းအပြင် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းဆိုင်ရာ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများဖြစ်သည့် ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူမဝခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူ ခက်ခဲခြင်း၊ SARS သံသယရှိသူ(သို့မဟုတ်) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသူနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိခြင်း။ SARS ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုကြောင့် နိုင်ငံတွင် နေထိုင်ခြင်း(သို့မဟုတ်) ခရီးသွားခြင်း။ ရင်ဘတ်ဓာတ်မှန်ရိုက်ကြည့်လျှင် နမိုးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါ၏ လက္ခဏာများ တွေ့ရှိရပါမည်။

၆။ **မေး - အကယ်၍ မိမိတွင် ဤရောဂါရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆရပါလျှင် ဆေးဝါးအမျိုးမျိုး ဌာနသို့ ချက်ချင်းသွားရောက် ပြသကုသမှုခံယူရန် လိုအပ်ပါသလား?**

**ဖြေ** လိုအပ်ပါသည်။ သင့်အတွက် အကျိုးရှိယုံသာမက အခြားသူများသို့ လည်း ရောဂါကူးစက် ပျံ့နှံ့မှုကို ကာကွယ်တာဆီနဲ့ပါပါသည်။ နာကျင်၊ ရောင်ဆိုးမှုရှိလျှင် နှုတ်ခံခံနည်း၊ ဖျားနာမှု၊ တပ်ဆင်ခြင်းနှင့် သင်၏လက်ကို မကြာခဏ ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးခြင်းဖြင့် အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆေးဝါးအမျိုးမျိုး ဌာနသို့မဟုတ် သင်၏ မိသားစု ဆရာဝန်သို့ ပြသ၍ အကြံဉာဏ်ရယူရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

၇။ **မေး - ဤရောဂါအတွက် စစ်ဆေးစမ်းသပ်စောင့်ရှောက်ခြင်းလမ်း ရှိပါသလား?**

**ဖြေ** SARS ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများအပြင် သွေးဓာတ်ခွဲစစ်ဆေးခြင်း၊ အခြားအလေးတရားရောဂါ ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သော ရောဂါပိုးများကို ရှာဖွေဖော်ထုတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ရင်ဘတ်ဓာတ်မှန် ရိုက်ကြည့်ခြင်းအားဖြင့် ရောဂါရှိမရှိ စစ်ဆေးနိုင်ပါသည်။

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

**ဖြေ** ယခုအချိန်အထိ ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ SARS ရောဂါနိုးရပ်စ်ပိုးကို သေဆုံးနိုင်သော အတည်ပြုထားသော ဆေးဝါး မရှိသေးပါ။ ဆရာဝန်များအနေနှင့် အခြားနမိုးနီးယားရောဂါပိုးကို သေဆုံးနိုင်သော ပရိုတီဆေးများနှင့် အခြားအထောက်အကူပြု ကုသမှုများ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဤသို့ ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် အသက်အန္တရာယ်မှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ယခုအချိန်အထိ SARS ရောဂါပိုးကို သေဆုံးနိုင်သော ဆေးဝါးအဖြစ် ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ အတည်ပြုထားမှုမရှိပါ။ ကုသမှုများအား သုတေသနပြုလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၉။ **မေး - ကုသမှုရောက်ရှိကြောင်းဖြစ်ပွားသော အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါနှင့် ကူးစက်မြန်ပြင်းထန် နမိုးနီးယား(အဆုတ်ရောင်)ရောဂါ မည်သို့ ကွာခြားပါသလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** ကုသမှုရောက်ရှိကြောင်းဖြစ်ပွားသော အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါတွင် ကုသမှုရောက်ရှိ လက္ခဏာ ဖြစ်သည့် ဖျားခြင်း၊ ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ ဓါးရောင်ခြင်းတို့ရှိပြီး ဖျားသောအားဖြင့် အဆုတ်ရောင်ပေါက် SARS ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ ပြင်းထန်သည့် လက္ခဏာများကို မစားရဘဲ အချိန်အနည်းငယ်အတွင်း ပျောက်ကင်းပါသည်။

ရောဂါပျံ့နှံ့မှုနှုန်း

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

**ဖြေ** ယခုတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှ ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ ကူးစက်မှု (၂)မျိုးရှိပါသည်။

(၁) လူနာများဆုံးဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ နာကျင်ခြင်းမှ တိုက်ရိုက်ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ နှုတ်ခံခံနည်း၊ ဖျားနာမှု၊ ဝတ်ဆင်ခြင်းဖြင့် ကူးစက်မှုမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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

ဆေးကြောခြင်း၊ လက်အိတ်၊ ပလတ်စတစ်ရင်ဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုခြင်းဖြင့် ထိခိုက်မှုကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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

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

ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

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

**ဖြေ** ယခုအချိန်အထိ ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ဆေးများ မထုတ်လုပ်နိုင်သေးပါ။ သုတေသနပြုလုပ်ဆဲ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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

**ဖြေ** ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်

- တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း။
- နာကျင်၊ ရောင်ဆိုးမှုရှိလျှင် လက်ကိုဝတ်ခြင်း၊ ဖုံးအုပ်ခြင်း။
- ဘေးကင်းသလိပ်ကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း။
- လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့်စင်ကြယ်စွာ ဆေးကြောခြင်း။
- ကောင်းစွာ အိပ်စက်အနားယူခြင်း။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသည့် အစားအစာများ စားသုံးခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု မှန်မှန်ပြုလုပ်ခြင်း။
- ခေါကောင်း၊ ခေါသန့် ရရှိအောင် ဆောင်ရွက်နေထိုင်ခြင်း။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း။
- ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသူများ သံသယရှိသူများနှင့် တွေ့ဆုံရန် လိုအပ်ပါက ရောဂါမကူးစက်ရန် နာဆေးနီနှင့် ပါးစပ်ဖုံးအုပ်ထားသော မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်နှင့် အခြားအကာအကွယ် ပစ္စည်းကို အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာရှိသည်ဟု ယူဆပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပို့ အကူအညီတောင်းခံခြင်း။

၁၄။ **မေး - လုပ်ငန်းခွင်တွင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု မည်သို့ရှောင်ရှားနိုင်သလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** လုပ်ငန်းအားလုံးကို အပိုဒ်(၁၃)ပါ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် အချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အတွင်း လေဝပ်လေထွက်ကောင်းမွန်အောင် ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အတွင်း သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- စွန့်ပစ်ပစ္စည်းများကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ပါ။
- ပိုသတိထားခြင်းပါ။

၁၅။ **မေး - ရောဂါမကူးစက်ရန် ဓာတ်ငွေ့ကာကွယ် မည်သို့ဆောင်ရွက်သင့်ပါသနည်း?**

**ဖြေ** ဓာတ်ငွေ့ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက် များသောအားဖြင့် နေထိုင်ရာနေရာများကို နေထိုင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- ပိုသတိထားခြင်းပါ။
- ဟိုတယ်များအနေဖြင့် သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို အထူးဂရုပြု ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- အထူးသတိထား ဖျားနာသူများ နေထိုင်ရာနေရာများကို ပိုသတိထားခြင်းပါ။

၁၆။ **မေး - မိသားစု၊ မိတ်ဆွေ၊ သတင်းပို့တွင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက ကူးစက်ရန် မည်သို့ကြိုတင် ကာကွယ်မှုများ ပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုရှိသော လူနာ၏ အိမ်နှင့်ဆေးရုံသို့ သွားရောက်ကြည့်ရှုခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

- မရောင်လွန်နိုင်ပါက အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများကို အသုံးပြုသင့်ပါသည်။ လက်ကိုလည်း မကြာခဏ ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့်ဆေးကြောသင့်ပါသည်။
- လူနာအား အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့သူများသည် လူနာအသုံးပြုပစ္စည်းများကို ပိုသတိထားသောအားဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ (Bleaching powder တစ်ခါ၊ ရေ ၄၀ ဆ) (သို့) ရေအေးဖြင့် ပြုတ်ပါ။
- ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနမှ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော သီးသန့် ဖုန်ထုတ်မှုနှင့် အခြားညွှန်းကြားချက်များကို (၁၀)ရက်အထိ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- အများအပြား စုဝေးခြင်းပါ။ အများရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပေးပို့ အကူအညီတောင်းခံပါ။

၁၇။ **မေး - ဆေးရုံများမှပြန်လာပြီးတိုင်း အဝတ်အစားများလျှော်မှုဆောင်ပါသလား?**

**ဖြေ** ဆေးရုံသွားသည့်ဖြစ်စေ၊ မသွားသည့်ဖြစ်စေ မိမိအိမ်သို့ ပြန်ရောက်လျှင် လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးခြင်းသည် ကူးစက်ရောဂါများကို ကာကွယ်မှုပေးပါသည်။ ကူးစက်လွန်များအား ကြည့်ရှုသောသူသည် မိမိအဝတ်အစားများကို ရေအေးဖြင့် ပြုတ်လျှော်လျှင် အကောင်းဆုံးဖြစ်သည်။ ရေမျိုးသန့် စင်ပြီးမှ ကလေးယန်နှင့် အခြားသူများကို ထိတွေ့ကိုင်တွယ်ပါက ရောဂါကူးစက်မှု မပျံ့နှံ့နိုင်ပါ။

၁၈။ **မေး - ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ မပျံ့နှံ့ရေးအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနအနေဖြင့် အိမ်(သို့) စားသောက်ဆိုင်များတွင် မည်သို့သော စားသောက်ရန် အကြံပြုလိုပါသလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော အစားအသောက်များ ဖြစ်ရပါမည်။ ယဇ်နားမှ ကာကွယ်ပါ။ အစားအသောက်ပြင်ဆင်သူသည် မြင်ဆင်မိ လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် စင်ကြယ်အောင် ဆေးကြောပါ။ အစားအသောက်ကို လက်ဖြင့် တိုက်ရိုက်ကိုင်တွယ်မှုကို

တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ အစားအစာပြင်ဆင်သူများသည် မျက်နှာဖုံး၊ လက်အိတ်၊ ပလတ်စတစ်ရင်ဖုံး စသော အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။ စားသောက်ဆိုင်တွင် အသုံးပြုသော ဇွန်၊ ခက်ရင်း၊ ပန်းကန် စသည်များကို ဆပ်ပြာ၊ ရေသန့်သန့်တို့ဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါက ရေအေးဖြင့် ဆေးကြောပါ။ ပန်းကန်၊ ဇွန်၊ ခက်ရင်းနှင့် လက်သွတ်ပတ်များကို တစ်ဦးချင်း သီးသန့် သုံးစွဲသည့်စနစ် ကျင့်သုံးပါ။ စားသောက်ဆိုင်များ၏ သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်မှု အထူးအရေးကြီးပါသည်။ စားကြွင်းစားကျန်များကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ပါ။

မျက်နှာဖုံး Mask(နာဆေးနီနှင့် ပါးစပ်ဖုံးအုပ်ထားသော အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ)

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

**ဖြေ** အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များသည် အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်း အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ တပ်ဆင်ထားရမည်။

(SARS)ရောဂါလက္ခဏာရှိသူများ၊ (SARS)လူနာများအား ပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်နေသူများ၊ SARS လူနာနှင့် အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့ပြီးသူများသည် နောက်ဆုံးထိတွေ့သည့်ရက်မှ အနည်းဆုံး (၁၀)ရက်အထိ တပ်ဆင်ထားသင့်ပါသည်။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ထမ်းများ။ လူအများနှင့် ဓန့် စဉ်ထိတွေ့လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်ရွက်နေသူများ။ လူအများ၏ ပစ္စည်းများကို ထိတွေ့ကိုင်တွယ်နေသူများသည် လက်အိတ် ဝတ်သင့်ပါသည်။ လက်ကို မကြာခဏဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် ဆေးကြောသင့်ပါသည်။

၂၀။ **မေး - မည်သည့်အမျိုးအစား မျက်နှာဖုံးအကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်း Mask မျိုးကို သုံးသင့်ပါသနည်း?**

**ဖြေ** မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုလျှင် စနစ်တကျတပ်ဆင်ရပါမည်။ (Mask) ကို မြှုပ်ပြီး အိတ်ဆောင် များသို့ တည်ပြီး ပြန်လည်အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ အတွင်းအပြင် မှားယွင်းတပ်ဆင်ခြင်းတို့မှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှု ပျံ့နှံ့ပါသည်။ (Mask) ကို အသုံးပြုပြီးပါက စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ရမည်။ နှုတ်ခံခံနည်း၊ ဖျားနာမှု၊ ဖျားနာမှုနှင့် N95 မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ် (Mask)နှင့်မျိုးစုံလည်း ရောဂါပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ အများပြည်သူများအတွက် နှုတ်ခံခံနည်း၊ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုနိုင်ပါသည်။ SARS လူနာအား အနီးကပ်ပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်သူများအနေဖြင့် N 95 (mask)ကို အသုံးပြုရပါမည်။

၂၁။ **မေး မျက်နှာဖုံး အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းများ Mask ကို မည်သို့ကြည့်ရှု တစ်ကြိမ် ပြန်လဲလှယ်သင့်ပါသလဲ?**

**ဖြေ** ယေဘုယျအားဖြင့် မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ်များကို နေ့စဉ်လဲလှယ်ရပါမည်။ အကယ်၍ မျက်နှာဖုံးစွပ် သည် ဖျိုယွင်းမှုရှိလျှင်လည်းကောင်း၊ မျက်နှာဖုံးအလွှာလည်းကောင်း၊ မျက်နှာဖုံးလဲလှယ်သည့် ပြုရမည်။ ပြုရမည် (Mask) များကို မိမိရရှိစွန့်ပစ်ရမည်။ ပြန်လည်အသုံးပြုနိုင်သော ပစ္စည်းများဖြစ်ပါက ရေအေးနှင့်ပြုတ်လျှော်ခြင်း၊ သို့မဟုတ် ခေါင်းစင်းခြင်း Autoclave ပြုလုပ်ပြီးမှ ပြန်လည်သုံးစွဲရပါမည်။ မျက်နှာဖုံးကို အသုံးပြုပြီးပါက အတွင်းအပြင် မှားယွင်းမှု အထူးအရေးကြီးပါသည်။

စနစ်သုံးလမ်းကြောင်း

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

**ဖြေ** ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော မသွားသင့်သော နိုင်ငံများသို့ မသွားခြင်းကိုစွပ်စွဲမှုများအပတ် မသွားသင့်ပါ။ အဆိုပါနိုင်ငံများမှ ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်ဆွေများသည် မိမိတို့သို့ လာရောက်လည်ပတ်ခြင်းများလည်း မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။ အကယ်၍ ရောက်ရှိလာပါက ကျန်းမာရေး ဌာနသို့ သတင်းပေးပို့ရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။

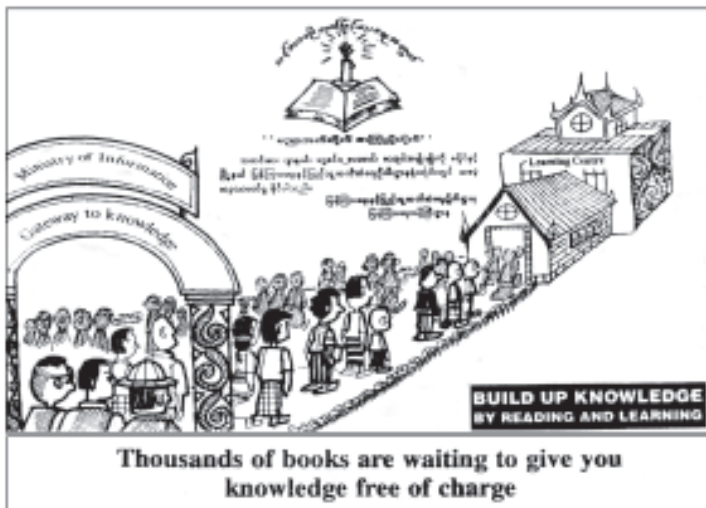
၂၃။ **မေး ယေယာဉ်နှင့် ခရီးသွားလာခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှုရှိနိုင်ပါသလား?**

**ဖြေ** လက်ရှိတွေ့ရှိချက်များအရ (SARS)ရောဂါသည်တစ်ဦး ယေယာဉ်ပေါ်တွင် ပါရှိပါက ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာကျင်ခြင်းတို့မှတစ်ဆင့် ၎င်း၏ (၆)ခါ ပတ်လည်ရှိ လူများအား ရောဂါ ဖြစ်စေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ယေယာဉ်အမှတ်များအနေဖြင့် ယေယာဉ်ပေါ်တွင် (SARS) ရောဂါ သံသယရှိသည့်လူနာ ပါလာသည်ဟု ယူဆပါက အခြားခရီးသည်များသို့ ရောဂါကူးစက်ရန်အတွက် ကမ္ဘာကျန်းမာရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ညွှန်ကြားထားသည့်အတိုင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ရပါမည်။

သံသယလူနာတွေ့ရှိပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ သတင်းပို့ပါ။ ဆက်သွယ်ရန်လိပ်စာနှင့် ဖုန်းနံပါတ်များ

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

### Humans settled in upper Amazon 4,500 years ago

QUITO, 3 July — Archaeologists said on Tuesday that they had uncovered remains of a monument and carved stone receptacles which prove that man had lived in the upper reaches of the Amazon some 4,500 years ago.

The discovery was made in southern Ecuador in the province of Zamora-Chinchi by Ecuadorean and French archaeologists. Francisco Baldes, chief Ecuadorean archaeologist of the programme, announced at a Press conference.

The finds were uncovered at Santa Ana Florida near the Peruvian border, at a site believed to have been used for "funereal or ceremonial" occasions.

The stone containers were finely polished and feature engravings of large cats, condors and snakes.

The remains proved that some complex human community had existed in the upper reaches of the Amazon since 2,450 BC and that was the earliest proof of human settlement in the region, said the experts.

MNA/Xinhua



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### Russia, Ukraine sign agreement on destruction of bombers

KIEV, 3 July — Ukraine and Russia signed a military cooperation agreement on Tuesday to destroy some strategic bombers lying in repair shops.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov, who signed the agreement with his Ukrainian counterpart, Yevgeni Kirillovich Marchuk, told reporters that the two countries agreed to destroy the bombers lying in repair shops belonging to the defence ministries of the two countries.

The destruction of the

bombers was in line with a Russia-US agreement to reduce strategic arms.

Ukraine is a former Soviet republic, which inherited a large amount of the former Soviet Union's weaponry. Ivanov said useful parts of the planes will be retrieved before the aircraft are destroyed.

The Russian minister, who arrived here on Monday for a three-day visit, clarified on another occasion his country has no plan to join NATO now, nor in the near future.—MNA/Xinhua

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## China's GDP expected to hit 8% despite SARS

BEIJING, 3 July — China's economy will still keep a growth rate of 8 per cent this year despite the impact of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), according to the latest report released by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

A group of CASS economic experts delivered an analysis on China's post-SARS economy development recently, which anticipates the negative impact of SARS on China's economy will not exceed one percentage point in growth of gross domestic product (GDP).

But the experts group lowered the original anticipation of this year's GDP growth from 8.6 per cent to 8 per cent.

The report said that the influence of SARS on China's social and economic development is more minor than the impact of the Asian financial crisis in 1997. And the SARS influence will be easier to overcome compared

with that of the financial crisis and the September 11 incident in the United States in 2001.

According to the report, China's capital investment in fixed assets is expected to grow 14.5 per cent this year, higher than the average growth rate since 1996. The per capita disposable income of China's urban residents and rural people will increase 7.9 and 3.7 per cent respectively.

The volume of retail sales in 2003 will rise by 10.4 per cent, and the consumer price index (CPI) is expected to grow 0.3 per cent, said the report.

It said the state's fiscal revenue in 2003 will hit 15.8

per cent and the export growth will top 14.1 per cent. The total volume of exports will exceed that of imports by 10 billion US dollars this year.

The short term influence of SARS will first appear in some service industries, causing a deficiency in social demand and reduction of people's income, said the report.

The reduction of export orders and contracted foreign capital will also bring a negative impact on China's economy.

The pressure caused by SARS on China's employment and finance also cannot be ignored, said the report. —MNA/Xinhua

## Study finds colon cancer can develop quickly

CHICAGO, 3 July — Colon cancer can develop more quickly than previously thought, a finding that may mean older adults should undergo more frequent examinations to look for the disease, researchers said on Tuesday.

Cancer of the colon, the third most common cause of cancer death in the United States after lung and breast cancer, was found in nearly 1 per cent of 9,000 patients who were shown to be free of the disease just three years earlier, the study by University of Pittsburgh researchers said.

Precancerous polyps

were discovered in 14 per cent of the returning patients, who averaged 66 years old.

The patients underwent a sigmoidoscopy, in which a doctor guides a camera-equipped tube through the lower portion of the colon to search for cancerous lesions or polyps.

The study's findings suggested the currently recommended five-year interval between sigmoidoscopy exams and the 10-year wait for a more thorough colonoscopy might be too long.

Colon cancer will be diagnosed in nearly 150,000 Americans this year and will

kill 57,000.

The study discovered cancer in places that had been looked at three years earlier, indicating "these lesions can crop up in a smaller period of time," said Robert Schoen, who led the study published in this week's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In an accompanying editorial, Robert Fletcher of Harvard Medical School wrote that most colon cancer deaths could be prevented if adults followed the current screening guidelines and also adopted other more definitive testing methods.

MNA/Reuters

## Irish scientist discovers new strain of "AIDS" virus

DUBLIN, 3 July — An Irish scientist has discovered a new strain of the HIV virus that may provide vital clues in the hunt for a vaccine.

University researcher Grace McCormack came upon the previously unknown virus type while researching blood samples from Malawi, dating back from the early years of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

"It is very interesting because while we have found people infected with it in the 1980s, we haven't found any examples of it in the 1990s yet," said McCormack, a lecturer at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

"As a result, it might be a strain of the virus that has failed. Because of that it may give us information on how to defeat the virus."

There are nine known strains of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS and infects 15,000 people a day worldwide.

AIDS has killed 25 million people around the world and is forecast to kill 80 million by 2010. The only real hope of fighting the disease is a vaccine, but efforts to date have failed although dozens are being tested.

The university publicized McCormack's findings on Monday after they were published in *AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses*, the official journal of the International Retrovirology Association.

The hope is that the discovery, the result of three years of research, could help with the prevention and control of the epidemic and even with the development of a vaccine to combat the deadly virus.

"We haven't called it anything yet and we can't name it until we look at the full genome sequence," McCormack said.

"We've applied for funding and we hope to have concluded the research in the next three years, if not sooner."

McCormack's research was carried out with help from the Central Public Health Laboratory and School of Tropical Medicine, both based in London.

MNA/Reuters



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## Megawati demands public participation in national security

JAKARTA, 3 July—Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri reiterated here Tuesday her call for public participation in national security since the limited number of security officers has prevented the government from providing sufficient security for the citizens.

Delivering remarks during the National Police's 57th anniversary celebrations, Megawati said public participation in national security is very important because the police and the military are not designed to work by themselves. Closer cooperation between the public and the military-police, she said, is guaranteed by the Constitution, the President added. Megawati stressed that public participation in the national security was even more important.

"In certain areas — where armed civilians are extorting, robbing, and even killing others — public participation is more needed," said Megawati.

During the celebrations, Megawati awarded Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty Indonesia's highest police award for his outstanding cooperation with the Indonesian Govt.— MNA/Xinhua

## WHO calls for better adherence to treatment of chronic disease

GENEVA, 3 July—Poor adherence to the long-term treatment of chronic diseases like cardiovascular diseases, AIDS, or depression is an increasing world-wide problem of striking magnitude, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

A number of rigorous reviews have found that adherence among patients suffering from chronic diseases averages only 50 per cent in developed countries, and is even lower in developing countries, a report here said.

"Poor adherence... causes medical and psychosocial complications of disease, reduces patients' quality of life, increases the likelihood of development of drug resistance and wastes

health care resources," said Derek Yach, WHO Executive Director for Non-communicable Disease and Mental Health.

The world health body warned that the adherence problem is set to expand as the worldwide burden of chronic disease increases.

It said improving adherence may result in better health outcomes than making available new technologies.

An investment that pays better adherence will avoid excess costs to already stretched health systems and will improve the lives of people with chronic diseases.

MNA/Xinhua

## India, UAE sign defence cooperation agreement

NEW DELHI, 3 July—India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed a defence cooperation agreement here on Tuesday which provided for export and import of weapons and coordination in security-related issues.

The agreement was signed by Indian Defence Secretary Subir Dutta and UAE Ambassador to India Saeed M Ali Shamsi.

It was signed a day after Chief of State of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who arrived here last Saturday for a three-day visit, agreed with Indian Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani to work on a long-term, broad strategic dialogue and set up a joint business council to increase bilateral trade to 5 billion US dollars.

Al Nahyan, the third son of UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, met Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam, Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and Defence Minister George Fernandes.

A spokesman of the Indian Defence Ministry told reporters Tuesday that the defence agreement provided for development of defence cooperation, import and export of arms and coordination in the fields of military training, military medical services, cultural and sports activities, environmental issues and pollution caused by military particularly at sea. The two countries would also cooperation in defence industry, scientific research, humanitarian and peace keeping operation, he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Joseph Ida looks into a cage at a British racing pigeon named Billy, for a photo before the pigeon is placed on a cargo flight to Manchester, England, from John F Kennedy airport in New York on 1 July, 2003. Ida discovered Billy among his racing pigeons in his Staten Island backyard coop on 17 June. A tag on Billy revealed he was part of a France to England pigeon race and somehow became lost, ending up across the Atlantic.—INTERNET

## China's first exhibition of anti-SARS technology opens

CHANGCHUN, 4 July —China's first exhibition of technology used to combat severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) opened Tuesday in Changchun City, in northeast China's Jilin Province.

Initiated by local science and technology departments and the Jilin Provincial Institute of Science and Technology, the 15-day exhibition will feature more than 1,500 items contributed by anti-SARS hospitals across China ranging from medical apparatuses and appliances, photographs and television documentaries.

Seven science fiction movies focusing on humankind's wars on diseases are also open to visitors for free.

Institute director Li Yunbiao said the exhibition was designed to acknowledge the achievements China had made in battling the SARS and to promote science and technology. — MNA/Xinhua

## Digital pay television debuts in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 3 July—Digital pay television made its China debut in the metropolis of Shanghai on Tuesday, with the first group of 20,000 subscribers.

The programme it provides is a professional law programme called "Legal World", which is shown from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm every day. It covers legal news, including police reports and case studies.

Subscribers could get

professional legal advice and hear crime reports, according to Wu Zhiming, an official with the municipal legal system.

Shanghai is one of the first cities to experiment with the first phase of the digital television reform, which is be-

ing carried out by the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television. The city will complete television digitalization by the end of 2005. —MNA/Xinhua

Donate blood

## First five-star toilet appears in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 3 July—Singapore's first five-star toilet was launched on Tuesday at Tampines Mall, the eastern part of the island state, as its toilet upgrading extended to coffee shops in pre-war shop houses.

The toilet, the first to get a five-star rating from the country's Restroom Association is not only fully air conditioned, but also has handbag hooks and lights around the mirror in order to put on make-up properly.

The new toilet grading complements Singapore's OK campaign to improve public hygiene.

Currently, there are about 70,000 public toilets in Sin-

gapore and three quarters of them are reportedly "OK", but many toilets in coffee shops in pre-war shop houses are not "OK".

The Singapore Govern-

ment is now extending its 4 million Singapore dollars (about 2.24 million US dollars) toilet upgrading scheme in order to spruce up such toilets.—MNA/Xinhua

## Encephalitis B under control in Guangdong

GUANGZHOU, 3 July—The spread of Encephalitis B in south China's Guangdong Province has been curbed, as fewer than five new cases were reported each day from 20 June, the provincial government has disclosed.

Yao Zhibin, director of the provincial health department, said at a conference that by 30 June, there had been 310 Encephalitis B cases, 27 deaths from the disease and 50 suspected cases reported in Guangdong.

Lei Yulan, vice-governor of Guangdong, required local hospitals to spare no effort to treat Encephalitis B sufferers and to try their best to lower the incidence of the disease.— MNA/Xinhua



The Delta II Heavy rockets stand ready for launch on 28 June, 2003 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla, the launch was scrubbed due to weather conditions. Workers at the Kennedy Space Center are trying to figure out why a bank of cork around the rocket holding the Mars Rover keeps peeling off. The launch of the Delta II Heavy rocket is scheduled for on 5 July, 2003.—INTERNET

# Libertadores Cup could be enlarged

SAO PAULO, 3 July — The Libertadores Cup, South America's equivalent of the Champions League, could be enlarged next year to guarantee Mexican clubs a place in the tournament proper.

South American Football Confederation (CSF) president Nicolas Leoz said on Tuesday the CSF was studying the idea.

Mexican clubs have been competing since 1998 via a qualifying competition. The tournament currently has 32 teams divided into eight groups of four.

The Mexican clubs first have to take part in a mini-league along with two clubs from Venezuela, considered the weakest of the CSF's member nations.

Venezuela would also be guaranteed places in the competition proper under the new set-up, Leoz added.

Leoz said that the suggestion followed a request from the television network which broadcasts the competition. In return, Leoz said the CSF wanted more money for the participating clubs from television rights.

"This depends on negotiations which we are holding with television," he said.

"We are taking care of the interests of the South American clubs and, if we're going to accept the entry of Mexican teams, there will have to be economic reward for us."

Leoz added that from next year, the CSF would carry out strict inspections in stadiums used as venues for matches in the closing stages of the tournament.

The announcement followed controversy this year after Brazilian club Santos were allowed to use their Vila Belmiro Stadium for a semifinal tie amid reports that it did not meet the minimum capacity requirement of 30,000.

The stadium's capacity was given as 20,100 during the closing stages of the Brazilian championship last year.

Santos meet Argentina's Boca Juniors in the second leg of this year's final on Wednesday. Boca won the first leg 2-0.

MNA/Reuters



Tim Henman of Great Britain hits a back hand to Sebastien Grosjean of France during their quarter final round match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. — INTERNET

## Rain delays Wimbledon matches again

WIMBLEDON, 3 July — Light rain delayed the start of play for more than 2 1/2 hours Thursday before the first women's semifinal began between defending champion Serena Williams and Justine Henin-Hardenne. Venus Williams will face Kim Clijsters in the other semifinal.

Some men's quarterfinals were postponed until today by yesterday's rain. No 5 Andy Roddick is scheduled to play unseeded Jonas Bjorkman, and No 4 Roger Federer is to play No. 8 Sjeng Schalken.

Wednesday was a long day for Wimbledon fans, and a frustrating one for their favorite player, Tim Henman. But for Mark Philippoussis, it could have been worse.

Philippoussis endured three rain delays and erased a two-set deficit Wednesday before dampness and darkness forced the suspension of his quarterfinal match against Alexander Popp. The unseeded Philippoussis was serving and holding a two-point lead, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 2-2, 30-0.

The 10th-seeded Henman, trying to become the first Englishman to win Wimbledon since 1936, trailed No. 13 Sebastien Grosjean 7-6 (8), 3-6, 6-3, 1-2. Henman rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the opening set and held four set points in the tiebreaker but couldn't convert them.

Outside Centre Court, on the terrace nicknamed Henman Hill, thousands of fans followed Henman's match — and the delays — on a huge television screen Wednesday.

"We had thunder and lightning at one point, and the British don't move," said Bill Henry of Bath. "We just sat there and suf-

fered. Watching Henman, we're suffering anyway."

Still, fans wanted to see the finish. The Centre Court crowd groaned when tournament referee Alan Mills halted play for the final time.

"It's too slippery, and there's fading light," Mills told the chair umpire and players. "That's it for tonight."

The unseeded Philippoussis, who tied a tournament record with 46 aces in his fourth-round upset of Andre Agassi, had 26 against Popp when play was stopped. Philippoussis is trying to overcome a two-set deficit for the fourth time in his career.

Wednesday's postponement was a break for Schalken, giving him an extra day to recover from an infection in his left foot.

"I'm really glad that we play in England," Schalken said. "I'm very happy it rained today, because today I would have had to play with injections. My foot is getting better for sure."

While Henman didn't welcome the rain, he has dealt with it before. He lost to eventual 2001 champion Goran Ivanisevic 7-5, 6-7 (6), 0-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in a match that took three days. That was one of Henman's four semifinal defeats since 1998.

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## Chilavert joins Penarol

MONTEVIDEO, 3 July — Paraguay's goalscoring goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert, who has been out of action since being sacked by French club Racing Strasbourg last September, is joining Penarol, Uruguay's most popular club.

The 37-year-old, a free kick and penalty specialist who has notched more than 50 goals, promised on Monday to keep scoring and to help his new club win the title.

"I've come here to be a champion, not to finish second," Chilavert told a news conference, although he warned Penarol would have to work hard to emerge from the shadows of Nacional. "You can't buy success in a supermarket. I hope to score lots of goals for the Uruguayans to enjoy."

Chilavert's signing received a mixed reaction from local commentators, who said that Penarol's problems were in other areas of the field, not in goal.

Penarol, five times Libertadores Cup winners, are expected to win the Uruguayan

championship as a matter of course but Nacional have lifted the trophy for the last three seasons.

Chilavert's sacking by Strasbourg followed a row over alleged contract forgery.

He had refused to play for Strasbourg since the start of the season, saying the contract document produced by the French club was false and claiming he should have received 4.4 million US dollars from his transfer from Argentine club Velez Sarsfield.

Last month, he also announced he was quitting the Paraguay side he led to the 1998 and 2002 World Cups, following a row with team directors. Chilavert has scored 56 goals, including 48 for Velez and seven for Paraguay. — MNA/Reuters

## Levi quits as Israel FA chairman

JERUSALEM, 3 July — Gavri Levi stunned his colleagues by announcing his resignation as chairman of the Israel Football Association (IFA) on Monday.

The outspoken Levi, who has led the IFA for six years, produced a resignation letter from his shirt pocket at the end of the weekly management committee meeting, according to media reports.

"I want to spend more time with my family and I can no longer afford to devote myself to a full-time job without being paid for it," he was quoted as saying.

Levi has been one of the dominant forces in Israeli soccer for the past decade, first as chairman of Hapoel Petah Tikva, then as IFA supremo. Last August, Levi asked the IFA's annual general meeting to approve a salary for the chairman, a position which had traditionally been unpaid.

But he resigned when the vote went against him after a particularly acrimonious

session, although he was eventually persuaded to stay on.

Media reports said Gideon Brikman, Levi's deputy, was the most likely candidate to take over at the elections on August 4.

Levi could now take up a paid position in a new commercial organization which is due to be set up by Israel's top clubs.

"We will certainly consider giving him a job once we set up our organization, then he will be able to earn a salary and not simply work for nothing," said Maccabi Haifa chairman Yaakov Shahar.

Israel's richest and most influential clubs are planning to set up a company which will negotiate TV rights and sponsorship deals, thereby relieving the IFA of these duties.

MNA/Reuters

## IOC approves addition of BMX for Beijing Games

PRAGUE, 3 July — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said on Monday it has approved the addition of men's and women's BMX cycling for the Beijing Games in 2008.

IOC President Jacques Rogge told a news conference during the IOC's Executive Board meeting that the International Cycling Federation would drop two of its events to add BMX, or bike moto-cross, to the competition.

"It (BMX) will not add

anything in terms of the number of athletes," Rogge said, adding that the Cycling Federation had yet to decide which two events would be dropped to make room for BMX.

Rogge noted that the overall number of events for competition at Beijing will re-

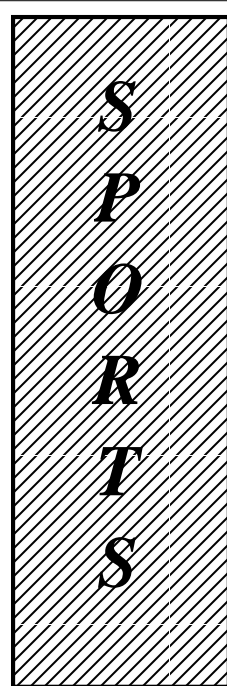
main at 300.

A number of so-called "extreme sports" have been added to the Olympics in recent years, including triathlon and mountain biking to the Summer Games, and snowboarding to the Winter Games.

MNA/Reuters



Sebastien Grosjean of France lines up a backhand volley to Tim Henman of Great Britain during their quarter final round match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. — INTERNET





# MRTV-3



## 4-7-2003\*(Friday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"
- 9:06 Myanmar Precious  
Pearls
- 9:10 **Headline News**  
Myanmar Cuisine  
"Fish Soup"
- 9:15 **National News**  
2:20 Prospective Ostrich  
Farming  
2:25 Dance of the Oil Lamps
- 9:30 **National News**  
2:35 Greening of the Hill and  
Ranges, in order to  
achieve Climate  
Change  
(Taung Thar Hill)  
(Magway Division)
- 9:40 Song "Myanmar  
Women's Triumphs"
- 9:42 Art of Carving On Fruits
- 9:45 **National News**  
Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (IV)  
(Ziadam Village- Wang  
Mung Camps)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and  
See Myanmar"

## 4-7-2003\*(Friday) Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad Evening Transmission (15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"
- 15:36 Myanmar Precious  
Pearls
- 15:40 **Headline News**  
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Featherback  
clean soup with tender  
gourd"
- 15:45 **National News**  
15:50 Prospective Ostrich  
Farming  
15:55 Dance of the Oil Lamps
- 16:00 **National News**  
16:05 Greening of the Hill and  
Ranges, in order to  
achieve Climate  
Change  
(Taung Thar Hill)  
(Magway Division)
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Hill Steps Town"
- 16:12 Art of Carving On Fruits
- 16:15 **National News**  
16:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (IV)  
(Ziadam Village-  
Wang Mung Camps)
- 16:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights

- 16:30 **National News**  
16:35 Traditional Rakhine  
Wrestling
- 16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Fried Fer-  
mented Prawn)
- 16:45 **National News**  
16:50 The Beauty of Myeik  
Archipelago and The  
Life of Salon
- 17:00 **National News**  
17:05 Thanakha, a Myanmar  
Cosmetic  
17:10 Songs On Screen "Mes-  
merize Your longing  
Wish"
- 17:15 **National News**  
17:20 Highland Farmland  
Reclamation in Kaung  
Kha region
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Senti-  
ment"
- 19:36 Myaing Hay Wun El-  
ephant Camp
- 19:40 **Headline News**  
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Ridged gourd  
and bean curd Curry"
- 19:45 **National News**  
19:50 Outstanding Myanmar  
Women (Part-I)  
Cosmetic
- 19:55 Taking Shelter at  
Mandalay Hill
- 20:00 **National News**  
20:05 Song "Myanmar Wom-  
en's Triumphs"
- 20:10 Outstanding Myanmar  
Women (Part-II)
- 20:15 **National News**  
20:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (III) (Awadam  
Village-Ziadam  
Village)
- 20:25 Song "Treasure Land"
- 20:30 **National News**  
20:35 Thabotseik Village on  
Seaside
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Carrot pudding"
- 20:45 **National News**  
20:50 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)
- 20:55 Scenic Beauty of  
TIDDIM & Cultural  
Dance
- 21:00 **National News**  
21:05 Precious Myanmar  
Lacquerware
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Let Mother Say This  
To You Daughter"
- 21:12 Women with Remark-  
able Necks
- 21:15 **National News**  
21:20 The New Destiny  
Project (II)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Myanma Panorama &  
Myanma Sentiment"
- 21:35 Myanmar Precious  
Pearls
- 21:40 **Headline News**  
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Featherback  
clean soup with tender  
gourd"

- 21:45 **National News**  
21:50 Prospective Ostrich  
Farming
- 21:55 Dance of the oil Lamps
- 22:00 **National News**  
22:05 Greening of the hill and  
Ranges, in order to  
achieve Climate  
Change  
(Taung Thar Hill)  
(Magway Division)
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Hill Steps Town"
- 22:15 **National News**  
22:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (IV) (Ziadam  
Village- Wang Mung  
Camps)
- 22:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
(K. Ja Nu)
- 22:30 **National News**  
22:35 Traditional Rakhine  
Wrestling
- 22:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Fried Fer-  
mented Prawn"
- 22:45 **National News**  
22:50 The Beauty of Myeik  
Archipelago and The  
Life of Salon
- 23:00 **National News**  
23:05 Thanakha, a Myanmar  
Cosmetic
- 23:10 Song on Screen "Mes-  
merize Your Longing  
Wish"
- 23:15 **National News**  
23:20 Highland Farmland  
Reclamation in Kaung  
Kha region
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

## 4-7-2003\*(Friday) & 5-7-2003\*(Saturday) Evening Transmission (23:30 - 01:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma  
Sentiment"
- 23:36 Myanmar Precious  
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- 23:40 **Headline News**  
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Dishes "Featherback  
clean soup with tender  
gourd"
- 23:45 **National News**  
23:50 Prospective Ostrich  
Farming
- 23:55 Dance of the Oil Lamps
- 24:00 **National News**  
00:05 Greening of the Hills  
and Ranges, in order  
to achieve Climate  
Change  
(Taung Thar Hill)  
(Magway Division)
- 00:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Hill Steps Town"
- 00:12 Art of Carving On Fruits
- 00:15 **National News**  
00:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
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- 01:00 **National News**  
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Myanmar"

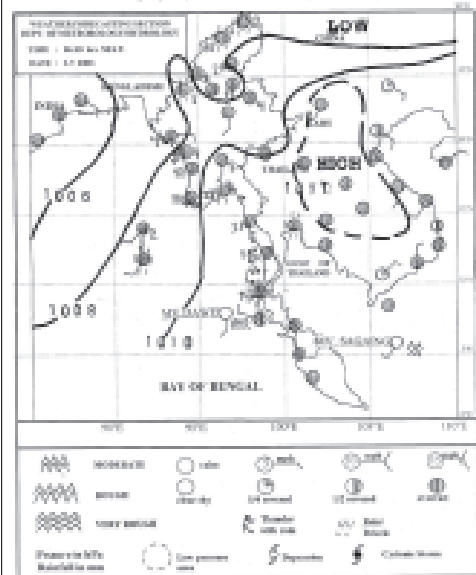
## 5-7-2003\*(Saturday) Morning Transmission (03:30 - 07:30)

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma  
Sentiment"
- 03:36 Myaing Hay Wun  
Elephant Camp
- 03:40 **Headline News**  
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Ridged gourd  
and bean curd Curry"
- 03:45 **National News**  
03:50 Outstanding Myanmar  
Women (Part-I)  
Taking Shelter at  
Mandalay Hill
- 04:00 **National News**  
04:05 Song "Myanmar  
Women's Triumphs"
- 04:10 Outstanding Myanmar  
Women (Part-II)
- 04:15 **National News**  
04:20 Biological Expedition  
to Hponkan Razi  
Region (III) (Awadam  
Village- Ziadam  
Village)
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- 04:45 **National News**  
04:50 Hill Resort Town  
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TIDDIM & Cultural  
Dance
- 05:00 **National News**  
05:05 Precious Myanmar  
Lacquerware
- 05:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Let Mother Say This  
To You Daughter"
- 05:15 **National News**  
05:20 The New Destiny  
Project (II)
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar  
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- 05:45 **National News**  
05:50 Prospective Ostrich  
Farming
- 05:55 Dance of the Oil Lamps
- 06:00 **National News**

- 06:05 Greening of the Hills  
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- 07:10 Song On Screen "Mes-  
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- 07:15 **National News**  
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Thursday, 3rd July, 2003

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mon State and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (1.50) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.49) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.42) inches, Dawei (1.30) inches, Ann (1.22) inches and Myitkyina (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-7-2003 was 28.5°C (83°F). Minimum temperature on 3-7-2003 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-7-2003 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 2-7-2003 was (1.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 3-7-2003 was 38 mm at Yangon Airport, 36 mm at Kaba-Aye and 25 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1062 mm (41.81 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1148 mm (45.20 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1182 mm (46.54 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southeast at (03:45) hours MST on 3-7-2003. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 4-7-2003:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions scattered in Chin, Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and isolated 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:** Weak to moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-7-2003 :** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-7-2003:** Partly cloudy.

## Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 11:30 hr MST on 3.7.2003)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Hkamti and Homalin stations are (1481) cm and (2905) cm respectively. It may remain above their respective danger levels of (1360) cm and (2900) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Sitoung River at Madauk is (1107) cm. It may remain above its danger level of Madauk (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.

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| 1.55 pm<br>Music/ Article                    | 9.00 pm<br>World of music                   |
| 2.05 pm<br>International news                | Korea & Folk songs                          |
| 2.15 pm<br>Music                             | Article                                     |
| 2.20 pm<br>Article/Music                     | Music at your request                       |
| 2.35 pm<br>ASEAN review :<br>Cambodian songs | 9.45 pm<br>News/Slogan                      |
| 2.45 pm<br>Harmony Time                      | 10.00 pm<br>Portfolio for easy<br>listening |



View today:  
Friday, July 4

- 7:00 am  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw  
U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am  
5. The mirror images of the  
musical oldies
- 8:15 am  
6. ရွတ်ဆိုတေး
- 8:30 am  
7. International news
- 8:45 am  
8. English for Everyday use

- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold national  
spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm  
4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm  
5. အထူးသတိပြုရန်အတွက်  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်္ကေတ  
အချိန်ခန့် (ရုပ်ဖော်အထူးပြု)  
(ရုပ်ဖော်)
- 5:10 pm  
6. Song of national races
- 5:35 pm  
7. ရည်စူးခန်းမှန်မှန်  
အားကစားအစပြုခန်း
- 5:50 pm  
8. "သစ်မိမိစုစု"  
သွားသို့၊ မိုးဒီး၊  
မြစ်မြစ်ခင်း၊ မိုင်ခင်းထဲ  
ခါနီးကတော့-ကြည့်မိုးထွန်း
- 6:00 pm  
10. Song of yesteryears
- 6:10 pm  
11. အပြန်အလှန်သတင်းအချက်အလက်  
ပြောဆိုခန်း
- 6:12 pm  
12. Discovery

- 6:30 pm  
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm  
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm  
15. ကြည့်မိုးထွန်းခန်းမှန်မှန်
- 6:20 pm  
16. အပြန်အလှန်သတင်းအချက်အလက်  
ပြောဆိုခန်း
- 7:30 pm  
17. တိုင်းတရားပြောဆိုခန်းမှန်မှန်
- 8:00 pm  
18. News



Tune in today:  
Friday, July 4

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

19. International news
20. Weather report
21. Teleplay:  
"မိုးသက်လေးကိုမြှင့်တင်စား"  
(အပိုင်း-၂)  
နေအောင်၊ ခင်သန်းနု  
မိုးမိုး၊ အိမ်ထောင်ရေး၊  
မောင်မောင်၊ မြင့်မြင့်မိုး  
ခါနီးကတော့-ခင်စုစုမောင်မောင်
20. The next day  
programme
- Music
- 8.50 am  
National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am  
Music
- 9.05 am  
International news
- 9.10 am  
Music
- 1.30 pm  
Brief news
- 1.35 pm  
Music
- 1.45 pm  
National news/Slogan

# For enabling local people of Yaw region to travel all over the country by train

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Development of economic, social, education and health sectors of a region depends on easy access to it. Hence, it is agreed by all that better transportation leads to development. Nowadays, the Government has been giving priority to ensuring better transportation of all the regions in the Union including far-flung areas. New railroads, motor roads are built all over the country. At the same time, existing ones are upgraded and renovated with the prodigal use of funds and machine power. In addition, new airports and sea ports are also built where necessary for better transportation.

A significant project being implemented in Yaw region in Central Myanmar is Kyaw-Yaymyetni-Gangaw

rail section of the Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad in Magway Division. The Pontaung Ponnyar areas situated in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions are called Yaw region. In connection with the project, the Ponnyar-taung tunnel railroad has been constructed by the Myanma Railways. The 26-mile approach railroad to the tunnel is also under construction.

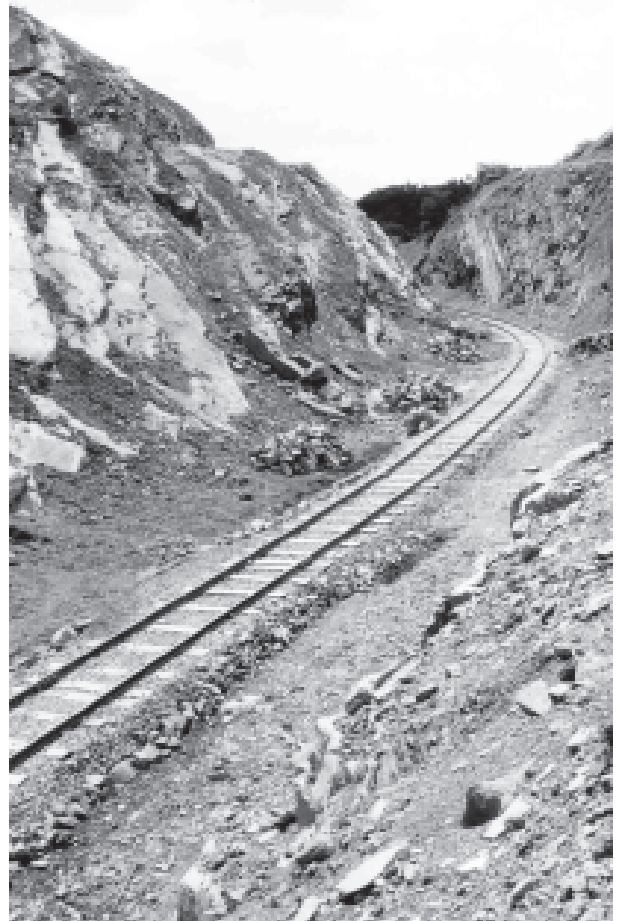
When Myanmar was under the colonial rule, the colonialists built railroads that were in their own interests. Now, the Government is building railroads where necessary. Some of the railroads are not profitable economically. However, with a view to enabling the local people to have easy access to other places of the country, the Government has been implementing the construction projects of railroads and motor roads. Along the railroads and motor roads, necessary bridges of big and small sizes are also built.

In the past, Kyaw, Yaymyetni and Gangaw of the Pontaung Ponnyar regions lagged behind in development

due to the existence of the BCPs. Now, the regions have become peaceful and tranquil. Hence, emphasis is being laid on developing these regions.

The national peoples of Tamu, Kalay and Gangaw of border areas will soon be able to reach Mandalay by railway. From Mandalay, they can proceed to various places of the country including Yangon by car, train or plane.

The Government has been constructing the 260-mile ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad phase by phase. At present, only the rail section of Kyaw is under construction and the rest have been built. The Yaymyetni-Kyaw rail-section is located 3250 feet above sea level. It is built through the mountain ranges with much difficulty. The necessary survey works were carried out and emphasis is also laid on ensuring the rail section meet required norms and standards. Efforts are made to ensure the rail section meet TAR (Trans Asian Railway) standards as well as ASEAN standards. The feasibility study for bypass of the tunnel on



Progress of the approach railroad to Ponnya Hill Mountain seen at Phyetmyaung Valley.



Construction of the approach road to the tunnel seen at Kyaw Village.

the rail section was undertaken by Suntac Co. The survey for the rest of the rail section was carried out by the Myanma Railways.

It is certain that the construction of the rail section in Yaw region is not profitable economically. Yet, it will surely contribute much towards the socio-economic development of the local people of Yaw region.

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## Irrigation work inspected in Bago Division

YANGON, 3 July — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, accompanied by departmental officials, inspected the functions of the

Zaungtu Diversion Weir, constructed by the Irrigation Department in Bago Township, Bago Division, yesterday morning. U Aye Myint, Director of the Irrigation Department of Bago Division, reported to the minister on tasks for maintenance of the diversion weir, water supply, and irrigation canal.

The minister gave instructions to officials from the Irrigation Department and the Myanma Agriculture Service on supply of irrigation water, proper flow of water of the diversion weir, and crop cultivation acreage. Next, the minister and engineers observed the condition of creeks which flow into the Bago River on the map.

The minister gave instructions on conducting feasibility study for the construction of a dam on the upper part of the diversion weir, and inspected the flow of water at sluice gates.

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The bridge on the railroad across Kyaw Creek.