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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

## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Republic of Ghana

YANGON, 6 March — On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ghana, which falls on 6 March 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana. — MNA

The country is peaceful and better foundations in political, economic, social and transport sectors have emerged because of working with might and main by officials at central level and those at grassroots levels. Achievements have been made due to correct and practical policies of the State.

GAD staff should understand overriding importance of their functions and implement State policies properly and dutifully  
Dissension, pressures under pretext of democracy, human rights are to be warded off through unity of State, people & Tatmadaw



YANGON, 5 March — Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win met State and Division Commissioners of General Administration Department at Ministry of Home Affairs this morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the mayor, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the director-general of Myanmar Police Force and departments, the director-general of GAD, the deputy director-general of GAD, State and Division Commissioners, Chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils in Yangon Division, district deputy commissioners and township executive officers of GAD in Yangon Division.

State and Division Commissioners identified themselves to the Prime Minister.

In his discussions, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said the Tatmadaw government had assumed the State duties because the conditions in the country deteriorated. Those present at the meeting had already learnt how the government restored peace and stability in all the regions of the Union and how it gave priority to prevalence of law and order and better transport and communication.

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*"In fact, the people have experienced the events of the nation throughout the nation's history, so they realize the correct stand and acts of the Tatmadaw Government and have taken a wide range of lessons from the international events."*

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets with commissioners of State/Division General Administration Department. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive in concert for development of political, economic and social sectors of the State

The State Peace and Development Council has been making all-out efforts for development of political, economic and social sectors of the State. In the process, it is working hard for the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with the global community, for enhancing socio-economic life of the people and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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, accompanied by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and officials concerned, on 26 and 27 February inspected regional development in Mandalay Division. During inspection tour, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party on 26 February held a meeting with division/district/township level departmental officials, social organizations, townsenders and entrepreneurs at the Town Hall of Mandalay.

He said that it is virtually impossible to achieve the national goal—the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation—only through ordinary procedures, stressing the need for those responsible to actively take part in revolutionary tasks of a transitional period.

To bring about national economic development, efforts are to be exerted for further development of trade which has been already in place. Mandalay Division needs to work hard to be able to transform its border trade into the normal trade system that Yangon Division is practising.

The businessmen in Mandalay Division are well-versed in trade and equipped with fairness, and they are to strive to ensure further progress of trade services, especially to be able to enlarge the horizon of trade.

The State service personnel, on their part, are to perform duties in accordance with the laws but not to misuse the authority. Meanwhile, they are to strive to be in oneness with the people and constantly serve the interest of the State.

This being the case, the service personnel, entrepreneurs are to make concerted efforts together with the people with nationalistic spirit for development of political, economic and social sectors of the State under the leadership of the government.

### Special tours for holiday makers

YANGON, 5 March—The Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services is expanding the scope of its local tour service for the improvement of the tourism industry and convenience of pilgrims and holiday makers.

The drive of any-day road transport covers around-Yangon pilgrimage, one-day trips — Yangon-Thanyin-Kyauktan, Yangon-Bago, Yangon-Danubyu-Zalun (Pyidawbyan pilgrimage); journeys — Yangon-Bagan-NyaungU, Yangon-Bagan-Mandalay-PyinOoLwin, Yangon-Mandalay-Monywa-Alaungdaw Kassapha, Yangon-Bagan-Natmataung, Yangon-Kyaikhtiyoe, Yangon-Inle-Pindaya-Kalaw; recreational tours — Yangon-Pyay-Ngapali, Yangon-Chaungtha, Yangon-Ngwehsaung; and package tours — Yangon-Myitkyina (confluence), Yangon-Kengtung-Tachilek, Yangon-Sittway-MraukU, Yangon-Mandalay-Lashio-Muse.

Those wishing to make tours may contact the Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services, No 77/91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon (Tel: 252859). — 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

### UDNR Council holds meeting 1/2005

YANGON, 5 March — The University for Development of National Race Council held meeting No 1/2005 at the university on 3 March.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the University Council Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Vice-Chairman of the Council Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, University Council Members CSSTB Member U Aung Myint, Director-General U Hla Kyi of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department, Rector of Sagaing Institute of Education Dr Myint Thein, Rector of the

UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein, Pro-Rector (Administration) Lt-Col Nyi Nyi San, Pro-Rector (Academics) Daw Khin Si Si and officials, Member of the University Council U Aung Thein and officials.

Council Chairman of the UDNR Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye extended greetings and those present made a decision for the matters of the training. Afterwards, the commander made a concluding remarks and the meeting ended at 11.45 am.

After the meeting, the commander, the chairman of CSSTB, and members of the council for the NRDU viewed round the booths of the university. — MNA

### Co-ord meeting for functions of UDNR held

YANGON, 5 March — Chairman of the Council for the University for Development of National Races Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun and delegates of the state/division Peace and Development Councils held a coordination meeting on functions of the University at the meeting hall of the university on 3 March.

Also present on the occasion were Council

Member of the UDNR Members of CSSTB U Aung Myint, Director-General U Hla Kyi of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department, Rector of the UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein, Pro-Rector (Administration) Lt-Col Nyi Nyi San, Pro-Rector (Academics) Daw Khin Si Si and officials, delegates of the state/division Peace and Development Councils. The academic, selection of trainees and management matters were discussed in the meeting. The meeting ended at 4 pm. — MNA

### NC delegates visit Kyaikkhauk Pagoda, National Races Village



National Convention delegates visit National Races Village in Thakayta Township.— MNA

YANGON, 5 March — As it being a holiday, under the arrangement of Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee for Convening the National Convention, the delegates to the National Convention visited Sandawshin Kyaikkhauk Pagoda in Thanlyin Township and National Races Village in Thakayta Township this morning.

At Kyauktan prayer hall of the pagoda, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pagoda Cmdr Myat Soe (Navy) (Retd) explained the NC delegates about the history and salient points of the Pagoda. The NC delegates donated K 77,260 for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

Afterwards, the NC delegates proceeded to the National Races Village and heard the explanation on the purpose of setting up the village.

Next, the NC delegates viewed around the houses of the national races in the village. — MNA

### Medical Equipment donated

YANGON, 5 March—The fifth ceremony to donate medical equipment worth US \$ 20,690 by the Rotary Club of Essendon, Australia, to Yangon Children's Hospital was held at the Hospital this morning.

Wellwisher Mr Richard Lawrence explained the purpose of the donation and Medical Superintendent Associate Professor Dr U Chit Ko Tin accepted the donation. Next, the medical superintendent expressed thanks. — MNA



Medical Superintendent of Yangon Children's Hospital Associate Professor Dr U Chit Ko Tin accepts medicines worth US\$ 20,690 for the hospital donated by Mr Richard Lawrence of Rotary Club Essendon of Australia on Saturday.— NLM

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

# Hun Sen stresses importance of health services

**PHNOM PENH, 4 March** — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Thursday stressed the importance of good health services for the country's economic development and poverty reduction.

"Good health provision will positively contribute to economic development," said the Premier at the closing ceremony of the 26th health conference.

He said that "such services are one of the determinant of labour productivity, investment and saving, and according to that each people can get access to education and knowledge for their livelihood".

In recent years, Cambodia has succeeded in combating infectious dis-

eases such as poliomyelitis, HIV and tuberculosis.

HIV prevalence rate among adults has declined from 3.3 per cent in 1998 to 1.9 per cent in 2003. Polio has been eradicated since 1998. Leprosy no longer poses a public health threat to the people. Immunization coverage has increased from 67 per cent in 2003 to 80 per cent in 2004.

At the same time, measures to control the spread of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) and avian influ-

enza have been actively carried out in close collaboration with relevant agencies and neighbouring countries.

Meanwhile, Hun Sen said that poverty reduction cannot be achieved only through economic growth, because the enhancement of social development is also one of the key factors promoting social equity which contributes to reducing social gap as well as building capacity and providing opportunity to people so that they can contribute

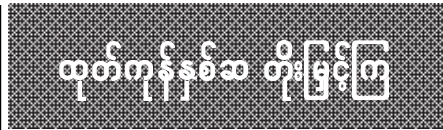
effectively to national development.

"In this regard, to build a strong society, it requires people, who are knowledgeable and healthy..." he added.

The Premier said that "even though we have enough law in health sector to supervise the private sector, we have faced the issues of faked medicine, illegal medical practices and misleading medical advertisement".

While demanding all physicians, pharmacists and all health staffs to further promote professionalism and professional ethics, he urged the all relevant institutions to effectively enforce all valid rules and regulations and enhance the enforcement of laws and regulations.

MNA/Xinhua



An engineer from Japanese electronics giant Omron displays a mobile phone with a face recognition sensor, the world's first on 4 March, 2005.—INTERNET

# China to build its first "Science City" in Hefei

**HEFEI, 4 March** — Hefei, capital of Central China's Anhui Province, is dedicating itself to science. The city is actively seeking new technological industries and striving for efficient use of energy and raw materials, low pollution and high added value yields.

Authorized by the central government on 12 November, 2004, the reform of the city will be guided by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the local government for the next five to 15 years.

"Our object is to build Hefei into a city boasting beautiful environment, advanced information sharing, a strong cultural atmosphere and scientific creation capability that could attract scientific talent from around the world," said Guo Wanqing, Mayor of Hefei.

The disconnection between scientific and technological research fruits and their industrialization has been a weakness for the development of China's economy, said Guo.

"It is a great move for the Chinese Government to promote its innovation ability by building a city gathering scientific and technological research centres and high and new technological industries, just like the Silicon Valley of the US," said Cheng Biding, an expert in regional development.

"As a test, the successful reform of Hefei will be a good example for China to develop its regional innovation system," said Chen Zhili, State Councillor in charge of the country's science and technology affairs.

The first group of 25 projects were selected in 2004. With an estimated investment of 13.85 billion yuan (1.67 billion US dollars), those projects cover a variety of fields including scientific research, industrialization, education, commerce and infrastructure construction.

MNA/Xinhua

# Germany to invite GCC leaders to discuss railway project

**ABU DHABI, 4 March** — Germany is to invite leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) for a meeting in Berlin to discuss a railway network project linking the six GCC member states, the Gulf News daily reported Thursday.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, currently on an official visit to Bahrain, told a Press conference in Manama on Wednesday he had invited the Gulf leaders to Germany for talks on the project. The Press conference was held following talks between Schroeder and Bahrain King Hamad Bin Eisa Al Khalifa, according to the report.

Schroeder said the project was an important part of his one-day visit to Bahrain, noting Germany was able to provide the needed technology for the proposed project.—MNA/Xinhua

# CPPCC Nat'l Committee members active in political affairs

**BEIJING, 4 March** — The members of China's top advisory body, the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee, has been active in performing their duties and making proposals on state affairs over the past year, CPPCC National Committee Chairman Jia Qinglin said here on Thursday.

In his report on the work of the committee's Standing Committee, delivered at the Third Session of the 10th CPPCC National Committee that opened here Thursday, Jia said that the National Committee received 4,478 proposals from its members and participating units over the past year, and transferred 4,263 of them to the relevant departments of the National People's Congress, the top legislature, and the government.

The proposals on promoting the development of the non-state economic sector were taken by the central au-

thorities and were absorbed in a major document of the State Council, or China's Cabinet, issued recently for the development of the non-state economy, said Jia. The outcome of researches done by various special sub-committees for making China's future development plans also became important reference of policy makers, Jia acknowledged.

Jia said the CPPCC has a regular channel to convey important opinions and suggestions to the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, the State Council and relevant departments.

MNA/Xinhua

# Italian hostage, released in Iraq, is shot by GIs

**BAGHDAD, 5 MARCH** — American soldiers guarding a checkpoint here fired on Friday night on an approaching car carrying a kidnapped Italian journalist who had just been released, wounding the journalist and killing an Italian intelligence agent, according to American and Italian officials.

The Italian prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, said in Rome that the intelligence agent had been instrumental in negotiating the release of Giuliana Sgrena, the abducted journalist.

Two other intelligence agents in the car were wounded in the shooting, Mr Berlusconi said.

The military did not know that the hostage was in the car, a State Department official in Washington said. According to a statement

released by the United States Army's Third Infantry Division in Baghdad, the soldiers tried to warn the driver to stop before firing at the speeding vehicle's engine block.

"About 9 pm, a patrol in western Baghdad observed the vehicle speeding towards their checkpoint and attempted to warn the driver to stop by hand-and-arm signals, flashing white lights, and firing warning shots in front of the car," the

statement said.

The circumstances of Ms Sgrena's release remain murky, and Italian officials have shed no light on how, or from whom, she was released.

Mr Berlusconi said that American troops had taken Ms Sgrena to an American hospital to remove shrapnel from her left shoulder and that she had told an Italian government official on the telephone that "I am well."

Internet



Young Iraqis glance back at US soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division as they conduct foot patrol at Fallujah, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad on 4 March, 2005.—INTERNET



The gas pipelines at Sembcorp Gas plant on Jurong Island off Singapore which receives natural gas from Indonesia's Natuna Sea seen on 3 March, 2005.—INTERNET

## Philippine to start another round of tourism promotion campaigns

**MANILA, 4 March**—The Philippine Government is about to launch another round of tourism promotion campaigns by spending about 4.6 million US dollars to attract more foreign tourists, Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano said on Thursday.

The Philippines promotes its tourism sites to foreign tourists with the slogan "Wow Philippines: More Than Usual", while trying to mobilize Filipinos to tour around their own country with the slogan "I Love Philippines, Biyahe Na (go touring now)".

Durano said they are targeting possible tourists from South Korea, China and North America, which include ethnic Filipinos. He said the beautiful beaches of Boracay, Palawan, Bohol, and Cebu may be considered possible alternative vacation sites for foreign tourists.

The tourism department earlier expressed confidence that the travel advisories against the country due to the bombings will not adversely

affect tourist arrivals.

The Department of Tourism posted a 24.3-per cent growth in visitor arrivals from 1 January to 31 October, 2004, as compared with the same period the previous year.

The increase in tourist arrivals amounting to 1.861 million people during that period was mainly caused

by an influx of travellers from neighbouring Asian countries including China with 100,000 arrivals.

Asian visitors altogether stood at 964,404 arrivals, accounting for 51.81 per cent of the total visitors to the Philippines last year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Germany, Russia pledge further defence cooperation

**BERLIN, 4 March** — Germany and Russia pledged on Wednesday to further increase cooperation in the defence area including booster rockets for the launching of military satellites.

A Russian-German commission in charge of overseeing the defence cooperation will meet in April, German Defence Minister Peter Struck said after meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergei Ivanov in Berlin.

Shipbuilding and booster rockets to carry military satellites into the space orbit will be the focus of the cooperation, said Struck.— MNA/Xinhua

## US military death toll in two-year-old Iraq war tops 1,500

**WASHINGTON, 4 March** — The US military death toll in the nearly two-year-old Iraq war topped 1,500 on Thursday, according to a count of casualty announcements made by the Pentagon.

The US military in Iraq announced the combat death of a soldier in Babil Province and two more in a roadside bomb attack in central Baghdad, bringing to at least 1,502 the number of deaths of American troops and Defence Department civilians announced by the Pentagon.

The official Pentagon death toll for the war announced on Thursday was 1,494, but that number sometimes lags slightly behind the actual total.

US military deaths have declined since the historic 30 January Iraqi parliamentary elections,

and US commanders have said they believe the number of guerillas waging a guerilla war against American-led and Iraqi Government forces is shrinking.

In fact, the February US military death toll of 58 was the lowest monthly tally since July 2004, and followed a particularly bloody three-month period leading up to the elections. In November, the month that included the Fallujah offensive, 137 Americans were killed. Another 72 died in December, and January's toll reached 107.

The war began in

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## Ten astronauts in training for China's 2nd manned space flight

**BEIJING, 4 March** — China is training 10 astronauts in five pairs in the run-up to its second ever manned spaceflight, scheduled for this fall, a leading rocket expert has revealed.

"About one month prior to the formal launch, two pairs of trainees with comparatively poorer performance will be disqualified. But it will not be decided till the last minute which pair of the remaining three can become the formal pilots," Huang Chunping, the chief launch vehicle designer of the country's manned spaceflight programme, was quoted as saying by the *Beijing Times* newspaper on Friday.

China, which accomplished its first manned

spaceflight with the launch of the *Shenzhou-5* spacecraft in October 2003, plans to send the *Shenzhou-6* into orbit later this year.

As the *Shenzhou-5* only had a space voyage of some 21 and half hours with one single pilot, the *Shenzhou-6* will carry two astronauts and stay in outer space for at least five days, said Huang, who is here to attend the ongoing annual full session of the 10th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), China's top advisory body.

Huang disclosed that China's first and only spacefaring astronaut Yang Liwei was also among the trainees. The 40-year-old Yang, a former fighter jet pilot of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force, piloted the *Shenzhou-5* spaceship and was crowned a "space hero" upon his safe return.

According to Huang, two new technologies were applied in the design of the *Shenzhou-6*'s launch vehicle. One is a video transmission system which enables the ground controllers to monitor the separation of the rocket and the spaceship live, and the other is a better escape system for the pilots in case of emergencies. He also acknowledged that the return capsule of the *Shenzhou-6*, which was designed to accommodate three astronauts, would be quite "spacious" for two men.

According to schedule, the two astronauts on the mission will enter the orbit capsule of the spacecraft to "conduct some scientific experiments" during the spaceflight, but there is no plan to engage them in any activities out of the spacecraft such as space walk, Huang said.

## Singapore to issue biometric passport by October

**SINGAPORE, 4 March** — Singapore will issue biometric passports to its citizens by October this year as one of the anti-terrorism measures, Minister for Home Affairs Wong Kan Seng said on Thursday.

According to Channel NewsAsia report on Thursday, one's new passport number will be different from that for his identity card to avoid difficulties in tracing lost passports.

Wong said that the current passports will remain valid at the issuance of the biometric ones while the

validity of passports will be shortened to five years from 10.

Other anti-terror measures include strengthening iris recognition at the land checkpoints for the clearance of motorcyclists and enhancing cargo screening with radiographic equipment, Wong said.

A new police unit will be patrolling the subway trains and stations by the second half of this year and the Closed Circuit Television monitoring will be proposed at bus terminals and other places, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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## US soldier killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 4 March** — A US soldier attached to the 1st Marines Expeditionary Force was killed on Wednesday in Iraq's northern Babil Province, the US military said on Thursday.

"A soldier assigned to the first Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action yesterday, while conducting security and stability operations in the north Babil Province," the military said in a statement.

The latest death raised to 1,492 the number of US servicemen killed in attacks or accidents in Iraq since the launch of the American-led invasion nearly two years ago, according to Pentagon figures. —MNA/AFP



A Chinese military brass band member plays during the opening of the National People's Congress in Beijing on 5 March, 2005.—INTERNET

MNA/Reuters

## Shaolin kung fu to apply for World's Intangible Heritage

ZHENGZHOU, 4 March — Preparations have begun for Shaolin kung fu's application to be placed on the World Intangible Heritage list, a cultural official of central China's Henan Province said on Thursday.

An official with the Henan Provincial Cultural Bureau said that the listing application has to be approved by the Chinese Ministry of Culture before a final submission is presented to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Shaolin Temple, built in 495 in the period of the Northern and Southern Dynasties (420-581) and located in the Songshan Mountain area in Henan Province, is the birthplace of the Shaolin kung fu.

The ancient Shaolin transcripts documented 708 groups of "kung fu", 545 groups have survived.

Shi Yongxin, abbot of the Shaolin Temple, said

that Shaolin kung fu basically serves religious and cultural purposes and should not be separated from Buddhism.

Shi said Shaolin Temple values the study of the religious and cultural functions of Shaolin kung fu. The temple has set up a team of monks to practise Shaolin kung fu, a library for displaying books and audio-visual products about Shaolin kung fu, an academy for studying Shaolin culture, which consists of Zen of the Chinese Buddhism, martial arts, medical sciences and arts.

The temple even organized international seminars and created Shaolin kung fu plays and cartoons to more clearly position

"Shaolin kung fu" within the Buddhist framework and publicize Shaolin kung fu around the globe.

Wang Wenzhang, director of the China Arts Institute, said Shaolin cul-

ture incorporating Zen, martial arts, medical sciences and arts is a gem of the traditional Chinese culture and should be well protected and further popularized.—MNA/Xinhua

## Belarus shows interest in development of west, N-E China

BEIJING, 4 March — Visiting Foreign Minister of Belarus Sergei Martynov said here on Thursday that Belarus will make efforts to promote economic cooperation with China and actively participate the development of west and northeast China.

"This is an effective way to deepen the economic and trade cooperation between the two countries," he told reporters.

The northeastern part of China, including Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces, used to be a heavy industries base of China. They and the western provinces lag behind of the eastern part of China in terms of economic development since the country's reform and opening-up drive.

Martynov said the China-Belarus relations were based on mutual trust, friendship and cooperation. China is the most important political and trade partner of Belarus in Asia. The two countries enjoy fruitful cooperation in such fields as trade, technology and culture.

Martynov stressed Belarus wants to further enlarge economic and trade cooperation with China by increasing variety of goods and strengthening reciprocal investment. Sales and service network for heavy industrial products such as agricultural machines and machine tools is under planning to be set up in west and northeast China.

According to the Chinese General Administration of Customs, the trade volume between China and Belarus in 2004 reached 218.9 million US dollars, up 69.8 per cent over 2003. China's export volume to Belarus was 64.97 million US dollars and the import volume was 153.9 million US dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

## Two car bombs explode in Baghdad killing at least five

BAGHDAD, 4 March — Two car bombs exploded near Iraq's Interior Ministry in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least five policemen, a police source said. The attacks took place at a police checkpoint just outside the ministry, the source said. At least five policemen were wounded.

Guerrillas waging a violent campaign to topple Iraq's US-backed interim government have killed hundreds of police and security forces with suicide and car bombs. Iraq's post-election government, which is expected to be formed in the next few weeks, faces the daunting task of imposing security in a country where bombings, shootings and kidnappings have become part of daily life. — MNA/Reuters

## 1,507 US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 March — As of Friday, 4 March, 2005, at least 1,507 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,142 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians. The AP count is twelve higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,369 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,033 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet

## Zarqawi group claims responsibility for suicide bombing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 March — Al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility Wednesday for a suicide car bombing that killed at least six people outside an Army base in western Baghdad, an Internet statement said.

At least seven people were killed and over 20 others wounded when a car blew up Wednesday outside an Army base in the western part of the Iraqi capital. The blast targeted people who were lining up for Army recruits, witnesses said.

The same base, which was a disused airport, was hit a few hours later in a mortar attack that killed one soldier and wounded nine others.

The Jordanian militant Zarqawi has operated scores of deadly attacks in Iraq, including a powerful car bombing Monday that killed 118 people and wounded more than 200 others in the town of Hilla, south of Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua



Dinosaur robots walk during a press preview in Tokyo on 4 March, 2005. The Parasaurolophus (foreground) and tyrannosaurus (rear) can walk at the speed of one kilometer per hour.—INTERNET

## Botswana to have more diamond revenue

JOHANNESBURG, 4 March — Botswana, the largest diamond producer in the world, claimed on Wednesday that it will increase its diamond revenues by 500 million pula (about 100 million US dollars) a year for the next 25 years.

Mago Moshashane, deputy permanent secretary in the Ministry of Minerals, said in Gaborone: "This is as a result of increased revenues which will accrue from the new diamond mine leases."

De Beers, which is a 50/50 partner with the Botswana Government in Debswana, the company which mines the diamonds, was from August last year granted new 25-year leases on the four Botswana diamond mines it operates.

Speaking a week ago in a parliamentary debate, Minister of Mines Charles Tibone said the new sorting and marketing arm of Debswana announced in the February Budget, DTC (Diamond Trading Company) Botswana, would also be a 50/50 partnership between De Beers and the government.

"It is through this company that it is hoped to promote the local beneficiation (cutting, polishing and jewellery manufacture) of our diamonds," Tibone told Parliament.—MNA/Xinhua

## East Africa's oil investment exceeded \$100m in past two years

KAMPALA, 4 March — Petroleum investments in East Africa have exceeded 100 million US dollars in the last two years, local Press reported on Thursday.

A statement released by the recent Fifth East African Petroleum Conference said commitments for continued investment in new licensed areas have been obtained.

About 31 million dollars was spent in Uganda on activities like acquiring data about land and lakes and drilling wells in the Albertine Graben, while 10 million dollars was invested in Kenya and about 60 million dollars in Tanzania, according to the statement.

Due to growing interest in the region, the three East African states are carrying out a project to have harmonized policy, legal and fiscal regimes to regulate petroleum exploration, development and production.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese shoppers walk past a branch of an Amway store in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province on 3 March, 2005.—INTERNET

# Discussion of pensioners-6

Hein Myint

The National Convention resumed at Pyidaungsu Hall of the Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 17 February 2005, with a speech by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The NCCC chairman in his address said that Our Three Main National Causes are the three points key to the flourishing of a genuine multi-party democracy system. Democracy will flourish only in the disciplined human society where peace and stability prevail with the rule of law. Democracy cannot thrive in a country where insurgency erupts at the collapse of unity and stability. There were times in some nations in which democracy existed in name but was short-lived as a consequence of riots and anarchy, and even worse were some situations. The national people had witnessed the dismemberment of Unions, which were once strong, and valuable lessons should be taken from such international events. Democracy and the rule of law are inseparable. Discipline is a must for prolonged democracy. Therefore, the government had pinned its hope on discipline-flourishing democracy. To be disciplined, to be tranquil and peaceful, and to ensure permanent democracy are much subject to the people and political forces. It was necessary for the nation to be free from insurgencies, terrorism and anarchy. And tranquillity, peace and the rule of law should reign the country free from insurgencies. Besides, the fulfilment of infrastructures needed for national interests did matter most.

The Secretary-1 also stressed the overriding importance of the formulation of the State Constitution, saying that lessons should therefore be taken from the weaknesses of the previous constitutions, and a great care should be taken to be able to avert similar fates in the constitution that was in progress. It was time to make combined efforts broadmindedly with farsightedness to address the dissension and distrust stemming from the personal attachment, sectarianism, and foreign provocative acts for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution. Certain internal and external destructive elements were hatching wicked schemes with fouled intention of making the country deviate from its current right track of nationalism.

The Tatmadaw throughout the course of history has never lost sight of the interests of the national people. It had pledged to go on making concerted endeavours to turn into reality the ambitions, hopes, and aspirations of the entire people. The Tatmadaw would also cooperate with simple and honest national people who entertain patriotism and Union Spirit until the State's seven-point Road Map meet its successful completion.

Diplomats and local and foreign correspondents attended the opening ceremony of the plenary session. The Secretary-1 willingly replied to the questions raised by local and foreign correspondents. On the same day evening, Secretary of the NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan hosted a dinner to the correspondents of the foreign news agencies who covered the news on the opening ceremony. It reflected the honesty and transparency in the National Convention.

In respect of the resuming of the National Convention, we pensioners held discussions recently.

"Our nation practised the 1947 State Constitution for 14 years, but it was leading to the collapse of the nation, so it was brought to an end."

"Yes, it was. And the people took a dim view of the 1974 Constitution because of the one-party system and the negligence of the private sector, and then it also met its end."

"That's why the government is taking a great care in laying down the principles to be able to avert the weakness and flaws in the State Constitution."

"The National Convention will make progress and the nation will achieve the future plans only if the nation takes lessons from the bitter events of the history."

"Because of that the government is holding the National Convention on a grand scale with the delegates representing the national races and the people from all walks of life."

"I've learnt altogether eight groups of delegates are attending the National Convention, and the delegate group of national races is consisted of representatives from all townships of the States and Divisions. The National Convention is on its way with a total of 1,081 delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, peasants, workers, intellectuals & intelligentsia, State service personnel, and 17 armed groups who returned to the legal fold. So, I'd say it is greater than any other conventions held in the nation."

"It's said 87.4 per cent of the delegates have acquired doctorate degrees, bachelor degrees, or diploma certificates, or passed matriculation exams. The remaining delegates are of vast experience and knowledge, and they are held in high esteem in their regions. I dare say the National Convention will be able to complete an enduring constitution."

"I'm afraid, but the delegates need to be free from subjectivity, sectarianism and localism and scepticism that aliens sowed. Moreover, they also need to give priority to the interests of the nation and the people, rather than to that of their party, race, region and organization."

"The National Convention will be accomplished, I'm sure, if all the delegates are fully equipped with a sense of scruple like mutual understanding, tolerance and sincerity among them."

"The delegates and the people are to be aware of and to brave a series of accusations and fabrications of the destructive elements, in case they may fall into their trap."

"The local and alien saboteurs are holding negative views and committing subversive acts at every opportunity."

At that time the point I had learnt came to my mind concerning the varieties of personal views about things. According to the nature of view, one may see head of a coin while another on the other side does tail. It would be unwise one deduces a result from the view alone that one is taking. Thus, one should take all-round view on things to obtain a correct answer to a solution. Likewise, a thing outside one's range of vision is not clear, and one can see things clearly if one takes a close range of view.

"I don't think the internal and external destructive elements will hold a positive attitude towards the National Convention. They are always seeking and resorting to possible ways and means to create hindrance and to deal a devastating blow to the National Convention, and to drive a wedge among the national brethren."

"They are like a man who watches the dances from the backyard of a stage and says the dancers are turning their backs to him."

"So, the people should take constant vigilance what the saboteurs may commit in desperation, and the saboteurs should not be given any chance to do so."

"To make the matters worse, certain big nations keep on accusing the government under a variety of pretexts to enable their puppet to play a central role in the politics of our nation."

"The superpower is witnessed, interfering in internal affairs of other nations. The international community absolutely abhor its activities but have to go on dealing with it because they are afraid of its power."

"Some nations that rely on the fabrications of the destructive elements said the National Convention was invalid due to the absence of the opposition party. And they are interfering in our nation's internal affairs, saying that the Tatmadaw was manipulating the framing of the State Constitution at its will."

"Until the Road Map was announced, the western bloc accused the Tatmadaw of seizing the State power and doing nothing to introduce democracy at home. But, after the announcement of the Road Map for democratic reforms to the world, they are still manu-

facturing fabrications that the National Convention is a sham and it is invalid."

"Sure, no matter how the Tatmadaw Government is striving for the democratic reform, they are putting all the blame on the Tatmadaw Government. And they will never stop deterring the nation from convening the National Convention until it follows their wishes so that they can place their puppet in power."

"That's the point the delegates are to be aware of."

"Don't worry about that. They know well what is going on in the world, and I think they have taken lessons from the international incidents."

"The destructive elements are harmonious with the foreign broadcasting stations in pointing out the last point of the six objectives of the National Convention that says for the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the State."

"Of course, they are criticizing the Tatmadaw Government for many points especially for this one because they don't have clear outlook on the Tatmadaw Government. They want to diminish the Tatmadaw Government's role and to mislead the national people."

"They will understand why this one is embodied in the six objectives of the National Convention if they study the book 'Tatmadaw and its national political leadership role' by Min Maung Maung."

"Share me what the book says!"

"It features the Tatmadaw's endeavours to safeguard and defend the nation at risk to their blood, limbs and lives from the very pre-independence period to the very now, including the 1988 unrest period."

"The Tatmadaw was conceived during the time of the independence struggle, and it managed to help regain the independence. After the independence, the government was once named the Yangon government due to the fact the many parts of the nation had fallen under internal multi-coloured insurgencies. But, the Tatmadaw managed to crush the insurgents not to lose independence again. It also quelled the Kuomintang out of the nation. And it saved the nation three times when the nation was on the verge of collapse during the period of the AFPFL split in 1958, and in 1962 and then in 1988. So the Myanmar history and the Tatmadaw are inseparable. The Myanmar Tatmadaw is one of the Tatmadaws in the world that have come into existence according to the historic necessity with lofty aims. But it is not one of the Tatmadaws that have been established just for national defence duties and that enjoy privileges."

"In brief, the Tatmadaw was born of the people as demanded by the history. Whenever the nation and the people get into crises and hardships, it has never failed to stand firmly for the nation and the people. The previous governments and political parties had never been able to do so."

"Therefore, according to the historic necessity of the nation, this objective is embodied in order that the nation will be able to avoid the situations that inflict harm to Our Three Main National Causes."

"In fact, the people have experienced the events of the nation throughout the nation's history, so they realize the correct stand and acts of the Tatmadaw Government and have taken a wide range of lessons from the international events."

"Yet, the local and alien destructive elements have an excellent media weapon and can spend a large amount of expenditures on destructive acts. So the people and the delegates are to be aware of such wicked schemes."

"Certain foreign broadcasting stations are creating false news and exaggerated ones time and again, so we Myanmar people are to be always vigilant against such dangers."

"Don't worry, I'm sure the entire people have already realized the fabrications of the destructive elements."

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## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than oversees...

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Lt-Col Tun Aye submitted reports on cultivation of 58,565 acres of summer paddy against the target of 72,362 acres and supply of water from North Nawin Dam, South Nawin Dam and other irrigation facilities. Brig-Gen Hla Min and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions and cordially greeted the local farmers.

On arrival at Shwedaung, they met with departmental officials, members of USDA and social organizations and local people at the office of Township Peace and Development Council.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered an address, saying that prevalence of law and order for peace and tranquillity, strengthening of economy and human resource development play important roles for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Nowadays, departmental personnel should cooperate with local people to safeguard

the flourishing of peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order which the State have been achieved. The development of the rural area which is home to majority of the population can reflect improvement of the nation. Therefore, the Government has laid down and is implementing the five rural development tasks. The State economy is based on agriculture and livestock breeding sectors. Thus, as the agriculture and livestock breeding are the main businesses of the rural area, extension tasks of these sectors can benefit the increase of per capita income of the rural people and strengthening of the State economy.

Therefore, he asserted that it is necessary to extend cultivation of suitable crops for the regions out of 10 main crops, three items of perennial crops and three new items of crops laid down by the State. So, efforts are to be made for cultivation of monsoon paddy meeting the target of 3 million acres in Bago Division including Shwedaung Township.

Next, he added his speech on extended farming of livestock breeding and uplift of the education sector in the region.

Shwedaung Township has put 2,824 acres of summer paddy against the target of 2,850 acres of land

under summer paddy in 2004-2005.

In Paungde Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on growing of summer paddy and irrigation facilities by officials.

They arrived at Thonze Dam Project in Thayawady Township and inspected dredging of the right channel of the dam. At the 108 feet long, 150 feet wide and 27 feet high Thonze Diversion Weir, Deputy Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation Department reported on salient points of the dam and its functions. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander inspected test-flow of water into the left channel from Thonze Diversion Weir. The left channel is 32,800 feet long and 30 feet deep and the right one is 12,900 feet long.

Construction tasks of Thonze Dam project started on 15 December 2001. The dam, conduit and spillway were completed and the dam was inaugurated on 26 January 2002. On completion of the irrigation system, it will benefit 50,000 acres of farmland.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back in the evening.—MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo on tour of Myeik in Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 5 March —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the SPDC Office, visited Myeik by air on 3 March afternoon to study the development of Myeik and fulfil requirements.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party were welcomed at Myeik Airport by Taninthayi Division PDC Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental heads.

On 4 March, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended a ceremony to broadcast fertilizers for cultivation of summer paddy and cordially met with farmers. At the ceremony, Taninthayi Division Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service Manger U Tin Maung Myint reported on cultivation of summer monsoon paddy and spreading of fertilizers in Tonebyawgyi village; General Manager of MAS (Head Office) U San Nyunt on boosting of per acre yield, systematic cultivation and combined use of fertilizers and natural fertilizers; and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered a speech and fulfilled the requirements of local farmers regarding the cultivation of summer paddy and development work. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected arrangements for irrigation of 222 acres plantations of 46 farmers in Tonebyawgyi village and broadcasting of fertilizers and cordially met local peasants.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected arrangements for construction of pipe culvert and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Payitaung rural bridge on Payitaung Road in Myeik Township. MNA

to Kyaukphya village in Myeik. At a briefing hall, Superintending Engineer U Ba Wan of Public Works and Director of Division Development Affairs Department U Tin Aung reported on tasks being carried out for development of Myeik and its environs. Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

On arrival at the site for construction of Payitaung rural bridge, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard a report by officials on construction of the bridge that is 100 feet long and 16 feet wide and stockpiling of building materials.

After giving instructions on construction of the bridge meeting the set standard, maintenance of roads and bridges in the region and coordinated efforts for regional development.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited Maha

Saikhijaya Pagoda on Sanda Wadi Hill in Myeik where they were welcomed by Deputy Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Hone Ngai, Brig-Gen Zin Yaw of Myeik Station and officials. He then met officials and discussed matters related to holding of the Shwehtidaw-hoisting ceremony of the pagoda. Brig-Gen Zin Yaw reported on preparations for the ceremony and progress in construction of the pagoda.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party paid homage to the pagoda and looked into the construction of religious buildings at the pagoda.

After that, they inspected construction of circular road-2 in Myeik which will be about 5 miles long and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents prize to winners in the women's doubles event of International Sepak Takraw Championship-2005. SPED

## Selected Myanmar Sepak Takraw team honoured

YANGON, 5 March — A ceremony to honour selected Myanmar sepak takraw team which participated in the World Series International Sepak Takraw Championship-2005 in Yangon was held at Panda Hotel on Wadan Street in Lanmadaw Township yesterday evening.

Present were Chairman of Myanmar

Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of the Central Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, the President of Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and officials.

President of Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation U Chit Khaing reported on preparations for achieving success of the selected Myanmar sepak takraw team.

Next, the minister presented prizes to the winners of selected Myanmar team. On behalf of the winners, Thein Zaw Min expressed gratitude.—MNA

## GAD staff should understand...

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With the restoration of peace and stability and prevalence of law and order and better transport among the regions, the government implemented the first short-term four-year plan, the second short-term five-year plan and the third short-term five-year plan for national development beginning 1992-93. It is now the final year of the third short-term five-year plan. The State is on the correct development path as progress was achieved successively according to short-term plans.

He said during these plans the government built infrastructures on economy, education, health and transport needed for national development and enhancing the quality of life of the people. Development gaps among the regions have become narrower. Development projects are practically and unprecedentedly successful due to the 24 development region projects, he said.

In spite of difficulty, the government was able to build national reconsolidation based on mutual understanding, confidence and closer relations. Once, there was sound of gun and explosion in border areas and there was no peace. The border areas have dramatically developed like urban areas and people can enjoy peace. The border region development special project is a new development programme after restoration of peace in those regions.

He said the country is peaceful and better foundations in political, economic, social and transport sectors have emerged because of working with might and main by officials at central level and those at grassroots levels. Achievements have been made due to correct and practical policies of the State, he added. In view of building up the nation into a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic one, dynamic and efficient administrative machinery is essential. Therefore, the State Peace and Development Council has formed and assigned duties to State/Division, District, Township and ward/village-tract Peace and Development Councils at regional administrative bodies, he said.

Peace and Development Councils at different

levels directly assigned duties by the State Peace and Development Council, the highest authority of the nation, are the lower level administrative bodies which have to implement policies and projects of the State. In fact, the State Peace and Development Council is the government which is discharging duties at the transitional period. Likewise, the regional bodies are the ones fulfilling the requirements at the transitional period. Of the administrative bodies, the GAD at different levels are discharging office work while State/Division and District Commissioners are members of the respective regional administrative bodies.

At the township level, the Township Executive Officer is the chairman of Township Peace and De-

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velopment Council. As they have performed duties for a long time, they have gained ample experience. In reminiscence of the history of GAD, it can be found that it had passed through various eras. Nowadays, the GAD is formed under the Ministry of Home Affairs and it is performing duties as regards land management, excise, revenue collection and taxation, urban rent control, registration of associations, rural development, prevalence of law and order, ensuring community peace and stability as well as the duties of mother unit and regional development works. At the regional Peace and Development Councils at different levels, the GAD officers are assigned duties as chairmen or members in response to the demand of the transitional period.

Not only GAD officers but also those of Myanmar Police Force and Immigration & National Registration Department are to work with seriousness and make conscientious efforts. It would be misconception if they assume the duties of the regional Peace and Development Councils are not so important as those of mother departments because the tasks of the Peace and De-

velopment Councils at different levels are in oneness with the tasks of the respective departments.

All of their works are aimed at prevalence of peace and tranquillity, regional development and the national development. Hence, cooperation and coordination are to be made in parallel with the passage of time without delay, he added.

He said it is necessary for members as well as departmental personnel to understand the role of regional administrative bodies at different levels thoroughly and properly. The staff of GAD should understand the overriding importance of their functions and they should also implement the policies of the State properly and dutifully.

The commissioners are to further enhance their abilities and capabilities as they will have to take re-

sponsibilities for strengthening the administrative machinery of the future democratic nation with flourishing democracy. They are also to do their utmost to be competent in their jobs and to be fully imbued with the spirit of serving the interests of the nation and the people and patriotism.

It is in fact virtually impossible to make significant progress in regional administration services through the characteristics of a normal employee. Such local administrative bodies as state/division PDCs have to cope with matters in the spheres of politics, economy and social affairs, so they must take wider views on things.

It is needed to train not only the executive officers of the GADs but also police officers, heads of township immigration offices and the staff in line with the changes. And they are to be well convinced of the work guidelines on these sectors.

All the State service personnel are to make harmonious efforts more than ever in shouldering duties as now is the time when the government is transiting the old system to a new one. However, some staff work so hard to make greater progress while

some carry out their tasks just perfunctorily.

Worse than these are the seeking of own interests, the taking of bribes and the misusing of the authority, so the government had to take severe action against those staff who violated the rules and regulations.

The government employees are to pay undivided attention to and to step up implementation of the drive for building a modern developed democratic nation under the leadership of the SPDC. Besides, they are also to be capable of paving the path leading to a new nation with brighter future.

The development of a nation partly relies on the abiding by the laws, rules and regulations that help bring about the proportionate benefits of the people, individual, organization and the State and the region. The GAD staff, who will have to make sure that laws and rules and regulations are obeyed by the people, are not only to be well versed in the laws and rules but also to try to be exemplars in following them.

Only when departmental officials and the people are actively taking part in nation-building endeavours by doing their bit will the nation surely develop.

Especially, staff of DAD at different levels are to strive in all seriousness for realization of departmental and regional tasks, bearing in mind the State policies—the national goal, the Three Main National Causes, the 12 political, economic and social objectives and the four people desires.

Without the State policy, service personnel will find it difficult in discharging the State responsibilities. Realizing the policy, they will be able to adopt the principles and procedures.

If the functions of the administrative bodies that are serving the interest of

## Want not a bit

- \* **If their liking is always Unwaveringly, gone along with No matter who, uses what principle Follows practice, even if inhuman Full standard, life to the full Will be fulfilled, as human rights Without hesitation, and recognized Made known world over They will declare, we know**
- \* **Their standard, up to not a bit That's Myanmar, time and time again Let them say, but only sovereignty is surrendered And enter into servitude, slave image is seen Then only satisfactorily, recognition is given As human rights But we want not a bit.**

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

(To those seeking self-interest under the guise of human rights.)

the people are wrong will misunderstanding of the people occur, and there have already been such incidents.

Some incidents occurred due to the weakpoints of man. It has led to bringing anxiety to the people. In such incident, the State has to take action against those concerned.

Therefore, regarding all the service personnel, the Head of Staet has given guidance, calling on them to be in oneness with the people and equipped with fairness in dealing with them and to serve their interest, avoiding haughtiness, to make efforts with zest and zeal for national development at a time when they are in service so that they can leave good historical records and to shoulder their duties with correct outlooks and concepts. Accepting those guidance as a work guideline, officials concerned are to make relentless efforts to serve the interest of the State and the people while managing their subordinates systematically.

The service personnel need to try their utmost at a time when they are in a position of serving the interest of the State and the people and to safeguard the people in accord with the laws. Only then will they become an administrative

body on which the public can rely. Now, the country is in the process of transition to democracy. With this end in view, out of the four political objectives, measures for ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order, and the national reconsolidation are being taken. At the same time, the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented with the participation of the entire national people for the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation.

At such a time like this, dissension and pressures under the pretext of democracy and human rights are to be warded off through the unity of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. Those responsible at different levels are to carry out tasks with might and main, keeping a constant vigil at those machinations.

In conclusion, those from GAD are to strive together with other service personnel out of nationalistic spirit for realization of their departments' objectives under the leadership of the government and to make coordinated efforts free from selfishness.

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National Convention delegates enjoy Mon traditional dances at National Races Village in Thakayta Township. (News on page 2)—MNA



## The State shall enact...

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10. Red Cross society;
11. Counterfeiting of food, medicines, medical equipment and cosmetics and mixing them with other ingredients;
12. Caring children, youths, women, the disabled, the aged and homeless;
13. Relief and rehabilitation;
14. Fire Brigade;
15. Working hours, break time and holidays;
16. Labour disputes;
17. Social security;
18. Labour organizations;
19. The matters managed by the Pyidaungsu concerning:
  - (a) Ancient cultural or historical regions, edifices, monuments, records, stone inscriptions, inanimate objects and archaeological undertakings
  - (b) Museums and libraries; and
20. Literature, theatrical art, music, traditional arts and crafts, movies and videos.

And following points are proposed to be adopted as detailed basic principles in the social sector that should be included in the Region or State Legislative List:

1. Traditional medicines that are not contrary to traditional medicine policies set by the Union;
2. Birth and death registration;
3. Social welfare tasks in regions or states;
4. Fire prevention;
5. Freight handling;
6. Matters for which the region or the state has the right to supervise:
  - (a) preservation of cultural heritage
  - (b) museums and libraries
7. Opera house, cinema hall and video house; and
8. Photo, painting and sculpture exhibitions.

These proposals were made by the following delegate groups to the National Convention on the adoption of detailed basic principles in connection with the social sector. The delegate groups are:

- the delegate group of peasants,
- the delegate group of workers, and
- the delegate group of political parties, which constitutes:
  - National Unity Party,
  - Union PaO National Organization,
  - Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization,
  - Lahu National Development Party,
  - Union Kayin League,
  - Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and
  - Wa National Development Party.

I will continue to present separate proposals submitted by the delegate groups to the National Convention.

**The Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, in its suggestion, said that giving encouragement to the culture, tradition and literature of the ethnic groups enriches the essence of the Union. The party also proposed whether it is appropriate to include the matter of ethnic language as detailed basic principles in the Union Legislative List.**

**To this, I would like to reply that the matter of 'literature' has included in the twentieth point of the social sector in the Union Legislative List. The term 'literature' covers everything related to literature including ethnic language and literature.**

Dr Hmu Htan, the independent representative-elect from the constituency of Thantlan township in Chin State, and U Aung Thein, the independent representative-elect from the constituency of Ywangan township in Shan State, in their separate suggestions, said that it is necessary for the State to create job opportunities for those who are working in other countries, getting low-paid. The creation of job opportunities will reduce the rate of unemployment. Therefore, this matter should be included in the Union Legislative List.

To this, I would like to reply that it has been adopted as a basic principle that "The State shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of workers." According to this basic principle, necessary laws will be enacted to create job opportunities. Therefore, this suggestion shall be placed on record for the enactment of law in future.

The delegate group of peasants proposed the formation of peasant organizations representing the peasant class, adding that this matter should be included in the Union Legislative List.

Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlan township and U Aung Thein of Ywangan township, who are independent representatives-elect, also gave similar suggestion as the above.

To this, I would like to reply that multi-party system will be in practice when the constitution is completed. The parties concerned will have the right to set up peasant organizations in accord with the law related to the formation of associations and organizations. This being the case, it will not be necessary to include this matter in the Union Legislative List as no separate law needs enacting.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia suggested that the Union Legislative List contain the laws enforcing the construction of any factories with treatment plant, and the laws enforcing the construction of a combined major treatment plant by technicians for the entire industrial zone to ensure public safety.

The group also proposed another five points to be included in the Union Legislative List. They are:

1. protection of clean environment,
2. health insurance,
3. birth and death registration,
4. Occupational health and safety, and
5. prevention of natural and man-made disasters.

**The group also suggested in connection with the social sector that the birth and death registration be included in the Union Legislative List rather than in the Region or State Legislative List. The matter related to the birth and death registration is the thing that the State has to carry out internationally. Therefore, this matter should be included in the Union Legislative List.**

**To this, I would like to reply that the matter of treatment plants is mainly aimed at deterrence to air and water pollution. In other words, they are matters related to environmental protection and conservation, which have been mentioned in the energy, electricity, mining, and forestry sectors. In like manner, the above-mentioned explanation covers the proposal for the protection of clean environment.**

**The proposal for health insurance has been covered in the term 'national health' in the social sector; the proposal for occupational health and safety, in the term 'working hours, break time and holidays'; and the proposal for prevention of natural and man-made disasters, in the term 'relief and resettlement'. Laws can be enacted in connection with these matters when necessary. It will therefore not be necessary to include them as separate matters.**

The group said of media encompassing newspapers, journals, periodicals, magazines, telecasting and broadcasting. In its separate suggestion on media, it said that apart from periodicals, telecasting and broadcasting media plays a vital role in the establishment of a discipline-flourishing democracy. By that time, there will emerge NGO- and private-owned media sooner or later. Permission will be granted to the media that keep their dignity. And action will have to be taken against those that breach the rules. Therefore, it is necessary, the group suggested, to enact necessary laws in connection with media.

To this, I would like to reply that these suggestions will be placed on record for the enactment of relevant laws in future.

Moreover, the proposal that the birth and death registration be included in the Union Legislative List rather than in the Region or State Legislative List is proper and consistent with the basic principle already laid down. Therefore, this matter deserves deep consideration.

The delegate group of national faces, in its suggestion, said that the country might be faced with natural disasters such as fire, flood, strong wind, earthquake and epidemics. Under such circumstances, preventive measures are to be taken collectively region-wise. This being the case, the group suggested, the point "fire prevention" should be replaced with the term "fire prevention and natural disaster preparedness".

In like manner, the delegate group of other invited persons made a similar proposal "fire brigade, fire outbreak, and disaster preparedness". Regarding this proposal, the term 'fire brigade' has been mentioned in the Union Legislative List. The proposal 'fire prevention and natural disaster preparedness' is proper and consistent with the basic principle already laid down. Therefore, it deserves deep consideration.

The delegate group of State service personnel, in its separate suggestions, said that the role of machine operators is very important in industry. Therefore, Occupational Safety Act and Occupational Hazard Act came into force

to protect the workers. For the sake of uniformity and equality, these matters should be included in the Union Legislative List so that law can be enacted when necessary. The group substituted the Point 15 "working hours, breaks, and holidays" with the term "working hours, breaks, holidays, and occupational safety".

The delegate group of State service personnel suggested substitution of the Point 19 "the matters managed by the Pyidaungsu concerning ancient cultural or historical regions, edifices, monuments, records, stone inscriptions, inanimate objects and archaeological undertakings" with the term "the matters managed by the Pyidaungsu concerning ancient cultural or historical regions, edifices, monuments, records, stone inscriptions, ink inscription on stucco, palm leaves, handwritings, handiwork, inanimate objects and archaeological undertakings".

These suggestions are proper and consistent with the basic principle already laid down. Therefore, they deserve deep consideration.

The Work Committee coordinated with the members of the panel of chairmen in connection with the replacement of words as suggested by delegates to the National Convention. The latter sought the consent from their respective delegate groups through discussions and gave a written feedback on the issue to the former. It is found that most of the delegate groups suggested the adoption of the term "working hours, breaks, holidays, and occupational safety" as Point 15 in the social sector of the Union Legislative List; the term "ancient cultural or historical regions, edifices, monuments, records, stone inscriptions, ink inscription on stucco, palm leaves, handwritings, handiwork, inanimate objects and archaeological undertakings" as Point 19 (a); the term "birth and death registration" from Point 2 in the Region or State Legislative List as Point 21 in the Union Legislative List; and the term "fire prevention and natural disaster preparedness" as Point 3 in the Region or State Legislative List.

The representatives of political parties which are members of the delegate group of representatives-elect submitted the same opinion as their respective parties.

The independent representatives-elect of the same delegate group proposed separate motions in connection with the adoption of detailed basic principles on the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.

**By the consent of most of the delegates to the National Convention, following points are adopted as detailed basic principles for the social sector to be embodied in the Union Legislative List as regards the sharing of legislative power:**

1. Curricula, syllabus, teaching methods, research, and projects and programs;
2. Courses of universities, degree colleges and institutes and other higher education organizations;
3. Examinations designated by the Union;
4. Private schools and courses;
5. National sports;
6. National health;
7. Development of traditional medical science and medicines;
8. Free hospitals and dispensaries and private hospitals and dispensaries;
9. Maternal and child welfare;
10. Red Cross society;
11. Counterfeiting of food, medicines, medical equipment and cosmetics and mixing them with other ingredients;
12. Caring children, youths, women, the disabled, the aged and homeless;
13. Relief and rehabilitation;
14. Fire Brigade;
15. Working hours, breaks, holidays, and occupational safety;
16. Labour disputes;
17. Social security;
18. Labour organizations;
19. The matters managed by the Pyidaungsu concerning:
  - (a) ancient cultural or historical regions, edifices, monuments, records, stone inscriptions, ink inscription on stucco, palm leaves, handwritings, handiwork, inanimate objects and archaeological undertakings
  - (b) Museums and libraries;
20. Literature, theatrical art, music, traditional arts and crafts, movies and videos; and
21. Birth and death registration.

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- guardians and wards, transfer of property and inheritance
5. Evidence Act
  6. Limitation
  7. Valuation of suit
  8. Specific relief
  9. Foreign jurisdiction
  10. Admiralty jurisdiction
  11. Piracy at sea, and crimes committed on land or in the international waters or in space in violation of the international laws.

The delegate groups that gave suggestions are:

- the delegate group of national races
- the delegate group of peasants
- the delegate group of workers
- the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia
- the delegate group of State service personnel, and the delegate group of political parties, which constitutes:
  - National Unity Party
  - Union PaO National Organization
  - Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization
  - Lahu National Development Party
  - Union Kayin League
  - Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and
  - Wa National Development Party.

I will continue to present separate proposals submitted by the delegate groups to the National Convention.

Dr Hmu Htan, the independent representative-elect from the constituency of Thantlan township in Chin State and U Aung Thein, the independent representative-elect from the constituency of Ywangan township in Shan State, in their suggestion, said that the people living in regions or states should be allowed to continue the amicable settlement through customary practices which is not contrary to Union Law.

U Tun Kyaw, the independent representative-elect from Namhsan township, and the delegate group of other invited persons proposed a motion similar to the one mentioned above.

To this, I would like to reply that no separate law needs enacting since national races have been following the amicable settlement through customary practices of their own in their regions or states. They can do so in cases except those prohibited by law.

**The delegate group of other invited persons suggested the replacement of the term "piracy at sea, and crimes committed on land or in the international waters or in space in violation of the international laws" with the term "crimes committed in international waters and in the territorial waters, land, and a space of Myanmar".**

To this, I would like to reply that our courts have the rights to open the trials in connection with the cases that occurred on our territory. It will be found that the proposed term lacks deep definition. It will imply as if crimes committed in international space and crimes committed in violation of the international laws were not included. Having been used in 1947 Constitution, and being the common practice in the international community, the usage of former term will be more complete in definition.

The representatives of political parties which are members of the delegate group of representatives-elect submitted the same opinion as their respective parties.

The independent representatives-elect of the same delegate group proposed separate motions in connection with the adoption of detailed basic principles on the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman. By the consent of most of the delegates to the National Convention, following points are adopted as detailed basic principles for the industrial sector to be embodied in the Union Legislative List as regards the portion of the sharing of legislative power:

1. Administration of justice
2. Lawyers
3. Penal laws and procedures
4. Civil laws, contract, arbitration, civil wrong, insolvency, Trust and people who can administer because of the trust, administrator and keeper, guardians and wards, transfer of property and inheritance

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5. Evidence Act
6. Limitation
7. Valuation of suit
8. Specific relief
9. Foreign jurisdiction
10. Admiralty jurisdiction
11. Piracy at sea, and crimes committed on land or in the international waters or in space in violation of the international laws.

Dr Tin Aung Aye also presented matters on legislative power to leading committees of self-administered areas.

At the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention on 21 May 2004, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee clarified detailed basic principles relevant to the legislative power to leading committees of self-administered areas mentioned in the sharing of legislative power. In connection with this clarification, the delegate groups to the National Convention held discussions and gave suggestions to adopt the following points as detailed basic principles that should be embodied in the legislative power to leading committees of self-administered areas.

They are:

- (a) Town and village plan,
- (b) Construction, repair and maintenance of roads,
- (c) Public health,
- (d) Development affairs,
- (e) Fire prevention,
- (f) Pasture,
- (g) Forest protection and conservation,
- (h) Environmental conservation,
- (i) Water and electricity supply in towns and villages, and
- (j) Town and village markets.

The delegate groups that gave suggestions are:

- the delegate group of national races
- the delegate group of peasants
- the delegate group of workers
- the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia
- the delegate group of political parties, which constitutes:
  - National Unity Party
  - Union PaO National Organization
  - Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization
  - Lahu National Development Party
  - Union Kayin League
  - Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and
  - Wa National Development Party.

I will continue to present separate proposals submitted by the delegate groups to the National Convention.

**The delegate group of State service personnel gave a suggestion on the replacement of the term "Environmental conservation" as shown in Point (H) with the term "environmental conservation in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu".**

In the Point 3 of the Union Legislative List mentioned in the energy, electricity, minerals and forestry sector, it is stated "minerals, mines, and safety of mine workers, and environmental conservation and reconstruction"; and in the Point 7, it is stated "conservation and protection of wildlife, and natural trees and natural areas including the environment". The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will enact laws relevant to these matters. The leading committees of self-administered areas are therefore to act in accord with the law promulgated by the Pyidaungsu. This being the case, it is proper to express the term "environmental conservation in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu".

The delegate group of other invited persons, in its suggestion, added another two points to the ten points clarified by the Work Committee Chairman. The right of the leading committee of the self-administered division or zone should be taken into consideration when the State enacts laws. These two points are:

- (1) preservation of literature and culture,
- (2) necessary administration, judiciary, border trade, and border transit, given the special condition of the area.

Moreover, the following points, the group added, should be changed in terminology.

- (b) 'construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges' instead of 'construction, repair and maintenance of roads'; and

and

- (g) 'protection and conservation of forest plantations including natural forests and private-owned teak plantations' in stead of 'forest protection and conservation'.

To this, I would like to reply that it has been adopted as a basic principle that "the State shall help develop language, literature, fine arts and culture of the national races". Nowadays, the State is giving encouragement to the development of literature and culture of national races. And it will continue its efforts to do so in the future. It should therefore be placed on record.

The matters of administration and judiciary are concerned with management and judicial rights. In connection with the judicial sector, detailed basic principles have been laid down to include them in the Union Legislative List. And I would like to explain that the matters related to border trade and border transit have been mentioned as detailed principles in the foreign affairs sector as well as in the economic sector.

The term 'forest protection and conservation' has been complete in definition. The term covers natural forests and man-grown forests. Therefore, it is not necessary to mention it separately.

The suggestion in connection with the replacement of the Point (b) "building, repair and maintenance of roads" with the term "construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges" is proper. But, it is necessary to make the title succinct in legislation. However, the addition of the words "bridges" and "construction" will make the meaning more complete. Therefore, the usage of the term "construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges" is proper and worth deep consideration.

As suggested by the delegate group of State service personnel, consideration should be taken into the replacement of the term "environmental conservation" with the term "environmental conservation in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu".

In connection with these suggestions, the National Convention Convening Work Committee coordinated with the members of the panel of chairmen, who held discussions with their respective delegate groups to the National Convention. After that, the panel of chairmen gave their written feedback to the Work Committee. Most of the delegate groups to the National Convention agreed to the terms "construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges" and "environmental conservation in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu".

The representatives of political parties which are members of the delegate group of representatives-elect submitted the same opinion as their respective parties.

The independent representatives-elect of the same delegate group proposed separate motions in connection with the adoption of detailed basic principles on the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman.

**By the consent of most of the delegates to the National Convention, following points are adopted as detailed basic principles for the legislative power to leading committees of the self-administered division or zone as regards the sharing of legislative power:**

- (a) Town and village plan,
- (b) Construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges,
- (c) Public health,
- (d) Development affairs,
- (e) Fire prevention,
- (f) Pasture,
- (g) Forest protection and conservation,
- (h) Environmental conservation in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu,
- (i) Water and electricity supply in towns and villages, and
- (j) Town and village markets.

Next, Dr Tin Aung Aye presented distribution of legislative power in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, Region or State, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies.

At the National Convention on 21 May, 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the distribution of legislative power in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, Region or state, and self-administered division or zone leading

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And following points as detailed basic principles for the social sector to be embodied in the Region or State Legislative List:

1. Traditional medicines that are not contrary to traditional medicine policies set by the Union;
2. Social welfare tasks in regions or states;
3. Fire prevention and natural disaster preparedness;
4. Freight handling;
5. Matters for which the region or the state has the right to supervise:
  - (a) preservation of cultural heritage
  - (b) museums and libraries
6. Opera house, cinema hall and video house; and
7. Photo, painting and sculpture exhibitions.

At the plenary session of the National Convention, held on 20 May 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles concerning the management sector that should be included in the Union legislative list and the region or state legislative list for sharing the legislative power.

The delegate groups presented discussions and suggestions on the matter. The delegate groups — the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group and the State service personnel delegate group, — and the delegate group of the political parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party — gave suggestions to put the following points on the Union legislative list as detailed basic principles for the management sector:

1. General administration
2. Management of village and urban areas
3. House rent and land rent
4. Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
5. State secrets
6. Associations
7. Prisons
8. Border area development
9. Census
10. Citizenship, naturalization, revocation of citizenship, citizenship scrutiny and registration
11. Titles and decorations

The delegate groups also gave suggestion to put the following points on the region or state legislative list:

1. Development affairs
2. Human settlement and housing development
3. Honourary titles and medals

Now, I will explain the separate suggestions presented by delegates group-wise.

Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantalan Township constituency in Chin State, and U

Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency in Shan State said that as the country has become modernized and developed, population, businesses and industries are greater in number than they were before. Population grows as a consequence of increasing economic undertakings and industries and a large number of people moving to urban areas for employment. There are house rent and land rent in the urban area on account of growing demand for accommodations, undertaking of businesses and construction of factories and workshops. Only when measures are taken for such matters on a national scale in harmony will there be equality and uniformity. Therefore, it should be included in the list of Union Legislation to enact laws, as necessary, in connection with "house rent and land rent". Moreover, specific rights concerning the issue should be entrusted in regions or states in accord with time and situation without going against the Union law.

They continued to say, citizenry of all free countries are granted the rights to form and join associations and organizations. When it comes to forming associations and organizations, there will be a diversity of groupings for religion, social affairs, labour, arts, sports, etc. Similarly, there will also be associations concerning the professions, such as medical associations, engineering societies, lawyers associations and so on. In this connection, the State is to see that they do not harm the public safety and tranquillity nor smear the public morale. There should be common practice and uniformity on a national scale. But the authority to permit formation of some of the associations and organizations should be entrusted in the regions and states without opposing the Union law.

Concerning the suggestion, I would like to explain that the distributing authority concerning "house rent and land rent" and "formation of associations and organizations" without opposing the Union law amounts to the sharing of the management authority. When the Union is in the process of running its machinery and enacting laws, the management authority will be distributed to the different levels of regional authorities. The suggestion will be put on record for consideration in enacting necessary laws in the future.

**Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency-2 said that as the legislative power concerning the management of urban areas is delegated to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, management of rural areas should be entrusted in the regions and states as they can know their own objective conditions well.**

**In connection with the matter, I would like to explain that the legislative power concerning the management of village and urban areas is delegated to the Union to enact laws covering the entire nation. But the Union will distribute authority to manage villages and**

ion as their respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect of the group also discussed in support of the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.

**In accord with the suggestions of most of the delegate groups, the matter concerning "Legislative power is vested in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative list of the Union, Region or State, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies," is laid down as a detailed basic principle.**

On behalf of the Chairman of the Work Committee, Secretary of the Work Committee U Thaung Nyunt presented matters on legislative powers for Union territories, the effect of the laws enacted by different levels of the Hluttaw and the self-administered area leading bodies and formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States, U Tin Aye on formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States, and Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Vice-Chairman U Aye Maung on detailed basic principles. Their presentations will be reported in the newspapers to be issued tomorrow.

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**urban areas to the regions and states in accord with the law. Thus, there is no need to include the matter in the region or state legislative list.**

The other invited persons delegate group said that the State should consider stipulations of the following facts in enacting a law to give regions and states the authority concerning them.

1. General administration
2. Management of village and urban areas
3. House rent and land rent
4. Associations
5. Border area development
6. Census

The group also said that priority should be given to locals in appointing management staff in regions or states or self-administered areas if the qualifications of the candidates are found to be equal. Persons from other places should be appointed only if there is no local candidate. Moreover, the regions, states and self-administered areas should be permitted to appoint locals in accord with the requirement.

It requested the State to take necessary measures concerning the above-mentioned matters.

The suggestion is for the State to take into account the giving of authority concerning the matter to the regions and states. Thus, the suggestion would be put on record for consideration in enacting laws regarding the matter.

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opinion as their respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect of the group also presented separate suggestions expressing that the presentation of the Work Committee Chairman should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Hence, in accord with the suggestions of the most of delegates concerning the management sector, the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the Union legislative list:

1. General administration
2. Management of village and urban areas
3. House rent and land rent
4. Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
5. State secrets
6. Associations
7. Prisons
8. Border area development
9. Census
10. Citizenship, naturalization, revocation of citizenship, citizenship scrutiny and registration
11. Titles and decorations

And the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the region or state legislative list:

1. Development affairs
2. Human settlement and housing development
3. Honourary titles and medals

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## Dinner hosted to trainees of UDNR

YANGON, 5 March — Vice-Chairman of the Council of University for Development of National Races and Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun hosted a dinner to the trainees of the 14th Convocation, Diploma in Education Course No 3 and JAT Training Course No 14 before holding their convocation, at the square of the university on 3 March evening.

Also present at the dinner were Chairman of the University Council Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Council Member CSSTB member U Aung Myint, Director-General U Hla Kyi of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, Rector Col Zaw Min Thein and wife, council members, representatives of State and Division Peace and Development Councils, Pro-Rector (Admin) Lt-Col Nyi Nyi San, Pro-Rector (Academic) Daw Khin Si Si and officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun cordially greeted the trainees. During and after the dinner, graduate trainees presented traditional dances and songs.

Later, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Dr Than Nyun gave the flower basket and cash awards to them.

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bodies. The delegate groups presented discussions and suggestions concerning the matter.

The delegate groups — the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group, State service personnel delegate group and the other invited persons delegate group; and the delegate groups of the political parties — The National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party — made discussions and suggestions to lay down the following paras as a detailed basic principle.

"Legislative power is vested in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative list of the Union, Region or state, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies."

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opin-

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**400,000 refugees in Tanzania face food shortage**

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 March — Food crisis seems to continue facing over 400,000 Burundian and Congolese refugees residing in Tanzania due to decreased relief.**

Local newspaper *The Guardian* on Thursday quoted Mitchell Courtney, a senior official from the World Food Programme, as saying that refugees in western Tanzania have suffered a double food ration cut and some food rations such as corn soya blend for children have been reduced to zero supply.

Food insecurity has been haunting over the refugees since September last year and the situation become even worse at the end of 2004.

The official contributed the continued food crisis to the shortage of relief funds following the donor communities directed their supports to the tsunami-hit areas later last year.

The Tanzanian Government said that even local residents in the East African country are also confronted with food shortage as poor rains have affected the agricultural production in some major crops-producing areas.—*MNA/Xinhua*

**Andean nations pledge to bridge position gap with US**

**QUITO, 4 March—** Ecuador, Colombia and Peru vowed on Wednesday to seek a position closer to that of the United States in their free trade negotiations.

The three Andean nations pledged to make joint efforts to respect the spirit of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Declaration at Doha, their top negotiators said at the 10th Meeting of Andean Coordination started on Monday.

The FTA will be a tool to realize sustained growth, create jobs and improve people's living conditions. The Andean countries' concern over their social interests should also be taken into consideration in the talks, the negotiators said.

They also called on all government institutions and private sectors to participate in the free trade negotiations.

The four-day meeting came before the eighth round of the FTA talks with the United States slated for 14-18 March.

—*MNA/Xinhua*



**Crude oil futures jump above \$53 a barrel**

**NEW YORK, 4 March —** Crude oil prices ended above 53 dollars a barrel on Wednesday after a US Government report showed a drop in heating fuel stockpiles.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, oil futures for April delivery rose 1.37 dollars to end at 53.05 dollars per barrel.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, the April Brent crude-oil futures contract climbed 1.11 dollars to settle at 51.22 dollars a barrel.

On Wednesday, a US Government report showed that inventories of distillate fuel, a category that include heating oil and diesel, fell 1.7 million barrels to 110 million. Analysts had expected a 1.2-million-barrel decline.

While crude oil supply grew, analysts said, concerns about a tight supply and demand balance in the global oil market continued to support high prices.

The entrance of hedge funds also gave an upward pressure on prices.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission said

investment funds, last week had their biggest bet on higher oil prices in eight months.—*MNA/Xinhua*



A dog is taken for a walk along a snowy path near the Eiffel Tower in Paris on 4 March, 2005.

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**Poverty, hunger, homelessness haunt US**

**BEIJING, 4 March —** Poverty, hunger and homelessness have been haunting the United States, the world's richest country, according to the Human Rights Record of the United States in 2004.

The report, released by the Information Office of China's State Council on Thursday, said the United States refuses to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and took negative attitude to the economic, social and cultural rights of the labourers.

According to the statistics released by the US Census Bureau in 2004, the number of Americans in poverty has been climbing for three years. It rose by 1.3 million

year-on-year in 2003 to 35.9 million, the report said.

The poverty rate in 2003 hit 12.5 per cent, or one in eight people, the highest since 1998, it added.

In Washington DC, the top 20 per cent of the city's households have 31 times the average income of the 20 per cent at the bottom, the report cited the *Washington Post*, (22 July, 2004).

Since November 2003, the average income of most American families have been on the decline.

The earning of many medium- and low-income families could not keep up with the price rises, it said.

The health insurance crisis has become prominent, the report said, around 14.3 million Americans put one fourth of their income on the health expenses, according to a news story of the *Washington Post* on 28 September, 2004.

Many families could not afford the health insurance. Fewer workers have coverage — 61 per

cent in 2004, compared with 65 per cent in 2001, it said.

The report said, compared with 2003 the number of people without health insurance increased 1.4 million to 45 million, or 15.6 per cent of the country's population.

In Texas, about one fourth of the workers do not have health insurance. In California, around 6 million Californians do not have health insurance and the welfare system with the annual cost of 60 billion US dollars are about to collapse, it added.

Meanwhile, medical accidents occurred one after another, becoming the third killer following heart disease and cancer, it said. One out of every 25 in-patients become the victim of medical accident, according to a report of *Boston Globe* on 27 July, 2004.

It is estimated that the homeless population

reached 3.5 million in the United States, according to the report, which said the homeless population in the country continues to rise nationwide.

The number of people seeking emergency food aid increased by 14 per cent year-on-year while the number of people seeking emergency shelter aid increased by 6 per cent, as an annual survey released at the US Conference of Mayors has showed, the report said.

But the US Federal budget has stopped providing fund to build new affordable housing, which forced many local governments to cut the public housing projects, it said.

The report said an investigator with the US Commission on Human Rights in January 2004 denounced the US for large-scale infringement on human rights on housing issue.—*MNA/Xinhua*

**Five people killed in Italian plane crash**

**ROME, 4 March —** Five people were killed on Thursday when their light aircraft crashed in bad weather after takeoff from Italian central city Bologna Airport, Italian media reported here on Thursday.

Italian rescue teams said they found the charred bodies of the pilot, co-pilot and three passengers.

The *Cessna 340* reportedly hit a perimeter fence but managed to clear a nearby road before plunging in flames into a field.

Italy's flight safety agency ANSV has opened an investigation into the crash.

ANSV said weather conditions were "extremely poor" and visibility was no more than 400 metres.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

**Senior CPC official meets Cuban guests**

**BEIJING, 5 March —** Wang Zhaoguo, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, met here on Friday with a delegation of Cuban Communist Youth Union headed by General Secretary Julio Martinez.

Wang, also vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), spoke highly of the China-Cuba friendly relations and hoped the young people of the two countries to further promote exchanges

and cooperation.

Martinez pledged to enhance friendly cooperation between the youths of the two countries as part of the efforts to strengthen the state-to-state friendly relations. —*MNA/Xinhua*

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A model wears tear-like jewels as part of Zucca's Fall-Winter 2005-2006 ready-to-wear fashion collection, presented in Paris on 3 March, 2005.—INTERNET

### Five Central American nations vow create joint "rapid force"

TEGUCIGALPA (Honduras), 4 March — Five Central American nations vowed on Thursday to create a joint "rapid force" to confront terrorist threats, drug traffickers and violent youth gangs.

The group will include troops, police, prosecutors and judges from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica in a bid to clamp down on crime across the region and to imprison criminals quickly. The five nations drew up and approved the plan at a meeting of government ministers in the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa. "We agreed to form this 'rapid force' to confront narcoterrorism and other emerging threats, like the youth gangs that operate in almost all the countries of the region, including Mexico," Honduran Defence Minister Federico Breve told Reuters. "The idea is to have a rapid force in each country, but one which can react together in the event of regional situations," Breve said. US security officials are concerned terrorists could try to cut deals with the drug traffickers or street gangs that operate in Central America as part of a planned attack on the United States. Colombian cocaine heading for the United States is often routed through Central America. MNA/Reuters

### Astronomers discover smallest star in Chile

SANTIAGO, 4 March — An international team of astronomers in Paranal Observatory of Chile announced on Thursday the discovery of the smallest star ever known in the world.

The star, christened OGLE-TR-122b, weighs 95 times more than Jupiter but is only 16 per cent as large, said the European Southern Observatory (ESO), which is in charge of the Paranal Observatory in Atacama Desert, north Chile. "Imagine you add 95 times Jupiter's mass and in spite of this you end up with a star that only is slightly as large," said Claudio Melo, a Chilean astronomer participating in the team. "The body of the star gets contracted in order to give further room to additional matter, thus becoming more dense," Melo said. The star has an incandescent core and releases its own shine and is in the direction of the Carina constellation in the Milky Way. It orbits around another star similar to the Sun, and takes one week to complete its revolution, the ESO said. This is the first time that a direct observation shows there exist stars that, with less than 10 per cent of the mass of the Sun, have similar size to giant planets like Jupiter. "The results show the existence of stars that look strikingly like planets," said astronomer Frederic Pont, from Switzerland. The discovery helps astronomers better understand a gray area of definition concerning stars and planets. The observations were made a year ago, in March 2004, through Kueyen Telescope, one of the four 8.2-metre telescopes in Paranal. MNA/Xinhua

### Three killed in Moscow shootout

Moscow, 4 March — Three people were killed and another was injured in a shootout in southwestern Moscow on Thursday, a law-enforcement official said.

Unidentified gunmen opened fire from a Zhiguli car against four men in another car at about 2:00 p.m. Moscow Time (1000 GMT) in the street, killing three on the spot. The injured one escaped from the scene in the car and was sent to hospital, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported. The attackers fled from the scene after the shooting and police are hunting for them. —MNA/Xinhua

### US court sentences man to prison for shooting at sea lions

LOS ANGELES, 4 March — A US court on Thursday sentenced a charter boat captain who used a rifle to shoot at sea lions last fall to federal prison for two months.

John Woodrum, a 38-year-old California resident, was also ordered to pay a 5,000-US-dollar fine and perform 250 hours of community service at a marine mammal rescue centre in San Pedro, a town near Los Angeles. Woodrum pleaded guilty in January to a pair of misdemeanor counts of attempting to kill a marine mammal — a violation of the US Marine Mammal Protection Act. In his plea deal with US prosecutors, he agreed to serve the two months in jail. The case began when passengers on board the charter vessel Pursuit told authorities they saw Woodrum firing a rifle at the animals on an October 13 fishing trip. The passengers said they saw five sea lions struck by bullets, and that three appeared to be dead. In November, agents from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the US Fish and Wildlife Service went undercover on one of Woodrum's fishing trips, during which they saw him firing a rifle at sea lions, according to prosecutors. He was arrested as the boat returned to San Pedro. MNA/Xinhua

### Dutch tsunami aid reaches 183 million euros

BRUSSELS, 4 March — An umbrella group of aid organizations in the Netherlands has raised 183 million euros (240 million US dollars) through a national campaign to help the victims of December's tsunami in Asia.

Radio Netherlands reported on Wednesday that the total does not include the 5 million euros (6.55 million dollars) contributed by the Ministry of Development Cooperation. In addition, the campaign remains active and is still getting donations. The money promised so far is being spent on emergency aid. From now on, however, the aid organizations will concentrate on reconstruction, said the radio. MNA/Xinhua

### Singapore reiterates one-China policy

SINGAPORE, 5 March — Singapore sticks to its one-China policy and has no official relations with Taiwan, said Foreign Minister George Yeo on Friday.

Speaking to the Parliament, Yeo said that the bilateral relations between Singapore and China are back on track after the setback last year. "We now have a better understanding of each other's core interests and this has laid a strong foundation for building an even stronger relationship in the future," Yeo said. The economic relations between the two countries continued to grow in 2004 as the bilateral trade volume hit 53 billion Singapore dollars (about 32 billion US dollars). He explained the key elements in Singapore's foreign policy including working with its neighbours to integrate ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations), strengthening its ties with the advanced economies such as the United States, Japan and Europe. MNA/Xinhua

Japan's electronics giant Mitsubishi Electric researcher Yasuko Suzuki poses in front of a 3-meter diameter hemisphere-screen display system that provides a new way to view 3D-CG images at the company's laboratory in Kamakura, suburban Tokyo on 3 March 2005. INTERNET

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**RBC Roosendaal pick up 1-0 home win over NEC Nijmegen**

AMSTERDAM, 5 March— RBC Roosendaal picked up a vital 1-0 home win over NEC Nijmegen on Friday to stay in touch with the pack hovering above the bottom of the Dutch First Division.

Tim Smolders got the only goal after 52 minutes to move 17th-placed RBC eight points clear of bottom side Den Bosch in the 18-team league. The last-placed finisher is automatically relegated while the next two enter a playoff competition with six Second Division teams.

Leaders PSV Eindhoven will travel Groningen on Sunday when third placed Ajax Amsterdam will host second-placed AZ Alkmaar.

Saturday's scheduled game between ADO Den Haag and Heerenveen has been postponed due to a frozen, snow covered pitch.

Den Haag are one of the few First Division sides without the league's obligatory pitch heating system but have been granted dispensation because they are building a new stadium.

MNA/Reuters

**Ferguson tips Rooney, Ronaldo into world top players**

MANCHESTER (England), 5 March— Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson believes Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo are poised to become the best players in the world.

Rooney, 18, has scored 15 times in his first season at Old Trafford while Portugal international winger Ronaldo, 20, has been outstanding in the Premier League and Champions League.

"They are both fantastic," Ferguson told a news conference on Friday. "We are very fortunate to have two young players who I think in the next few years will be world-class players."

"I think those two will be the best players in the world, probably with Ronaldinho at Barcelona."

Rooney scored twice in United's 2-1 defeat of Portsmouth on Sunday which maintained the pressure on leaders Chelsea. He has scored 15 goals in 30 appearances since signing from Everton for 27 million pounds (51 million US dollars) in the close season.

"Last week emphasized the form he is in and the improvement in him. Every week he seems to be adding something to his game," Ferguson said.

"He had a long break from the metatarsal fracture he had in the Euro-

pean Championships. He had 96 days without football and then he really missed pre-season so he was out for five months.

"It took us quite a while to get him to the sharpness and fitness he is at the moment. That was mainly through playing and the form he's in, he is not showing any signs of needing a rest."

Ferguson remains unhappy at the treatment Ronaldo gets from opposition players.

"The one thing it's telling you is that he is giving defenders problems. If they have to foul him and bring him down all the time, then it tells you he's doing something really well," Ferguson said.

MNA/Reuters

**Santos beat Danubio in S American Cup**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 March— A late Ricardo penalty carried Brazilian champions Santos to a thrilling 3-2 home win over Danubio of Uruguay in the South American Libertadores Cup on Thursday.



Leo (L) of Brazilian team Santos FC celebrates with teammate Robinho after scoring his team's first goal against Uruguayan club Danubio in their first round Copa Libertadores match in Santos, on 3 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Ignacio Gonzalez gave Danubio the lead after just 20 seconds, setting the tone for an unpredictable see-saw encounter.

Leo and Robinho put Santos on top, but Jadson Viera equalized with four minutes remaining to set up the dramatic finale.

An air of anxiety hung over Santos, who lost to Bolivar in their opening

Group Two game, and nerves were jangling when Gonzalez chested down to score his early goal.

Luckily for Santos, Robinho had shaken off his injury worries and his penetrating runs down the left wing soon had the Danubio defenders back-pedalling.

The talented 20-year-old came close to scoring, but was not involved in the move that led to Leo's 37th-minute headed equalizer

Robinho settled Santos' nerves on 71 minutes, pulling down a high ball and converting with an aplomb that will only encourage the endless comparisons with Pele, who was watching from the stands.

Danubio responded with added aggression and Viera's powerfully headed equalizer silenced the home crowd.

The Uruguayans' own celebrations were short-lived as goalkeeper Luis Barbat brought down Basilio with a clumsy challenge and presented a relieved Santos with the route to victory.

Elsewhere, Sao Paulo reversed a two-goal deficit to earn 3-3 draw with Bolivia's The Strongest in a Group Three match at altitude in La Paz.

Danilo gave Sao Paulo the lead on 21 minutes, but the Brazilian club struggled to contain the hard-working Bolivians.

MNA/Reuters

**Villa held 0-0 at home by Al Ahli of Egypt**

KAMPALA, 5 March— Ugandan champions SC Villa have a big task ahead of in the African Champions League after being held to a 0-0 draw by Egyptian giants national Al Ahli in the first leg of second round match in Kampala on Friday.

The match played at Nakivubo Stadium with 38,000 spectators on Friday afternoon. Al Ahli now need only a 1-0 win in Cairo when the two meet in the second leg of second round in a fortnight.

However, Villa striker Robert

Sentongo and midfield Dynamo Hakim Magumba had many chances go wide.

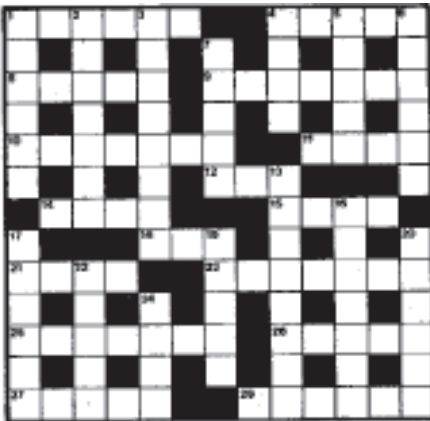
They on the other side have goalkeeper Dennis Onyango to thank for outstanding holding off assaults by Muhammad Khalid and Mohammad Barrakat.

Villa coach Sam Timber told Xinhua after the match that "it is not going to be simple but we shall do our best in Cairo".

He added that "they have better players but we are optimistic for the best".

MNA/Xinhua

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**ACROSS**

- 1 English landscape artist
- 4 Circular
- 8 Call on
- 9 Rope for fastening boat
- 10 Withdrew
- 11 Wait upon
- 12 Newt
- 14 Bright star
- 15 Rim
- 18 Depressed
- 21 English emblem
- 23 Where earth and sky meet
- 25 Shorten
- 26 Governor
- 27 Fashion
- 28 Maintenance

**DOWN**

- 1 Inn
- 2 Ribbon favour
- 3 Outside
- 4 Precipitation
- 5 Loosen
- 6 Ridicule
- 7 Gardening tool
- 13 Parroted (anag.)
- 16 Small antelope
- 17 Summary of a text
- 19 Gastropod
- 20 To snare
- 22 Wander
- 24 Renown

**Davenport reaches Dubai Open final**

DUBAI, 5 March— Top seed Lindsay Davenport overcame a stomach upset and a strong challenge from Switzerland's Patty Schnyder to reach the final of the Dubai Open on Friday.

The American came through 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 and will face either second seed Serena Williams of the United States or unseeded Serbian Jelena Jankovic in Saturday's final.

Schnyder, who beat world number one Davenport in their last meeting, took advantage of a lethargic performance from the world number one in the first set.

Davenport had no rhythm and made a succession of errors, eventually double-faulting to give the Swiss left-hander a 3-1 lead. Even though Davenport managed to break as Schnyder served for the set at 5-3, she dropped her serve again when the number eight seed won a long rally at the net to take the set.

"In the first set I felt so wild," said Davenport. "I was trying so hard and the balls were just flying on me. It was so hard keeping balls in."

"Finally I got my shots inside the lines and didn't go for so much and I was able to play a little bit more percentage tennis."

Davenport was the first to break in the second, for 2-1, but played a poor game at 3-2, double-faulting three times and allowing Schnyder to level at 3-3.

Schnyder fought off two break points in the next game before Davenport called for the trainer and received medicine for her stomach.

"I was up 2-1 in the second and for the next four games I was feeling really nauseous, like I was going to get sick," said Davenport.

"It's hard when there's people around because you really don't want that to happen. I was trying to keep the points short for a few games there."

The American then began to strike the ball more positively, breaking to lead 6-5 and then again to begin the deciding set.

Hitting deep to force errors from Schnyder, Davenport took almost complete control, breaking again to lead 4-1 and dropping just one point in the final two games.—MNA/Reuters



World number one Lindsay Davenport overcame a stomach bug which made her feel ill on court to reach the final of the one-million-dollar Dubai Open with a three-set win over Switzerland's Patty Schnyder.—INTERNET

# Roads to be closed temporarily

YANGON, 5 March — The 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005, Parade Columns will practise marching from Myoma Grounds to the Resistance Park on 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 25 March.

Shwedagon Pagoda Road-U Wisara Road, Shwedagon Pagoda Road-Pantaya Road, Shwedagon Pagoda Road-Mawguntaik Road, Shwedagon Pagoda Road-Ziwaka Road, U Htaungbo Road-Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Inya Road-Damazedi Road, Shwegondine Road-Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Damazedi Road, U Wisara Road-Hanthawady Roundabout, U Wisara Road-Chindwin Road, Pyay Road-Bagaya Road, Pyay Road-Damazedi Road, Ahlon Road-Pyay Road, Manawhari Road-Pyay Road, Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road-Pyay Road, Pyay Road-Sagawa Road and Myoma Kyaung Street-Samon Road will be closed temporarily while parade columns are practising drills.

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**BLOOD DONATED:** Members of Yangon East District USDA held the submitting of blood donor membership applications, blood donation and sanitation at Yangon East General Hospital as a gesture of hailing 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day on Saturday. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe gives words of encouragement to the blood donors at the hospital.—MNA

## Tatmadawmen of columns entertained

YANGON, 5 March — Under the arrangements of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, vocalists to the accompaniment of Myawady music troupe of Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit entertained the Tatmadawmen of Myawady Column at Yangon Command Headquarters with various songs yesterday evening.

Likewise, No 1 and No 2 Mobile Public

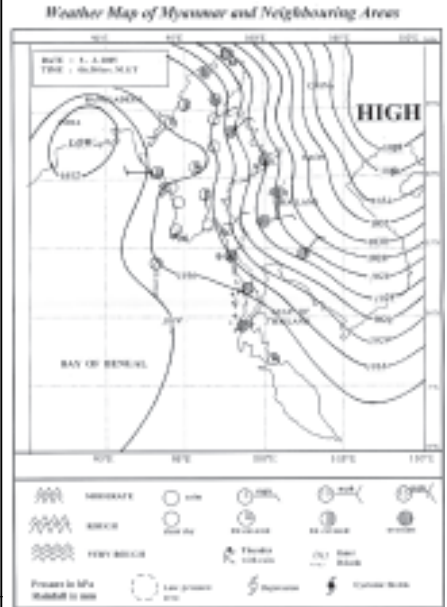
Relation Units presented songs, dances and Anyeint to Tatmadawmen of Nawade Column at Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters, Bandoola Column at Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed).

Similarly, Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column, Bayinnaung Column and Aungzeya Column at No 1 Transit Centre, Hsinbyushin Column in Mingaladon Station and

Kyansittha Column at the local battalion opposite of Aungmingala Highway Bus Terminal were entertained with films.

Column commanders, commanding officers, officers and Tatmadawmen enjoyed the entertainments.

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## WEATHER

Saturday, 5 March, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been isolated to scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was (0.67) inch in Putao. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions (4°C) below normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (41°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2005 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-3-2005 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 4-3-2005 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 5-3-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from East at (09:10) hours MST on 5-3-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-3-2005:** Isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Northern Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Temporary strong easterly wind accompanied with (35) mph and moderate seas are likely Delatic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi coasts. Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions are likely in Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-3-2005:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-3-2005:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

## Untimely rainfall warning

(Issued at 10:00 hours MST 5th March 2005)

Under the influence of a low pressure area moving east from northern part of India, isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary strong winds of speed reaching to 40mph are likely in Kachin, Chin and northern Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions during the next 48 hours commencing tomorrow evening.



Sunday, 6 March  
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: All together now
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Try again
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music -E.T
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Cultural Images of Myanmar:
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Story for children
- 1.50 pm Songs for children
- 9.00 pm Radio play "A pair of Moroon velvet slippers"
- 9.10 pm Music
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Latest Hits
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Sunday, 6 March  
View on today:

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ အဘိဓမ္မာ အရမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဓမ္မာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိန္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈) ငြိမ်ဝပ်လော
- 8:10 am
  6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
  7. ဗိုလ်မြတ်ထွန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
  8. International news
- 8:45 am
  9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song

- 11:10 am
  2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am
  3. Round-up of the week's International news
- 11:40 am
  4. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းဓမ္မတ္တာ (အပိုင်း-၁၇)"
- 12:20 pm
  5. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ် ကမ္ဘာ့အဆင့် သတိမှတ်ရေး ပထမအကြိမ် အရာတော်လှည့်ပြားပရိတ်ပွဲ
- 12:30 pm
  6. Myanmar video feature: "မင်းသမီးလေး ဥညမြနီနီ" ဓမ္မဇာတ်ကား၊ နိဂြိတ်နုဗျာ၊ ကေရီနီ၊ ပွင့်နှစ်မောင်၊ ဆုမြတ်ရွှေစင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နီလွင်-သဖြ)
- 2:30 pm
  7. ဂမုန်းရေးလှောင်တံဆိပ်
- 2:45 pm
  8. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm
  4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုစောသီချင်း ပြိုင်ပွဲဆုတောင်းများ (၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်)
- 4:50 pm
  5. အထူးသတိတရားသိပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ
- ခုတ်ယုနမ် (ရုပ်ဝေအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ဝေ)
- 5:15 pm
  6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm
  7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:35 pm
  8. Musical programme
- 5:50 pm
  9. Agricultural Source Country's Development
- 6:00 pm
  10. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm
  11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
  12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းဓမ္မတ္တာ(အပိုင်း-၁၇)" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 7:35 pm
  14. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:45 pm
  15. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံဂုဏ်ပြုစော
- 8:00 pm
  16. News
- 8:05 pm
  17. International news
- 8:10 pm
  18. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
  19. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 8:20 pm
  20. The next day's programme

# Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects cultivation of summer paddy in Pyay District

YANGON, 5 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and party, arrived at Zeek River Water Pumping Project of Water Resources Utilization Department in Zeek Village-tract of Pyay Township on 4 March morning. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects progress of building Thonze Dam Project in Thayawady Township.—MNA

on water supply for 300 acres of farmland and arrangements for extension of benefited area by officials and inspected func-

tions of water supply system. Head of Division WRUD U Win Hsan reported on cultivation of

212 acres of summer paddy against the target of 300 acres and the plan to meet the target. Division Myanmar Agriculture

Service U San Maung and the commander gave supplementary reports. At the 500 acres summer paddy plantation

in Htanpauk Village in Pyay Township, Pyay District Peace and Development Council Chairman (See page 7)

## The State shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of workers

Necessary laws will be enacted to create job opportunities



NCCWC member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein. MNA

YANGON, 4 MARCH — *The following is the full clarification of Member of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, on behalf of the Work Committee Chairman, concerning the social sector and the management sector for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 3 March.*

At the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention on 20 May 2004, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee clarified the detailed basic principles relevant to the social sector that should be mentioned in sharing of legislative power in the Union Legislative List and the Region or State Legislative List. As regards this clarification, it is

found that following points are proposed to be adopted as detailed basic principles in the social sector that should be included in the Union Legislative List:

1. Curricula, syllabus, teaching methods, research, and projects and programmes;
2. Courses of universities, degree colleges and institutes and other higher learning institutions;
3. Examinations designated by the Union;
4. Private schools and courses;
5. National sports;
6. National health;
7. Development of traditional medical science and medicines;
8. Free hospitals and dispensaries and private hospitals and dispensaries;
9. Maternal and child welfare;

(See page 9)

## No separate law needs enacting since national races have been following the amicable settlement through customary practices of their own in their regions or states

YANGON, 4 March — *The following is the full clarification of Member of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Dr Tin Aung Aye, on behalf of the Work Committee Chairman, concerning the judicial sector, the legislative power to leading committees of self-administered areas and the distribution of legislative power in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, Region or State, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 3 March.*

At the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention on 21 May 2004, the Chairman of the Na-

tional Convention Convening Work Committee clarified detailed basic principles to be laid down for the judicial sector that shall be embodied in the Union Legislative List as regards the sharing of legislative power. In connection with this clarification, the delegate groups to the National Convention held discussions and gave suggestions to adopt the following points as detailed basic principles for the judicial sector in the Union Legislative List. They are:

1. Administration of justice
2. Lawyers
3. Penal laws and procedures
4. Civil laws, contract, arbitration, civil wrong, insolvency, Trust and people who can administer because of the trust, administrator and keeper,

(See page 10)

Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye. MNA

