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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 receives Prime Minister of Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong

YANGON, 30 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party at the Credentials Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road, here, at 4.30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung

Myo Min, Myanmar Ambassador U Hla Than, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

The visiting Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Singaporean Ambassador Mr Thambynathan Jasudasan.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe poses for documentary photo with Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Building.—MNA

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win welcomes Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win warmly welcomes Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong.—MNA

YANGON, 30 March — At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party arrived here on an official visit by special aircraft this afternoon.

The Singaporean Prime Minister and party were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan

Win, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Singaporean Ambassador Mr Thambynathan Jasudasan and embassy staff, Myanmar Ambassador U Hla Than, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department and officials.

The Singaporean Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr George Yeo, Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Ministry Mr Peter Ho, and other high ranking officials.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party

extended a warm welcome to the Prime Minister of the Singapore and his entourage on their arrival at the airport.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and the Visiting Singaporean Prime Minister, from the dais, took the salute of the Guard of Honour at the airport. Meanwhile, the State Band played the national anthems of the two countries.

Afterwards, the two Prime Ministers inspected the Guard of Honour. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the members of

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Safeguard development infrastructures

Now is the time when efforts are being made with added momentum for political, economic and social development. At such a time like this, the entire national people are required to be united and work together towards the national goal.

As a gesture of hailing the 60th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, the Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project was inaugurated in Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division, on 24 March and it was attended by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

In his address at the opening ceremony, the Prime Minister said that strong national economic life was the key to national economic development, that it was necessary to make full use of our own capital and resources rather than looking forward to outside help and that only in this way would our national image be polished and our national forces be more consolidated.

In building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the government and the people are working hard hand in hand for strengthening political, economic and social forces.

The government is paving the way for a new nation by making reforms in political, economic, social and many other fields.

As all national people are unitedly building the nation with their own ability and resources without relying on others, it is developing in spite of sanctions against it.

The Union of Myanmar is rich in forest, water and land resources. Therefore, if all these resources can be put to full use, the nation will surely develop.

The Paunglaung Hydel Power Station is the biggest and most modern plant built by Myanmar engineers with the use of water resources. It is the fruit of united cooperation and efforts of all respective departments.

The Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam can supply not only water for agricultural purpose but also electricity for the people.

The government is continuously implementing plans that can strengthen the socio-economic life of the people and contribute to national development.

While the government is making nation-building endeavours by constructing development infrastructures, the people, on their part, are required to safeguard them for the long-term interests of the nation and their own.

Applicants invited for ASEAN Engineer certificate

YANGON, 30 March—The Myanmar Engineering Society will recommend the MES members who meet the set qualifications and apply for AER (ASEAN Engineer Register) certificate to be received at the CAFEO-23 meeting to be held in the Lao People's Democratic Republic in December this year.

Those MES members wishing to apply for the certificate are to contact the MES, Room No 5, Building No 6 of the MICT Park in Hline Township, Yangon, (Tel: 652294, 652295) by 5 April this year.

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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

Wood-based products factories in Dagon (Seikkan) Industrial Zone inspected

YANGON, 30 March—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected overhead crane, production process, preparations for export products and test-running of new machines at the factory of TTK International Ltd in Dagon (Seikkan) Industrial Zone this morning. At the Wood-based Products Factory of Authentic Timber Technology Ltd, the minister oversaw production process from logs to furniture and export items.

The minister and party proceeded to the wood-based products factory of



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects products at Wood-based Products Factory of MTI Co Ltd.—FORESTRY

MTI Co Ltd. He looked into functions of its factory.

The wood-based products factories export sown timber, parquets and

other wood products to Asia and Europe markets. MNA

Myanma Gems Emporium selling quality jade, gem, pearl lots

YANGON, 30 March—The 42nd Myanma Gems Emporium will sell a large number of quality jade, gem and pearl lots through tender and auction systems, said Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein today.

Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Chairman of Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee, was speaking to local and foreign journalist led by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, mem-

ber of Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council, at the auction hall of Myanma Gems Mart in Yangon.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein also gave a speech. The

MGECC chairman, Secretary Acting Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and central committee members replied to queries raised by the journalists. Deputy Minister U Myint Thein gave the concluding remarks.

The journalists also viewed polished jade and gem, jewellery and jade figurines of MGE to be sold at fixed prices and visited private jewellery and mosaic shops on the ground floor, and observed commercial, utility and imperial jade blocks, other jade blocks in the compound of the mart, and gem and pearl lots to be sold through auction on the top floor.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and journalists view round gems and jade lots at Myanma Gems Emporium.—NLM

Early childhood development centre presents concert

YANGON, 30 March—A concert of early childhood development centre of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association for 2004-2005 school year was held at the multi-purpose hall of MMCWA at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win spoke on the occasion. Afterwards, President Daw Khin Khin Win, member of CEC leader of education working group Daw Aye Aye, member of CEC leader of social and economic group Daw Htwe

Htwe Nyunt and member of CEC auditor Daw Thin

Thin presented certificates to respective teachers of

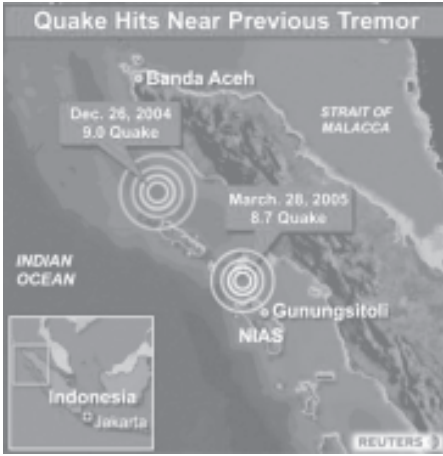
the classes.

Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha presented gifts for the teachers to Daw

Htar Htar Yi. Children of the early childhood development centre entertained the guests.—MNA



Children of Early Childhood Development Centre of MMCWA present dances to audience at their course concluding ceremony.—MNA



The Indian Ocean epicenter of Monday night's 8.7 magnitude quake was just about 100 miles southeast of the one three months ago which triggered a tsunami that left nearly 300,000 people dead or missing across Asia.

INTERNET

Japan gives tsunami warning data to six N-W Pacific nations

TOKYO, 29 March — Japan will give tsunami warning data to six countries in the northwestern Pacific starting on Monday, three months after the deadly Indian Ocean tsunami underscored the importance of such early alert systems.

About 300,000 people perished in the Indian Ocean tsunami that followed a magnitude 9 undersea earthquake on 26 December, focusing attention on the importance of international warning systems for tsu-

namis and other natural disasters.

Japan's Meteorological Agency will give tsunami-related data to Russia, South Korea, China, the Philippines, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea if an earthquake measur-

ing magnitude 6.5 or greater occurs in a northwestern part of the Pacific Ocean near Japan and such countries.

"This will provide a reference for strengthening measures against disasters and have the benefit of decreasing damage from tsunamis," said Akira Nagai, deputy director at the agency's earthquake and tsunami observations division.

The agency will assess the risk of tsunamis after such quakes and estimate when they may hit a number of pre-determined points in areas such as the eastern coast of the Philippines and the northern coast of Irian Jaya in Indonesia.

It will estimate the height of possible tsunamis — information unavailable under a warning system run by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre that also covers the Pacific Ocean.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese consumers becoming increasingly popular targets of "phishers"

BEIJING, 29 March — Chinese consumers are becoming increasingly popular targets of international Internet scammers, or "phishers", hoping to con the country's growing ranks of web surfers out of their money.

Phishing, in which hackers combine spam e-mails with slick imposter web sites to trick consumers into giving out bank account numbers, passwords and other sensitive information, has emerged as a potent global threat. "China reported 223 fake web sites last year, a huge increase from only one reported from 2002 to 2003," Xinhua news agency said on Monday.

Bank of China and Industrial Commercial Bank of China said in December they had found fake versions of their web sites. Apparently only one consumer was duped and both banks said they had taken further Internet security precautions. Most of the fake pages had been created by foreign hackers that could manipulate Chinese host servers because they were not backed by up-to-date security software or firewalls, Xinhua said.— MNA/Reuters

1,528 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 29 March— As of Tuesday, 29 March, 2005, at least 1,528 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 1,160 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is one higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST on Tuesday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President

Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,390 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,051 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 11,568 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally released on Tuesday.—Internet



India plans micro satellite for developing nations

BANGALORE, 29 March — India plans to launch a remote sensing micro satellite aimed at beaming images for use by selected developing countries in the next few years.

The 90 kilos micro satellite, christened TWSAT, will have a three-band CCD camera with single optics and beam splitter and will be built by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

ISRO plans to install 50 user terminals at universities across the country to receive data from the micro satellite, besides beaming the images to selected countries in the developing world, according to the Department of Space Annual Report for 2004-2005.

The design and de-

velopment of the micro-satellite is expected to evolve a standard bus configuration for such satellites, which can carry different payloads.

India is already assisting Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mauritius and Maldives, among others, with satellite data for their use, an ISRO official said.

ISRO completed the initial configuration study for the micro satellite early this year, but a firm launch schedule is yet to be finalized.

ISRO will launch a

42-kilo micro satellite for HAM users, HAMSAT in April this year, which will ride piggyback on the Cartosat-1 remote sensing satellite, to be launched using its work-horse rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

The space agency will soon launch a 50-kilo micro satellite ANUSAT designed and built by Anna University in Chennai, for amateur communication.

It will also carry some technological payloads.

MNA/PTI

India concerned with US decision to sell "F-16s" to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, 29 March — Indian newspapers and analysts warned on Monday that a US decision to sell F-16 fighter planes to Pakistan could sow new distrust with Islamabad, and affect a fragile peace process between the nuclear rivals.

US President George W Bush agreed on Friday to sell the combat planes to Pakistan in a major policy shift to reward its key ally in the war against terrorism. But *The Hindu* newspaper said the new weapons could hurt stability in the region.

"The US decision introduces a risk of reigniting mutual suspicion and hostility between the subcontinental neighbours that have been engaged in a productive process of detente," it said.

"The rhetoric may increase. We have to be watchful over what happens to the peace process," strategic affairs analyst Satish Nambiar added.

The neighbours will start a bus service next month between the two parts of Kashmir under their control, one of the most tangible signs of a fledging peace in the Himalayan region.

The Bush Administration played down India's security concerns and signalled a willingness to sell sophisticated fighters to India. It also said it was willing to consider offering technology for civilian nuclear energy.

Indian newspapers said Washington had ignored Pakistan's nuclear proliferation record and pressed ahead with the arms transfer. "Pakistan, it appears is being rewarded, here and now, for its abominable record on proliferation," the *Hindustan Times* said. "So much for any commitment to non-proliferation," the *Business Standard* newspaper said.

The US announcement on F-16s came after Islamabad said last week it was considering increased cooperation with the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency in its investigation of Iran's nuclear programme.— MNA/Reuters



A fireball rises into the air after an early morning explosion at the US Army's Camp Liberty near Baghdad Airport on 30 March, 2005.—INTERNET

India indirectly criticizes US for focusing on Iran, N Korea

NEW DELHI, 29 March — India indirectly criticized the United States on Monday for focusing on Iran and North Korea's nuclear programmes while soft-peddling on ally Pakistan's suspected supply of nuclear technology to them.

Indian Foreign Minister Natwar Singh, hinting at Pakistan, said that the international community had failed to "prevent clandestine proliferation", adding much of it "has tended to flow into or emanate from our neighbourhood".

"Unfortunately, even today, we see the same inconsistencies in approach with selective focus on the recipients of such clandestine proliferation but not enough attention on the sources of supply," Singh told a security conference.

His comments came three days after US President George W. Bush announced that the United States would supply F-16 combat planes — that can deliver nuclear warheads — to Pakistan, a move seen as a reward for its key role in the war on terrorism.

After its offer of F-16s to Pakistan, Washington tried to sweeten the pill for the Indians — who have fought three wars with their South Asian neighbour — and signaled its willingness to sell the planes and the more advanced F-18 Hornet to India.

It also said it would consider providing technology for New Delhi's civilian nuclear programme, a sign that Washington is willing to look beyond Pakistan to develop long-term strategic ties with an economically robust and military strong India.

Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf told state television Pakistan wanted the latest version of the F-16 planes, and the United States had put no limit on the number it would sell.

MNA/Reuters



Workers assemble a car on production line in Japan, on 29 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Romanian President calls for help to find journalists abducted in Iraq

BUCHAREST, 29 March— Romanian President Traian Basescu asked coalition intelligence services in Iraq to help locate three Romanian journalists missing and feared kidnapped.

"All the structures of the state" have been alerted as well as "the secret services of allied countries" to help find the journalists who went missing on Monday in Baghdad, he said. A Syrian businessman said Tuesday he had been contacted by the kidnapers of the journalists seeking a ransom payment to release them.

"I was contacted two times Tuesday morning by the kidnapers, who said they had also taken Iraqi-American businessman Mohamed Mona as well as the three Romanian journalists whose trip he financed," Syrian businessman Omar Hayssam said on Romanian television. He declined to disclose how much money the kidnapers had demanded for security reasons.

Romanian authorities would not confirm Tuesday that the journalists were kidnapped, but the management at the television station for which two of them worked said there was "not the slightest doubt" they had been abducted. —Internet

Indonesia politically impossible to raise domestic fuel prices again

JAKARTA, 29 March — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono would find it politically impossible to raise domestic fuel prices again this year, despite high global oil prices, a minister said on Monday.

The move to increase domestic fuel prices this month was met by street protests and hostility from some lawmakers in Parliament, sparking a walk-out and several scuffles.

Sofyan Djalil, Minister for Communication and Information, said the government remained hopeful oil prices on the world market would ease from current levels close to 55 US dollars a barrel.

"It seems to me politically it is impossible this year to raise the oil price (again)," he told reporters. US light crude fell 54 cents to 54.30 US dollars a barrel on Monday, shedding part of last Thursday's 1.03 US dollars gain. Prices are still below the all-time peak of 57.60 US dollars on 17 March.

Strong oil prices are prompting Indonesia to consider doubling its projected 2005 oil subsidy, despite raising domestic petroleum prices this month.

The OPEC member raised fuel prices an average 29 per cent on 1 March in a bid to cut its oil subsidy bill and the fiscal deficit. But the subsidy figure would balloon again under budget revisions presented to

Parliament on Wednesday.

"Even though economically that policy is very strong, politically it becomes a big issue as you have witnessed lately. It seems to me that it's not an economic issue what happened in Parliament, what happened on the street," Djalil said.

"With the oil price like today, averaging 50-55 US dollars, the total subsidy may reach about 100 trillion rupiah (10.69 billion US dollars)," he said, adding that the government saw the average price for the year at 35 US dollars a barrel.

Under the 2005 budget plan, the oil subsidy would double to 39.80 trillion rupiah (4.2 billion US dollars), compared with an earlier projection to limit the bill to 19 trillion rupiah. The overall budget deficit would increase to 19.55 trillion rupiah, or about 0.8 per cent of gross domestic product, from a previous projection of 17.39 trillion rupiah, or 0.7 per cent of GDP. The deficit ratio against GDP uses 2000 as the base year. The deficit would still be smaller than the estimated 2004 budget deficit of 1.4 per cent of GDP. — MNA/Reuters



A Chinese model poses during the Beijing University of Clothing and Technology graduation show in Beijing, China on 29 March, 2005.

INTERNET

Japan proposes China of ways to improve chilly ties

TOKYO, 29 March— Japan proposed to China on Monday that they find ways to improve chilly ties, including a possible Beijing visit by Japan's Foreign Minister, but they remained at odds over China's gas exploration project in the East China Sea.

Bilateral relations have chilled markedly since Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi took office in 2001 and began annual visits to Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, which critics at home and abroad view as a symbol of Japan's past militarism.

The two countries, the world's second and third-biggest oil consumers, have also been feuding over China's exploration for natural gas in the East China Sea near an area Japan claims as its own exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

In a six-hour meeting of senior officials from both nations in Tokyo on Monday, Japan asked China to provide data on its exploration activity and again demanded that Beijing halt its development, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official

told reporters.

"We again asked for relevant data and that (China) halt its development activity," the official said, adding that Japan was seeking a speedy response.

The Chinese side replied that Beijing wanted to solve the problem through talks, the Japanese official said. Japan has repeatedly expressed concern that China's natural gas development work would draw gas from geological structures that extend under the seabed into its zone. Last month, Tokyo said a survey conducted in the East China Sea showed that underground geological structures in two gas fields that China was developing were probably linked with those in Japan's economic zone.

MNA/Reuters

Booby-trapped bicycle explosion kills two policemen in Najaf

BABIL (Iraq), 29 March — A booby-trapped bicycle exploded next to a police car near the Iraqi holy city of Najaf on Monday, killing two policemen, a police spokesman said. Another two policemen and several civilians were wounded in the attack on the police car, which was guarding the highway leading from Baghdad to Najaf in the Musayyib area.

MNA/Reuters

Donate blood



Twins play videos while waiting to perform at a festival during National Day holidays in Beijing on 29 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Roh accepts third resignation from his Cabinet

SEOUL, 29 March— South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, who staked his reputation on a drive to clean up politics, on Monday accepted the third resignation from his Cabinet this year over corruption allegations.

Analysts said that, despite a recent surge in the polls, Roh may find it hard to push through his reformist agenda after the ministerial departures and last week's Supreme Court rulings that meant his ruling Uri Party lost its parliamentary majority.

Roh accepted the resignation of Construction and Transportation

Minister Kang Dong-suk, the Presidential Office said. Kang was facing media allegations he used insider knowledge to help his sister-in-law and a friend in property deals.

A presidential aide said Roh had agreed to Kang's departure because the minister's health was worsening under the strain of the allegations, *Yonhap*

news agency reported.

Former finance minister Lee Hun-jai resigned in early March over media reports that he and his wife had breached regulations in real estate deals, although Lee denied it. Education Minister Lee Ki-jun resigned in January after a few days in office amid allegations of tax evasion.

MNA/Reuters

India, China to discuss political parameters ahead of Wen's visit

NEW DELHI, 29 March — Ahead of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to India next month, India and China will discuss political parameters and "guiding principles" for addressing the vexed boundary question during Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran's two-day visit to Beijing from 30 March.

Saran will head the Indian team for the 15th meeting of the Joint Working Group on the India-China Boundary Issue. The Chinese side will be led by Vice-Foreign Minister Wu Dawei. The last meeting of this group was held in Delhi in November, 2002.

The group was set up to discuss the boundary question including confidence-building measures, clarification and confirmation of the Line of Actual Control.

Saran will hold discussions with Chinese leaders on the reiterations for Wen's visit from 9 to 12 April. Already detailed consultations at various levels between the two countries have taken place.

"The Foreign Secretary will utilize this visit to carry this process forward specially on the substantive outcome of the visit," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna told reporters here.

He said these discussions would cover political parameters and guiding principles for the settlement of

the boundary question, measures to strengthen constructive and cooperative partnership between the two countries taking into account global and strategic perspectives as well as other issues of mutual interest and concern.

The JWG mechanism was established after the visit of then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to China in December 1988 to discuss the boundary-related issues.

The JWG has met 14 times and its last meeting was held in New Delhi on 21 November, 2002. However, not much progress was made during these meetings.

To a question, the spokesman said the two sides were keen to schedule an early meeting of the Special Representatives on the boundary question. This task on the Indian side has been entrusted to National Security adviser M K Narayanan while his Chinese counterpart will continue to be Dai Bingguo.

MNA/PTI

Japan moves step closer to easing ban on US beef

TOKYO, 29 March — Under intense pressure from the United States, Japan moved a step closer to easing a ban on US beef on Monday after the government won approval for plans to drop its policy of testing all cattle for mad cow disease.

The resumption of beef trade appeared a long way off, however, as Japan still must review US steps to keep infected meat out of the food chain before lifting the 15-month-old ban.

The Food Safety Commission (FSC) concluded a five-month discussion on whether to allow the government to exclude cattle younger than 21 months from mad cow testing, saying relaxation of the testing regime would hardly increase the risk of contamination.

Approval of the easier policy by the food safety watchdog is a precondition for Japan to implement an October 2004 agreement with the United States to resume imports of American beef from cattle aged below 21 months without conducting mad cow testing.

Cattle below the age of 21 months are considered to be at low risk from the brain-wasting disease.

"We have judged that setting a threshold for (cattle) age will only pose a minor risk to human health," Yasuhiro Yoshikawa, the head of the FSC's 12-member subcommittee studying the case, said at the meeting.

Japan banned American beef imports in December 2003 after the discovery of the first US case of the disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

Before the ban, Japan was the top overseas customer for US beef, buying 1.4 billion US dollars worth in 2003.—MNA/Reuters

Al-Yawar declines to nominate Speaker of new Iraqi Parlt

BAGHDAD, 29 March — Iraq's interim President Ghazi al-Yawar has declined a nomination to become the Speaker of the new Iraqi Parliament, dealing a blow to efforts to end a political crisis in the country.

An aide to Yawar declined to disclose the reason behind the decision. Yawar is a Sunni Arab, and some Sunni Arab politicians have been insisting that they should keep the presidency in the next government. Shiites and Kurds have been trying to persuade Yawar to be Speaker.

The Kurdish and Shiite blocs which between them have the two-thirds majority needed to form a government are still locked in talks to try to agree on a Cabinet.

"The President has declined the nomination," an official in Yawar's office said.

Yawar has said Sunni Arabs, who won only 17 of the 275 parliamentary seats after largely boycot-

ing the January 30 elections, must retain the presidency to help stabilize the country and ensure their involvement in the post Saddam Hussein political system. The Speaker role, expected to be instrumental in writing a new Constitution, could still go to another Sunni candidate, Fawaz al-Jarba, a senior officer in the former Iraqi Army.

Jarba is among the few Sunnis on the Shiite list which won the election, which makes some Sunni Arabs wary of him.

Many Iraqis are growing angry that no government has been formed nearly two months after the elections. Ali al-Dabagh, a member of the Shiite list, said the majority Shiite and Kurdish

blocs will seek to appoint a Speaker and two deputy speakers by consensus on Tuesday.

"We will not impose a candidate on the Sunni MPs," said Dabagh, a confidant of senior cleric Ayatollah Ali Sistani, who backed the formation of the Shiite bloc.

Dabagh said the Kurds and Shiites have agreed to nominate Hussein al-Shahristani, a nuclear scientist who spent 12 years in Saddam's jails as a political prisoner, as a deputy Speaker.

Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani was their nominee for president, with one vice-president position likely to go to Finance Minister Adel Abdel Mehdi, the number two in the Supreme Council for

the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, an Islamist party that was founded in Iran.

MNA/Reuters



A South Korean health official sprays the disinfectant at a South Korean military vehicle at a check point near the border village of the Panmunjom, north of Seoul, South Korea, on 30 March, 2005.

INTERNET

Pakistan rejects demand for authenticating positions on Siachen

ISLAMABAD, 30 March — Pakistan on Monday rejected India's view that Islamabad should authenticate the positions held by the armies of the two countries on the Siachen glacier and pressed for implementation of what it claimed a bilateral agreement to withdraw troops from the world's highest battle field to pre-Shimla Accord positions.

"There is no question of Pakistan authenticating the positions as far as Siachen is concerned as is being demanded by India," Foreign Office spokesman Jalil Abbas Jilani told a weekly media briefing here.

He was answering questions about the controversy generated by Pakistan Foreign Minister Khurshid M. Kasuri's comments that it was ready to withdraw troops from Siachen, if India

mand to authenticate the positions held by troops of both the countries".
Dubbing Kasuri's statement on demilitarization of Siachen as "nothing new", India had said last week there could be no movement on the matter till Islamabad agreed to "authenticate the present positions" of the respective defence force.

Jilani said "Pakistan wants the implementation of the 1989 agreement to break the impasse but Islamabad would not agree to the Indian de-

mand to authenticate the positions held by troops of both the countries".

Alleging that Indian troops occupied Siachen in 1984 in violation of the Shimla Agreement, which, according to him, obligated both parties not to change the status of the positions by force, he claimed the Defence Secretaries of both countries reached an agreement in 1989 to withdraw troops unconditionally to the positions existed in Shimla Agreement.— MNA/PTI



First batch of 30 people to leave for Muzaffarabad in 2 buses

SRINAGAR, 30 March — The first batch of 30 passengers will leave here for Muzaffarabad in two 15-seater buses to be flagged off by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 7 April, official sources said on Monday.

The State Road Transport Corporation buses will be flagged off by the Prime Minister at Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Stadium here, they said.

Ruling United Progressive Alliance Chairperson and Congress President Sonia Gandhi would also be present on the historic occasion.

They said on the same day, an equal number of passengers from Muzaffarabad would be received here. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mufti Moham-

mad Sayeed reviewed arrangements for the first bus from Srinagar to Muzaffarabad with top officials of his administration.

MNA/PTI



Woman stops to refill her motorcycle at a petrol station in southern Thailand on 29 March, 2005.

INTERNET

Gayoom, Manmohan Singh hold talks on consolidating ties

NEW DELHI, 30 March — Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom on Monday held wide-ranging discussions with India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, primarily aimed at further consolidating friendly and cooperative bilateral ties.

On a six-day official visit at the invitation of President APJ Abdul Kalam, Gayoom, who is accompanied by First Lady Nasreena, and Singh exchanged views on important regional and global issues of mutual concern.

The Indian delegation included External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh, National Security Adviser MK Narayanan and Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran.

Leader of Opposition L K Advani will call on Gayoom on Wednesday before he leaves on visits to Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram, where he will be meeting members of the Maldivian community.

The External Affairs Ministry said India and Maldives enjoy close and cordial relations.

India has played an active and constructive role in the field of public health and human resource development in Maldives.

Maldives has highly appreciated India's prompt and effective assistance during the recent tsunami disaster.

"The present high-level visit would serve to further strengthen the friendly and cooperative ties that exist between the two countries," the ministry said.

MNA/PTI

Massive quake in Sumatra sets off panic in coastal India

CHENNAI/PORT BLAIR, 30 March — Coastal India, the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago on Monday night woke up to panic and a red alert signalled by federal authorities after a massive earthquake measuring 8.2 on the Richter Scale struck the Indonesian island of Sumatra raising fear of a tsunami.

A general alert was sounded in along the southern coastline of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Andaman-Nicobar islands which was devastated by the 26 December tsunami, but there was no report of death or damage. Mild tremors were felt in Port Blair and Katchal Island after which ships were taken off the harbour and the sea was stated to be behaving normally.

Soon after the quake struck the Sumatra Island at 1610 GMT, the federal government activated its disaster management team in Delhi and issued warning to coastal states of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh,

Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Kerala, Karnataka, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar islands asking them to take all precautions and remain on highest state of preparedness.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh spoke to Andaman and Nicobar Lieutenant Governor Ram Kapse even as the Army, Navy and the Air Force were put on alert and Armed Forces and paramilitary personnel asked to help civil authorities in coastal areas in the event of an eventuality. People in Tamil Nadu, which bore the brunt of last year's tsunami, have been asked to move 500 metres away from the coast as a precautionary measures.

Home Minister Shivraj Patil spoke over phone to Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee and reviewed the preparedness of the Armed Forces.— MNA/PTI

Musharraf says "F-16s", new weapons will enhance offensive punch

ISLAMABAD, 30 March — Asserting that the US decision to provide F-16s would increase Pakistan's strategic capability and deterrence, President Pervez Musharraf on Monday said the jet fighters, along with US-made P-3C Orion surveillance aircraft and Chinese F-22 frigates, will "enhance the offensive punch" of the country's defences.

"The inclusion of P-3 C Orion aircraft, F 22-P Frigates and acquisition of F-16 fighter aircraft would certainly enhance the offensive punch of our defence," he said while addressing the

debriefsession of Pakistan Navy's wargame 'Sham-sheer-e-Bahr-II,' involving all three services at Naval headquarters in Karachi.

"These state-of-the-art platforms will augment

our defence capabilities and play a pivotal role in any future scenario", he said. US has provided six Orion surveillance naval aircraft while Pakistan is buying Chinese frigates.

MNA/PTI



Smoke rises amid damaged buildings in the town of Gunungsitoli on Indonesia's Nias Island after an earthquake on 29 March, 2005.—INTERNET

TB kills over 5,000 Nepalis annually

KATHMANDU, 30 March — Around 5,000 to 7,000 people die of tuberculosis (TB) every year in Nepal, and more than 75 per cent of them are of the most economically productive age group of 15 to 54 years.

"TB is a major health problem in Nepal as well as in the South Asian region," the Kathmandu-based South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Tuberculosis Centre said at the 123rd World TB Day on Thursday.

The South Asian region accounts for 27.4 per cent of the global TB burden with nearly 2.4 million new cases reported every year, among them, about 1.1 million are smear positive and capable of spreading the disease to others.

MNA/Xinhua

Discussion of pensioners (7)

Hein Myint

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win toured Monywa of Sagaing Division on 24 February and Mandalay of Mandalay Division on 26 February this year. During their inspection tours of these areas, they met with departmental officials, townselders, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, and members of social organizations. On 5 March, the Prime Minister also met with administrative officers of the General Administration Department at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs and gave instructions on administrative functions.

At the meetings, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions, saying that it was necessary to cooperate between one department and the other to meet with the targets and to win public cooperation; that if departmental personnel carried out their duties honestly with genuine goodwill, public trust and reliance would grow with mutual understanding and cooperation contributing to more success in the department's work; and that it was also necessary to continue implementing the development tasks with patriotic spirit for the region, the people and the country.

The Prime Minister instructed that it was necessary for the State service personnel not to misuse powers entrusted upon them but to abide by the law; that they were to cooperate in their tasks effectively and dynamically with correct outlook as the country was in transition; that it was found that while some employees were working hard but some bogged down in red-tape system doing their duties perfunctorily thus causing delays; that some still entertained departmentalism; some found submitting reports to the liking of their superiors instead of presenting correct and real situations; that in view of the interests of the country and the people, action was taken according to law against those misusing power for self-interest and malpractices; it was necessary for service personnel to understand and abide by the laws, rules and regulations; and that it would be difficult for employees with ordinary enthusiasm to carry out administrative tasks significantly and successfully.

The Prime Minister also instructed regional administrative bodies which were local authoritative bodies that they should have a wider scope of knowledge in political, economic and social spheres; that they should also carry out their tasks not only from the administrative point of view but also from the political, security and economic points of view; and that the country would no doubt develop if governmental bodies and the people, on their parts, shouldered their share of responsibilities in a correct, simple and disciplined manner.

In connection with these instructions, we, pensioners, got into discussion.

"It is necessary for regional administrative bodies at different levels and departmental personnel to follow the instructions given by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win."

"If efforts are made in harmony in accordance with rules and regulations, people further will place their trust on departmental work, thereby benefiting the respective regions and the country."

"By human nature, the good and the bad would be everywhere. It is said it would be more difficult to bear the implications of wealth than that of poverty. With the introduction of the open

market-oriented economic system, some private businessmen tried to win favours from the authorities by greasing their palms. The latter could not resist the temptations."

"It is not in our country alone that cases of bribery and corruption exist. The issue is common to all the countries that are in transition to the open market-oriented economic system."

"If analytical approaches are taken on a broader scale to find the root cause of bribery, and ways and means to bring the problem under control, major cases of bribery can be reduced and then eradicated. It's better to bear in mind the saying that goes 'prevention is better than cure.'"

It is necessary to avoid two extremes. Too much restrictions can lead to difficulty. If it is too lax it could cause cases of bribery."

"If the instructions given by the two leaders are analysed, it is found that they pointed out frankly and openly the true situations. It is an encouraging sign for the country."

"They also pointed out the propensity of some employees and some who delayed their work through red-tape system."

"The worse is that there are some employees

The government is taking all possible measures for fulfilling basic needs of the service personnel and it will enforce rules and regulations for the employees to be dutiful and to be free from taking bribes and misappropriation and red tape system. So it is sure everything will be all right for the entire service personnel and they will become reliable ones in the very near future.

who are just trying to win the favours of their superiors."

"The country had suffered hardship as a result of the doctored statistics by officials concerned at different levels. That's why previous governments got into trouble."

"Severe action should be taken against those who fail to report things as they really are."

"Everyone tends to make mistakes more or less. Unintentional and inadvertent mistakes should be forgiven. Those who do their duties perfunctorily but want to win favours of their superiors should not be forgiven."

"Such persons are main obstacles of the country."

"The worst incident was that the severe action taken against some for abusing authority for self-interests. It caused undesirable consequences, so authorities and departmental personnel at all levels should take lessons from that incident in order that similar incidents would not recur."

"The world is developing rapidly, and materials are more and more modern, and there have been more amusement centres and recreation centres. Entrepreneurs and businessmen have a high standard of living with very expensive residences and latest automobiles. But some service personnel want to live in luxury like them and fail to maintain their morals, and thus they go after sudden wealth."

"But the majority of the employees limit their expenditures within their means of income. Many service personnel also earn money by doing extra jobs after office hours and such persons are worthy of praise because they earn extra money through right livelihood."

"Well, there are many service personnel who maintain their morals. They're full of praise for their

contentment and their honesty in earning livelihood."

"The role of service personnel will be more important in the coming multi-party democracy era. Yet, all the employees are to be free from party politics in the time of the multi-party democracy system. Because, if State service personnel are members of various political parties, it might harm the government's administrative machinery and the nation will have adverse effects."

"So whatever government is in power, State service personnel must work hard and carry out their tasks with a sense of duty."

"Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe made clarifications on the detailed basic principles for the delegation of the executive power at the National Convention. They are: (1) State service personnel shall be free from party politics, (2) Matters as to the appointment of employees, promotion, retirement, the enforcement of discipline, the designation of service rules, and taking of action against service personnel in accordance with law, (3) As to occupational security for State service personnel; the sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter needs; maternal rights for married women service personnel; and the provision of food, clothing and shelter assistance to the retired, necessary laws shall be enacted, (4) Given the unusual nature of the responsibilities of the Tatmadaw members, who are State service personnel, they shall be dealt with according to military laws, and (5) Given the unusual nature of the responsibilities of Myanmar Police Force members, who are State service personnel, separate laws shall be promulgated for them."

"It's heartening to learn that the delegates are holding discussions for the adoption of the detailed basic principles for enforcing discipline, fulfilling the basic needs and ensuring work guarantee for service personnel, and welfare of the pensioners."

"The government is taking all possible measures for fulfilling basic needs of the service personnel and it will enforce rules and regulations for the employees to be dutiful and to be free from taking bribes and misappropriation and red tape system. So I'm sure everything will be all right for the entire service personnel and they will become reliable ones in the very near future."

"Our nation will be a developed one only if the number of honest and skilled persons has been on the increase."

"In this regard, however, the people should be aware of the fact that if an employee is competent but dishonest, the department concerned is unknowingly harbouring a treacherous person. And if an employee is honest but not competent, he will never become a dependable one."

"So it is needed to nurture and train the service personnel to be equipped with both qualities."

"What is more important is that departmental heads are to be competent and exemplary ones and they must possess functional, organizational, and management skills."

"You're right! Only competent and skilled leaders can materialize the tasks and achieve the aims of the nation."

"In my opinion, I think we should not give priority to the affairs of an individual, and all the employees should perform their duties in accordance with disciplines and the existing policies in every field."

"I'd say only then will the number of competent employees and businessmen be on the increase."

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building.(News on page 1)— MNA

**Prime Minister
Lt-Gen Soe Win
welcomes
Singaporean
counterpart
Mr Lee Hsien
Loong and party**



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win welcomes Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at Yangon International Airport.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA

**Prime Minister
Lt-Gen
Soe Win ...**

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the Singaporean delegation. The Singaporean Prime Minister cordially greeted Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party, the Singaporean Ambassador and members of the Singaporean mission in Yangon.

Later, the visiting Prime Minister and party left for Sedona Hotel where they will spend overnight.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong take the salute of the Guard of Honour. — MNA



Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win greets Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win receives Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong

YANGON, 30 March — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win received Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing

Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Science and Technology and for Labour U Thaug, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore

U Hla Than, Director-General U Soe Tint at the Prime Minister's Office, Director-General U Thaug Tun of the Political Department and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

The Singaporean Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr George Yeo and Singaporean Ambassador Mr Thambynathan Jasudasen. — MNA



Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win meets Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA

12,000-ton-capacity dry dock launched for saving foreign currency in repairing vessels



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects newly-opened 12,000-ton-capacity Dry Dock of Myanmar Shipyards. — TRANSPORT

YANGON, 30 March — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe unveiled the plaque of the 12,000-ton-capacity dry dock at its opening ceremony at Myanmar Shipyards this morning.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and guests inspected machinery at the compressor house and winch house and visited the dry dock.

The ceremony to hand over the dry dock under the Myanmar Shipyards of the Ministry of Transport was held at the project office. Managing Director Mr Liu Jian Ye of Shandong Agriculture Industry & Commerce Group Corporation and Managing Director U Kyi Soe of the Myanmar Shipyards signed the agreement.

Secretary-General Mr Liu Zong Yuan of Shandong Province of the People's Republic of China and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe exchanged souvenirs.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and party, OSD Brig-Gen Myo Tin and offi-

cial. Shandong Agriculture Industry & Commerce Group Corporation started its construction tasks for the dry dock project on 8 October 2001.

The dry dock is 168 metres long, 28 metres wide and 9 metres deep and it can dock general cargo vessels, container vessels and cargo barges. Floating Type Dock Gate is installed at the entrance of the dock. Furthermore, an intermediate gate is installed at the centre of the dock so as to dock two 77 metres long vessels at the same time. The dry dock is facilitated with six winches, eight pumps, two compressors and 25-ton cranes.

The plan is under way to operate functions of the dry dock in 2005-06 financial year with a view to not only saving foreign exchange by maintaining vessels of Myanmar Five Star Line but also earning foreign exchange by repairing vessels from abroad. And then, technicians of Myanmar Shipyards can gain new experience in docking and repairing 12,000-ton vessels in addition to that of 1,700-ton vessels. — MNA

Local and foreign merchants check gems, jade, pearl lots

YANGON, 30 March — A total of 724 merchants — 407 merchants of 143 companies from seven countries and 317 national merchants from 169 local companies — checked gems and jade lots at the 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium organized by the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road today.

Secretary of the Central Committee Acting Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and officials conducted them round the mart.

Jade, gems and pearl lots displayed at the emporium are of better quality and greater quantity than the previous emporiums.

More merchants will arrive here tomorrow and the day after.

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Local and foreign gems merchants check jade lots at 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium. — MNA



NCCC Chairman Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party and NC delegates attending the National Convention.— MNA

Other invited persons delegate ...

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parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates signed the attendance registers at the Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for the National Convention delegates.

Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) of the delegate

and judicial powers to be included in the framing of the State Constitution. The plenary session went into recess for lunch.

The plenary session resumed at 1 pm. U Wai Myint and Dr Swe Swe Aye read the paper on proposals of the group of State service personnel with regard to the laying down of the detailed principles for the delegation of the executive and judicial powers to be included in the framing of the State Constitution. Next, the plenary session went into recess.

proved as basic principles without leaving or canceling any part of them.

The National Convention Convening Commission and the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the suggestions that did not concern the sector of sharing the legislative power and the suggestions that were not clear.

The other invited persons delegate group made up of peace groups profoundly made a presentation that it will constantly join hands with the Tatmadaw Government,



NCCC Chairman Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs attendance register of National Convention.—MNA



The meeting chairman seen with members of the panel of chairmen of the plenary session of National Convention.— MNA

group of intellectuals and intelligentsia presided over the meeting together with Members of the Work Committee U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of the delegate group of political parties, U Law Hsin Kwam of the delegate group of representatives-elect, U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Ral of the delegate group of national races, U Kyi Tint of the delegate group of peasants, U Bo Thein of the delegate group of workers, Dr Myat Ohn Khin of the delegate group of State service personnel and Dr Manan Tu Ja of the delegate group of other invited persons.

Director (Meeting) of the office of the Work Committee U Than Aung acted as MC and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC.

Altogether 1,070 out of the 1,081 delegates or 98.98 per cent attended the meeting.

U Tin Yee read the paper on proposals of the delegate group of State service personnel regarding the adoption of detailed basic principles for the division of executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of State Constitution. The session went into recess.

The plenary session resumed at 10 am. U Thein Htay and U Tin Htwe read the paper on proposals of the group of State service personnel with regard to the laying down of the detailed principles for the delegation of the execu-

It resumed at 2.25 pm. U Min Ein of the delegate of other invited persons read out detailed basic principles on the president's functions and power, detailed basic principles on executive power of Union government, and detailed basic principles on the executive power of the region or state government which have been proposed by the delegate of other invited persons.

Two delegates, on behalf of 100 delegates, read the paper, which said that the other invited persons delegate group comprises 27 groups including 17 peace groups. The delegates comprising various national races, have been actively, unitedly and happily making discussion with heart and soul in accord with the six objectives of the National Convention for successful materialization of the seven steps of the Road Map. The delegates are free to present their discussions and suggestions. Of the 16 suggestions for the already-laid-down sector of the distribution of the legislative power, six were presented by the other invited persons delegate group. The delegates have been able to present their suggestions and discussions independently and frankly at group discussions as well as at the plenary session.

As the facts of the suggestions are found to be beneficial to the State and the people as detailed basic principles for sharing the legislative power, they have been ap-

and that it also has the same wish and vision as others for the success of the National Convention and the emergence of an enduring constitution for the Union of Myanmar.

All citizens have the duty to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and the rule of law. The regions and states also have the duty to help maintain the stability of the State, community peace and the rule of law.

The implementation of a project in region or state with the consent of the Hluttaw of the region or state clearly indicates the mutual respect. Actually, every project of a region or state has interrelations with the projects of the Union in benefiting the nation.

In line with the policies of the Union, the executive power will be vested in the region or state government. There are adequate number of proper channels between the Union and the regions and states regarding the matters of mutual concern.

In implementing tasks that serve the interest of the people of regions and states, the role of the Hluttaw has been clearly defined. The group finds that the Work Committee's explanations concerning the executive power comprehensive. The group supports the laying down of the facts of the explanations as basic principles.

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Dr Swe Swe Aye of Delegates of State Service Personnel.— MNA



U Thein Htay of Delegates of State Service Personnel.— MNA



U Tin Htwe of Delegates of State Service Personnel.— MNA



U Wai Myint of Delegates of State Service Personnel.— MNA



Director (Meeting) U Than Aung and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi act as MCs. MNA

Minister for Energy inspects drilling of well Shwephyu No-2

YANGON, 30 March — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and officials inspected drilling of well Shwephyu No-2 in A-1 Block in Rakhine offshore region this morning.

On the drilling ship Atwood Southern Cross (Semi-Submersible) Managing Director of Daewoo International Corporation Dr.Su Yeong Yang reported on successful drilling of well Shwephyu No-2 and prospects. The minister and officials discussed future arrangements. The minister presented fruit baskets to foreign technicians and Myanmar service person-

nel and inspected burning of natural gas from Shwephyu No-2 well.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of Ministry of Energy and Daewoo International Corporation of the Republic of Korea signed a production sharing contract on exploration and drilling of oil and natural gas in A-1 Block in Rakhine offshore region in 2000.

There are three geological structures where natural gas can be found. It is estimated that there are between four and six trillion cubic-feet of natural gas after drilling three wells. Well Shwe No-4 is

being drilled and testing can start in April 2005. There are between 2.5 and five trillion cubic-feet of natural gas in well Shwephyu No-2. Well Shwephyu No-3 is to be drilled. There are from 6.5 and 11 trillion cubic-feet of natural gas in two structures. Drilling of well Ngwe No-1 will start in June 2005.

The Ministry of Energy is making arrangements for laying pipeline for natural gas, sale of liquified natural gas (LNG) in international market and establishment of natural gas plants in special economic zone in Rakhine region.—MNA

Armed Forces Day Exhibition, Literary and Arts Exhibition continue

YANGON, 30 March — Over 2,000 people and members of the Sangha including tourists visited the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Exhibition at the Defence Services Museum on

Shwedagon Pagoda Road today.

Similarly, the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition was crowded with

members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, students, monks and people at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here today.

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Sixth International ICT Exhibition goes on

YANGON, 30 March — With the assistance of Myanmar Computer Federation, the Sixth International Information and Communication Technology Exhibition co-organized by Myanmar Computer Scientists Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association continued for the second day at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township today.

New items of computer and accessories, network equipment and software solution are sold at a

reasonable price at 159 booths of 97 local companies and six from abroad.

The exhibition is be-

ing kept open from 9 am to 5 pm daily up to 31 March.

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Educational DCs shown at the booth of Shwe Kyo Saung Co Ltd at International ICT Exhibition.—MNA

223 drug-related cases exposed in February

YANGON, 30 March — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 223 drug-related cases — 71.8731 kilos of opium in 36 cases, 12.3619 kilos of heroin in 88 cases, 0.6269 kilo of opium oil in nine cases, 3.6648 kilos of low-grade opium in 11 cases, 4.4788 kilos of marijuana in 13 cases, two litres of Phensedyl in one case, 172,267 stimulant tablets in 44 cases, 24.5965 kilos of Ephedrine in three cases, 0.0014 kilo of stimulant powder in one case, 5.31 litres of cough syrup in one case, 10.297 kilos of opium speciosa in three cases, 298 tablets of ecstasy in one case, one ampoules of diazepam, 920 Phenobarbitone tablet in one case, nine

cases in failure to register and other drug-related cases—in February 2005.

Action was taken against 322 persons — 262 men and 60 women — in 223 cases.

Among the cases, the anti-drug squad together with witnesses, acting on information, searched the house of Maung Hsam in 105th Mile Village of Muse Township and seized 8 blocks of heroin weighing 2.8 kilos and arms and ammunition on 21 February 2005. Muse Police Station took action against Maung Hsam together with Yi Aung, Maung Yin Pyay (a) Ar Pyin, Mar Gam (a) Kham Dah Gam and La Rein.

On 25 February, the anti-squad searched the house of Aung Tun on

Kanbawza Road in Yeayegwin Ward of Taunggyi. They seized 29,680 stimulant tablets. According to the confession of Aung Tun, the authorities arrested stimulant tablet trafficker Shwe Aung and seized 0.0003 kilo of heroin, a 0.32 pistol and its five rounds of ammunition from him. Next, the team searched the house of Shwe Aung on Shwegyi Road in Yeayegwin Ward in Taunggyi. They found 68,170 stimulant tablets in the bed room and 4,000 stimulant tablets from the secret drawer of his Prado car without licence, totalling 72,170. Action was taken against Aung Tun and Shwe Aung according to law at Taunggyi Police Station No 2.—MNA

Diplomats visit Myanmar Gems Emporium



Military Attachés visit Myanmar Gems Emporium.—MNA

YANGON, 30 March — Ambassadors of foreign missions in Myanmar,

charge d' Affaires, military attaches and officials of UN agencies visited the

42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Gems Mart here today.

They were welcomed and then conducted round the mart by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Gems Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines.

The emporium is being organized under the sponsorship of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee.

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Other invited persons delegate ...

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The group supports to lay down the following points as detailed basic principles.

1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or State Hluttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.
2. The region and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.
3. Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state governments shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the respective regions or states with the approval of the region or state Hluttaws.
4. Region or state governments shall submit to the respective Hluttaws of the regions and states the budget bill of the regions and states concerned based on the annual budget of the Union Government in accord with the provisions in the Constitution.
5. If the region or state Hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds

of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state Hluttaw.

6. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.
7. The region or state government shall —

- (a) manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministries and their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.
- (b) supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with law the performance of the civil service organizations discharging duties in their respective regions or states.

8. To implement the tasks under its charge in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service, or through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall —
- (a) establish civil service organizations of the region or state as necessary;
- (b) appoint the required number of civilian staff.
9. The region or state government shall —
- (a) implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Re-

gion or State Hluttaw concerned, and submit the report on the measures taken to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.

- (b) submit the report on the entire affairs of its area to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
10. The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government.

U Khun Tin Htut of the delegate of other invited persons read out detailed basic principles on the executive power of self-administered region or state, detailed basic principles on the sector for State service personnel, and detailed basic principles on the delegation of the judicial power which had been proposed by the delegate of other invited persons.

Some excerpts from his presentation are as follows:-

"I have submitted and presented the proposal papers of the delegate group of other invited persons regarding the detailed basic principles for the sharing of executive and judicial powers.

The proposal papers represent the wish of all the delegates of the group of other invited persons. And we compiled the papers with the aim of contributing towards national solidarity, successful completion of the National Convention, and sooner emergence of the State Constitution.

In conclusion, I would say the points of the papers and the unity of the group will make contribution towards accomplishment of the National Convention to an extent.

The plenary session was adjourned at 3.25 pm.

The National Convention plenary session continues tomorrow.—MNA

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- ကျင်းပမည့်ရက်/နေ့။ ။ ၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ(၁၅)ရက်၊ တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့
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- နံနက် ၉:၀၀ အစီအစဉ် (နံနက် - ၁၂:၀၀ နာရီ)**
- စဉ် တွဲအမည်**
- ၁။ ဝါထိန်ထွန်း (B.Com)
 - ၂။ စာရင်းကိုင်ပညာဘွဲ့ (B.Act)
 - ၃။ စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (စာရင်းအင်း) B.Econ (Statistics)
 - ၄။ လူဦးရေပညာဘွဲ့ (B.P.S)
- ညနေ ၅:၀၀ အစီအစဉ် (ညနေ - ၉:၀၀ နာရီ)**
- စဉ် တွဲအမည်**
- ၁။ စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်းစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုပညာဘွဲ့ (B.B.A)
 - ၂။ စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (ဘောလပေဒ) B. Econ (Economics)
 - ၃။ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုပညာဘွဲ့ (B.P.A)
 - ၄။ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (B.Dev.S)
 - ၅။ ဂုဏ်ထူးဘွဲ့ - စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (စာရင်းအင်း)၊ လူဦးရေပညာဘွဲ့ B.Econ: Hons (Statistics), B.P.S: Hons

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အခမ်းလှေကျင်ပညာရက်/နေ့ - ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ(၁၂)ရက်၊ ကြာသပတေးနေ့

အခမ်းလှေကျင်ပညာအချိန် - နံနက်(၉)နာရီ၊ နံနက်ပိုင်း၊ ညနေပိုင်း တစ်ပေါင်းတည်း ကျင်းပမည်။


လျှောက်လွှာပိတ်ရက် - ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ ဧပြီလ (၂၉)ရက်၊ သောကြာနေ့

မှတ်ချက်။ ။ (၁) သတိပေးလျှောက်လွှာပုံစံဖြင့်လျှောက်ထားရမည်။
(၂) (၁)လအတွင်း ရိုက်ကူးထားသော(၂" x ၂") ဝါတ်ပုံ (၂)ပုံပါရှိရမည်။
(၃) ဘွဲ့လျှောက်ထားရာတွင် ကျောင်းသား/သူကိုယ်တိုင် နိုင်ငံသားစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား (သို့) (ခွင့်) နိုင်ငံသား လက်မှတ် (သို့) နိုင်ငံသား(ပြု) လက်မှတ်မူရင်းတင်ပြခြင်း လျှောက်ထားရမည်။
(၄) အစမ်းလေ့ကျင့်ပွဲနှင့်ဘွဲ့နှင်းသဘင်အခမ်းအနားတက် ရောက်သူများသည် မြန်မာဝတ်စုံ၊ တိုင်းရင်းသားဝတ်စုံ၊ အနောက်တိုင်း ဝတ်စုံ(အမျိုးသား)၊ နှစ်သက်ရာ ဝတ်စုံကို အပြည့်အစုံဝတ်ဆင်၍ တက်ရောက်ရမည်။
(၅) ဘွဲ့ဝတ်ရုံထောက်ခံစာထုတ်ပေးခြင်းကို (၁၀-၅- ၂၀၀၅)ရက်၊ ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့ တွင် စတင်ထုတ်ပေးပါမည်။
(၆) နှစ်ပတ်လည်ပွဲအတွက်/ဒီပလိုမာအောင်မြင်သူများသည် အဝေးရောက်ဘွဲ့သာ လျှောက်ထားရမည်။
(၇) အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို ရန်ကုန်စီးပွားရေး တက္ကသိုလ် (ရွာသာကြီး)တွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

မော်ကွန်းတိမ်အဆင့်(၁)
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ရန်ကုန်စီးပွားရေးတက္ကသိုလ်

**သစ်တောသစ်ပင် ချစ်ခင်တဲ့လူမျိုး
သစ်ပင်ကို နှစ်စဉ်ပိုက် ရွှေတိုက်ကိုစိုး။**

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Quake hits in sea off coast of Sumatra

LONDON, 29 March — An 8.2 magnitude earthquake struck in the sea off the coast of Sumatra at 1609 GMT, the US Geological Survey told Reuters on Monday.

A USGS spokeswoman said the quake struck 125 miles northwest off Sibolga, Sumatra or 880 miles northwest of the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, close to where a 9.0 December quake triggered a devastating tsunami in Asia.

The USGS spokeswoman could not say if the quake would trigger a tsunami.

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နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာစကားသင်တန်းသားလျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း**

၁။ လူ့စွမ်းအား အရင်းအမြစ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုဌာန (ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာ တက္ကသိုလ်)တွင် တရုတ်၊ အင်္ဂလိပ်၊ မြင်သစ်၊ ဂျပန်၊ ဂျပန်၊ ကိုရီးယား၊ ထိုင်းဘာသာ စကား၊ မြင်သစ်(ဘာသာပြန်/စကားပြန်)နှင့် မြန်မာဘာသာ စကား(နိုင်ငံခြား ကျောင်းသားအတွက်)ညနေသင်တန်းများ ဖွင့်လှစ်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၂။ သင်တန်းစတင်ဖွင့်လှစ်ရက်မှာ ၂၅-၄-၂၀၀၅ရက်နေ့ ဖြစ်ပြီး သင်တန်းစတင်ခွင့်လျှောက်လွှာများကို (၄-၄-၂၀၀၅)ရက်နေ့မှ စတင်လက်ခံ ပါမည်။ သင်တန်းစတင်ခွင့်ပတ်သက်၍ အသေးစိတ်သိလိုပါက ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုဌာနတွင်း ရန်ကုန် နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်တွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်း ပေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

ဖုန်း - ၅၃၄၃၄၀ (လိုင်စွဲ-၁၂၃)

US mily court convicts mechanic for disobeying orders

DARMSTADT(Germany), 28 March — A US military court convicted a 23-year-old Army mechanic of wilfully disobeying orders for refusing to perform duties after a year-long tour of Iraq, an Army spokesman said on Monday.

Specialist Blake Lemoine, who returned to Germany in May 2004, said he wanted to quit the Army due to religious beliefs. The special military court sentenced Lemoine to seven months confinement, reduction in rank to private and gave him a bad conduct discharge, said Bruce Anderson, deputy public affairs spokesman for the 3rd Corps support command.

Lemoine, who had condemned the invasion of Iraq, was charged for repeatedly refusing to obey orders from commanders between January 10 and February 15 at a base in Darmstadt, south of Frankfurt.

Lemoine, from Moraville, Louisiana, told a recent news conference in Germany sponsored by anti-war groups that even though he volunteered to join the Army, he had changed his mind and wanted to leave. "It was simply a slow realization that serving in the US military at this day and time contradicts my religion and to continue to do so would make me a hypocrite," he said last week.

Lemoine had also been quoted in German newspapers as saying: "The contract with the US Army is a slavery contract." He also spoke out against US Army violence against Iraqis, saying: "Iraqi civilians are often treated worse than animals." Lemoine joined the Army for three years, a term which would have ended on February 13, but extended his enlistment at some point for a further eight-month period.

MNA/Reuters

ပညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲများတိုးတက်လာ ခိုင်ခံ့တော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

Monday's quake caused no tsunami phenomenon

LOS ANGELES, 30 March — Fears eased within several hours when no major change in sea waves were reported by countries nearest to the strong earthquake which struck off Indonesia's Sumatra Island late Monday, said Kerry Sich, professor of Geology and a member of the Tectonics Observatory of California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

The magnitude-8.7 earthquake was presumed to have been strong enough to produce significant tsunami, Sich said.

It "was one of the four or five biggest earthquakes" in a century, he said, "technically you have to call it an aftershock because it's within one fault length of the rupture of December 26th."

"But it's really a moot question. It clearly is an earthquake that is a major

player in the plate tectonic drama of the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia."

The ground reportedly shook for two minutes in the southern Thai province of Satun, which is 800-960 kilometres from the epicentre, according to Richard Walden, president and chief executive of the Los Angeles-based international aid agency Operation USA.

Walden said this information came from a

woman working with the relief group to aid victims of the 26 December tsunamis.

Structure damage in that area, at least, appeared to be relatively minor. But in Banda Aceh on Sumatra, electricity and mobile phone service were down, said Walden, who spoke to aid workers via a satellite phone.

The earthquake, which struck at 23:09 local time (1609 GMT), was centred

off the coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra, about 180 kilometres southeast of the magnitude 9.0 earthquake on 26 December last year that killed more than 273,000 people, according to Caltech scientists.

Nearly thirty minutes after Monday's quake, an aftershock measuring 6.0 was reported in the same region, the US Geological Survey said.

MNA/Xinhua

UN on alert for possible tsunami

UNITED NATIONS, 30 March — The United Nations is on alert for possible tsunami after an earthquake measuring 8.5 on the Richter Scale occurred near Sumatra, Indonesia, late Monday, a news release issued by the UN spokesman office said recently. The Security Management Team in Aceh, which consists of the heads of the various UN agencies on the ground in Aceh, has already held a meeting, and is now in talks with the Indonesian Government to determine what kinds of action will be taken.

However, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) thought that the Indonesian Government will be in the lead, the release said.

According to the news release, the UN Resident Coordinators in the region have all been contacted.

OCHA is trying to get more facts from the ground right now, the release said, adding that what has been known as of now is that the quake happened in shallow water (30 kilometres deep), which is a dangerous development.

MNA/Xinhua

UN official says no tsunami reports yet from quake in Indonesia

UNITED NATIONS, 30 March — The United Nations has received no reports of tsunami yet from a great earthquake that struck off the west coast of Indonesia's Sumatra Island on Monday, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Jan Egeland said on Monday.

"It has created a lot of panic in Sumatra. All over the island it was very, very easy to feel how big it was," Egeland told a news conference.

"The hard-hit population of western Sumatra have been again struck by a very large earthquake," Egeland said. "We do not have reports of any tsunami yet and we have also only limited

reports of damage."

He noted that there were unconfirmed reports of deaths on Nias, a renowned surfing spot badly hit by the earlier quake.

"What may have happened in Nias, where there are reports of deaths caused by this earthquake, may be that buildings that nearly collapsed during the first earthquake collapsed now," Egeland said.

Egeland said there were thousands of relief officials in the region, and they were ready to respond if reports of casualties and damage are confirmed.

MNA/Xinhua



The space shuttle Discovery arrives in the Vehicle Assembly Building after being transported from the Orbiter Processing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 29 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Romania to hand over EU its anti-corruption battle plan

BUCHAREST, 29 March — Romania's new centrist government will hand the European Union this week an anti-corruption battle plan which includes "honesty lessons" in schools to prove its determination to fight graft.

In what is seen as its first major test since closing accession talks last year, Romania was given until 31 March to come up with a plan to reform its lumbering judiciary and fight graft, which threatens the country's 2007 EU entry goal.

The two-year action plan, discussed by the government over the weekend and due to be finalized on Wednesday, contains strict deadlines to adopt laws fighting corruption and aims to boost the efficiency of the judiciary.

MNA/Reuters

US considers changes to military tribunals

WASHINGTON, 29 March — The US Defence Department is considering substantial changes to the military tribunals the Bush Administration established after the 11 September terrorist attacks to prosecute foreign terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, military and Administration officials say.

The proposed changes many of which are detailed in a draft manual for the tribunals that has been circulating among Pentagon lawyers, come after widespread criticism from the federal courts, foreign governments, *The New York Times* reported on Sunday.

Those changes include strengthening the rights of defendants, establishing more independent judges to lead the panels and barring confessions obtained by torture, the officials said.

The Administration's willingness to restructure the tribunals — formally known as military commissions — is uncertain, the report said. Some officials said they considered the proposals premature because a lawsuit challenging the legality of the commissions is now in a federal appeals court.

In addition, some of the White House aides who supported changes to the commissions have recently moved to new jobs leaving behind a small but powerful group of officials, led by Vice-President Dick Cheney and his staff, who have opposed changing to the commission rules unless forced to do so by the courts, officials said.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian prosecutors begin winding up Khodorkovsky case

MOSCOW, 29 March — Russian prosecutors began winding up their case against oil magnate Mikhail Khodorkovsky on Monday, summing up tax evasion and fraud charges.

The trial has run in parallel with the demise of YUKOS, the company Khodorkovsky founded and led which is now on the brink of bankruptcy, crippled by a 27.5 billion-US-dollar back-tax claim and stripped of its biggest oil-producing asset.

YUKOS says the twin legal assault was orchestrated by the Kremlin to punish Khodorkovsky for his overt political ambitions. It also stunned investors who had come to regard YUKOS as one of Russia's most promising blue-chip stocks.

MNA/Reuters



A Cuban girl wears two masks while watching the annual Havana street dance festival, on 25 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Lighting pylon collapses during soccer match in Zambia

CHINGOLA (Zambia), 29 March— One spectator was taken to hospital and 17 needed treatment after a lighting pylon collapsed during Saturday's World Cup qualifier between Zambia and Congo at Chililabombwe, officials confirmed on Sunday.

Spectators had taken up a viewing position on the pylon and it collapsed under their weight when Zambia scored their second goal in a 2-0 win at the stadium on the country's northern Copperbelt.

To compound matters, a swarm of bees was dislodged from a hive on the pylon, stinging several spectators who fled the stands. One spectator jumped the perimeter fence and ran onto the pitch to escape the bees.

Zambia's win kept them joint top of African zone Group One with Senegal.

MNA/Reuters

Venezuela loses 3-1 in Bolivia after early own goal

LAPAZ, 30 March— Venezuela's hopes of qualifying for its first World Cup were dealt a blow Tuesday when it lost 3-1 to bottom-of-the-table Bolivia after giving away an early own goal.

Bolivia went 2-0 ahead in less than half an hour when Alejandro Cichero headed into his own net and Jose Castillo scored his third goal of the qualifiers.

Giancarlo Maldonado pulled one back after halftime but substitute Joselito Vaca restored Bolivia's two goal advantage late in the game.

Venezuela is sixth in the 10-nation group, level on 14 points with Colombia and Chile, while Bolivia climbs above Peru although both teams have 13 points.

Venezuela, already missing six players through injury and suspension, made a nightmare start when Cichero met Gonzalo Galindo's header



Bolivian soccer players Limbert Pizarro (R), Danner Pachi (2nd-R), Joselito Vaca (L-back) and Ronald Raldes celebrate after defeating Venezuela during their World Cup qualifying soccer match in La Paz, on 29 March, 2005. Bolivia won the match 3-1.—INTERNET

with a diving header which flew past goalkeeper Rafael Dudamel and into his own net.

Giancarlo Maldonado wasted an excellent chance for a quick reply

three minutes later when he charged down Oscar Sanchez's attempted clearance, burst through the Bolivia defense but fired wide.

MNA/Reuters

Sorenstam wins LPGA Tour

MISSION HILLS (California), 29 March— Sweden's Annika Sorenstam made it five wins in a row on the LPGA Tour, collecting her eighth major title with a commanding eight-shot triumph in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

It was the 59th career victory for the world number one and kept alive her dream of becoming the first golfer to

achieve the grand slam of all four majors in one year.

"I definitely want to get to 10 majors so I need two more," said Sorenstam. "To win a grand slam is very difficult but I'll be trying."

Sorenstam led by five shots overnight and finished on 15-under-par 273 after a closing 68 that included an opening streak of three birdies in four holes from the second.

American Rosie Jones, still without a major victory, was second on 281 after a 71, her third runners-up finish in a 'big four' tournament.

The 45-year-old is planning to retire at the end of the year. Fellow Americans Laura Diaz (68) and Cristie Kerr (71) tied for third place on five-under 283.

"I'm very excited and very happy," said Sorenstam, 34. "I couldn't have asked for a better week and everything seemed to go my way."

"I will remember this Easter Sunday for a long time."

The win extended an unbeaten run for Sorenstam stretching back to the Mizuno Classic in Japan last November and she matched Nancy Lopez's five-in-a-row record from 1978.—MNA/Reuters



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden makes a tee shot on the third hole during the third round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship 2005 at the Mission Hills Country Club, in Rancho Mirage, California.—INTERNET

Thaworn becomes second Thailand European Tour winner

LONDON, 29 March— Thaworn Wiratchant became the second player from Thailand to win a European Tour title with a five-shot victory at the Indonesia Open in Jakarta.

The 36-year-old Thaworn followed in the footsteps of his compatriot Thongchai Jaidee, firing a closing seven-under-par 63 at Cengkareng Golf Club for a 25-under total of 255.

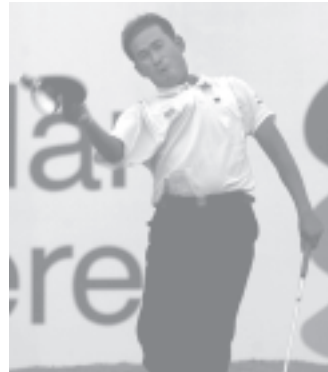
It was the lowest 72-hole aggregate in European Tour history, although preferred lies were in operation for an event jointly sanctioned by the Asian Tour and badly hit by rain.

Best round of the day came from seven-times European number one Colin Montgomerie who reeled off a record nine consecutive birdies on his way to a blistering 60 and a tie for fourth.

Thongchai, who tied for 11th in Jakarta after returning a final-round 69, clinched his maiden European Tour victory at last year's Malaysian Open and retained the title last month.

The unorthodox-swinging Thaworn, three strokes clear of the field when the rain-delayed third round was completed earlier in the day, finished well ahead of second-placed Raphael Jacquelin of France, who carded a 65.

"Winning a co-sanctioned event has been on my mind," Thaworn told report-



Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant celebrates his victory in the Indonesia Open 2005 golf tournament at Tangerang, Banten, near Jakarta.

INTERNET

ers after clinching his fifth Asian Tour title and a cheque for 125,205 euros (162,600 US dollars).

The Masters, the first of the year's four majors, will be played from April 7 to 10.

MNA/Reuters

Marat Safin goes out of Nasdaq-100 Open

MIAMI, 29 March— Third seed Marat Safin went out of the Nasdaq-100 Open when he was swept aside 7-6, 6-1 by Slovak Dominik Hrbaty in the third round on Sunday.

Safin was followed through the exit door by fifth-seeded Spaniard Carlos Moya, who lost 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 to Swede Thomas Johansson. Number eight David Nalbandian of Argentina also slumped to a 7-6, 6-1 defeat by Spain's David Ferrer.



Marat Safin of Russia hits a backhand against Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia in the third round at the Nasdaq-100 tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida, on 27 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Amelie Mauresmo, Maria Sharapova and Serena Williams, the top three seeds in the women's draw, made unfussy progress into the last 16.

Mauresmo cruised past Anna Smashnova of Israel 6-2, 6-1, Sharapova routed American Marissa Irvin 6-2, 6-0 and Williams beat Israel's Shahar Peer 6-3, 6-3.

Hrbaty took one hour 16 minutes to overcome Australian Open champion Safin, taking full advantage of his opponent's inability to keep either his temper, or his shots in court.

After losing a first-set tiebreak, the Russian allowed his emotions to get the

better of him in the second set, slamming down and kicking his racket and frequently throwing his arms up in exaggerated gestures of despair.

Hrbaty soon went 3-1 up and when Safin's serve again proved to be as fragile as his composure, he broke again and served out for an easy win.

"I really didn't play well. I just couldn't find my game," said Safin, who also lost in the third round of last week's Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells.

"Normally, this month I never play well so for me it's nothing new."

Safin's defeat should ensure that Andy Roddick hangs on to the number three position in the world rankings, despite retiring from his opening match here with a wrist injury.

Unseeded Kim Clijsters extended her streak to 10 wins in a row by defeating 12th seed Nathalie Dechy of France 6-0, 6-2.

The former world number one from Belgium, who won last week's Pacific Life Open title, has lost only one match since returning to the tour last month after being sidelined for most of 2004 with a wrist injury.

Another former world number one from Belgium, 19th seed Justine Henin-Hardenne, continued her successful return to the tour after illness and injury.

Henin-Hardenne, playing her first event since last year's US Open, put out Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-2. Eighth seed Venus Williams breezed past Colombian Fabiola Zuluaga 6-2, 6-0.

"The scoreline didn't show the intensity with which I had to play to get that scoreline," said Venus. "She's a great player."—MNA/Reuters

Discussion of...

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"Every government has to lay down the most appropriate policies and respective service personnel have to implement these policies in line with existing rules and regulations."

"So, whatever government is in power, the service personnel must discharge their duties in accord with the rules and regulations to help the government's administrative machinery to be smooth, and then community peace and stability can be ensured well and law and order will prevail, and the people can enjoy better living standard and life security."

"You mean the service personnel will play greater vital role in the multi-party democracy?"

"Of course! Now our nation needs well-disciplined and skilled and qualified employees who can perform their duties in accord with rules and regulations."

"In this case, State leaders meet service personnel occasionally and I think therefore the entire service personnel on their part are to uphold the instructions and directives of the State leaders."

After our conversation, on my mind were the experiences I gained as an employee in AFPPL period, as a military serviceman in Myanmar Socialist Programme Party period and as a military serviceman, a diplomat and a civil service in the Tatmadaw Government period.

Now, National Convention delegates are discussing matters on the role of State service personnel with respect to laying down detailed basic principles in the sector for the sharing of the executive power. So, the entire State service personnel are to try their best to become brilliant and competent ones and to shoulder their responsibilities energetically in accordance with rules and regulations in the interests of the nation and the people.

(Translation: KTY + MS)

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Health of Monaco's Prince Rainier stable but "still worrying"

MONACO, 30 March—The health of Europe's longest-reigning monarch, Prince Rainier of Monaco, was stable but "still worrying" on Monday, doctors said.

Rainier, widower of Hollywood film star Grace Kelly, is in intensive care in Monaco suffering from a lung infection, complicated by cardiac and kidney problems. The 81-year-old received kidney dialysis treatment on Sunday night.

Doctors said his condition had stabilized but that they remained "cautious". They had said they were "extremely cautious" on Saturday and "very cautious" on Sunday.

"Under the influence of treatment and with the possibility of using kidney dialysis, the deterioration of the principal organs is no longer progressing," doctors said in a statement.

A member of the palace entourage said Rainier had undergone kidney dialysis on Sunday evening and that repeating the treatment had not been ruled out.

Doctors said Rainier was still receiving assistance with his breathing.

"We are all waiting to see how his state of

health evolves," a member of the palace entourage told Reuters, adding that Rainier's family remained close by.

Europe's last constitutional autocrat, Rainier succeeded his grandfather in 1949. He led Monaco, a 2.5-square-kilometre (0.97-square-mile) territory tucked between Nice and the Italian border, into an age of skyscrapers, international banking and business.

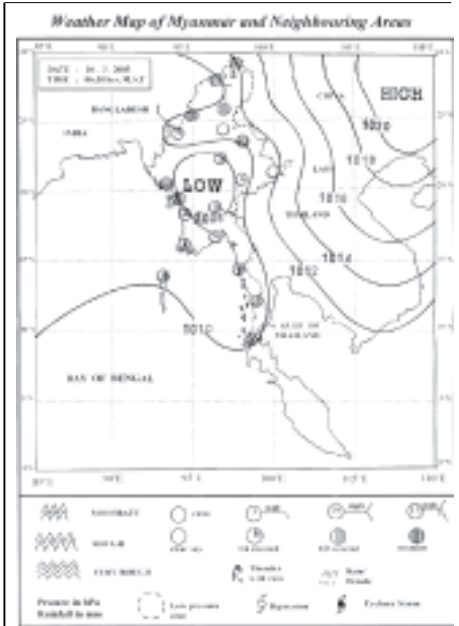
His daughter Princess Caroline returned from Paris last week and the heir-apparent Prince Albert, 47, left an Italian ski resort to be by their father's bedside in the Mediterranean enclave his family has ruled for 700 years.

Their sister Stephanie and Rainier's grandchildren have all been to see the Prince.

Born on May 31, 1923, the Prince has cut a lonely figure in recent years.

Princess Grace, who Rainier married in 1956, died in 1982.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 30 March, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.20) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin State, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway (42°C), Minbu (41°C).

Maximum temperature on 29-3-2005 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 30-3-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-3-2005 was 62%. Total sunshine hours on 29-3-2005 was (8.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 30-3-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.59 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.54 inches) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 29-3-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 31-3-2005: Likelihood isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight decrease of Day temperature are likely in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-3-2005: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-3-2005: Fair weather.



Thursday, 31 March
View on today:

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယံမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက် အဘိဓမ္မာဟောပြောချက် အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိတံ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာပါရိတ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ တိဝံသာ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာပါရိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပရိတ်တ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာ တိဝံသာ (ဇောဆရာတော်) ဇောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပာတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 6. Dance of national races

- 8:05 am
 7. အတိ-ဖြူပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 8. အကပဒေသာ
- 8:20 am
 9. ဆပ်သွားတော်
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English For Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသင်တန်းရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနံပါတ် (ဇောတုဇော အကျိုး) (ဇောတုဇော)
- 5:15 pm
 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm
 7. "အရှုနာယကမင်းစောစောရင်းစေ" (လူမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

- 5:45 pm
 8. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm
 9. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသင်တော့စွမ်းဖြင့် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:15 pm
 10. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm
 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "ရစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 7:35 pm
 14. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံစုတ်ပြုတေး
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 8:15 pm
 16. International news
- 8:30 pm
 17. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
 18. လာဘ် ခိုးလေ့သန့် ဇောဇော ဓန့်နုနုချက်
- 9:00 pm
 19. Myanmar video feature: "နည်းဝိမံဇ္ဈကွဲ အရစ်အကြောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁) (လူမင်း၊ ခိုင်၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သီ)
- 9:15 pm
 20. The next day's programme



Thursday, 31 March
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Will be your Perspectives
- 8.40 am Music: Tell it to your heart
- 8.45 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -I will always be in your heart
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Sayonara News/Slogan
- 1.30 pm Lunchtime music
- 1.40 pm -Stuck in my heart -I want to know what love is -Hand in your heart
- 9.00 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Pourri -The history of radio
- 9.30 pm Radio play: On the front of justified love
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

PM Lt-Gen Soe Win hosts dinner in honour of Singaporean PM Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party

YANGON, 30 March — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party at reception hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building on Pyay Road, this evening.

The dinner was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Hla Than, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department and Singaporean Ambassador Mr Thambynathan



Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win hosts dinner in honour of Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong and party at reception hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building.—MNA

Jasudasen. Before and during dinner, artistes presented songs to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan modern music troupe and after dinner artistes of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with Myanmar traditional cultural songs and dances. After the performance, Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong presented a flower basket to the artistes and posed for documentary photos with them. MNA

Other invited persons delegate group made up of peace groups will constantly join hands with Tatmadaw Government and wishes emergence of enduring constitution

Delegate groups of State service personnel and other invited persons read proposals

YANGON, 30 March—The plenary session of the National Convention continued at the Pyidaungsu Hall of the Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

Delegate groups of State service personnel and other invited persons read proposals regarding detailed basic principles to be adopted for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the drawing of the State Constitution.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen of sub-committees and officials, representatives of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization and independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States,

Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's

Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates of 17 national groups who exchanged arms for peace, and representative of other organizations.

Before the plenary meeting, NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the subcommittees, representatives of political (See page 10)

The proposals represent the wish of all the delegates of the group of other invited persons. The group has compiled the papers with the aim of contributing towards national solidarity, successful completion of the National Convention, and sooner emergence of the State Constitution.



U Khun Tin Hhut of delegates of other invited persons.— MNA



U Min Ein of delegates of other invited persons.— MNA



U Tin Yi of delegates of State service personnel.— MNA

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