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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

## Not only Tatmadaw, but also entire nationalities including civil service personnel should keep in fore Our Three Main National Causes Senior General Than Shwe visits Kawthoung

YANGON, 7 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected development of Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division on 5 and 6 April.

Accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, Senior



Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family present cash donations to the funds of Pyidawaye Pagoda in Kawthoung to Pagoda Board of Trustees.— MNA

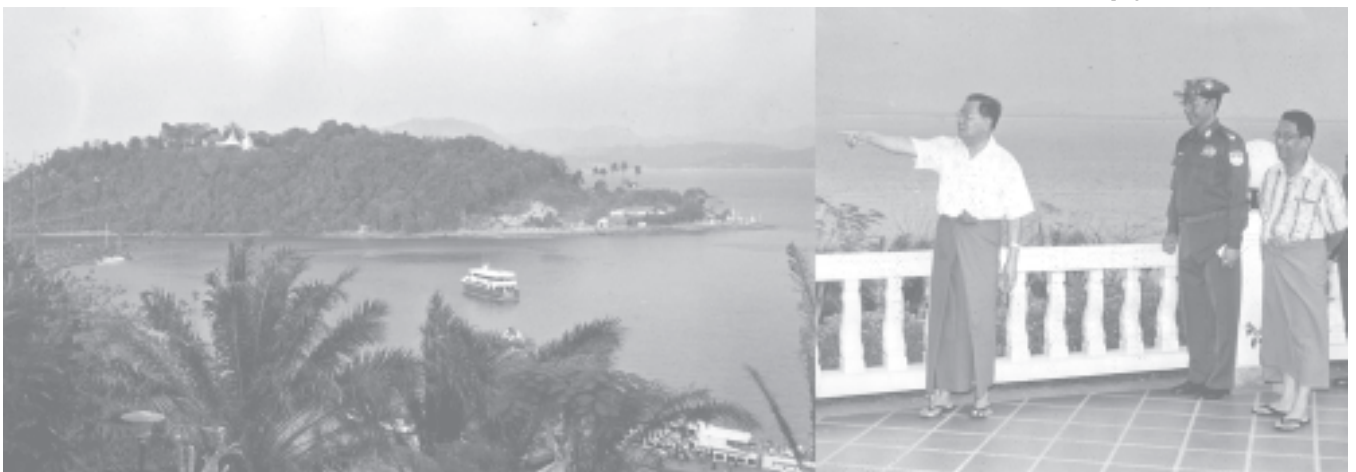
General Than Shwe left Myeik by air and arrived at Kawthoung in the afternoon.

On arrival at Kawthoung Airport, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Tactical Operation Commander Col Myint Tun, local authorities and officials.

In the evening, the Senior General and party observed progress in construction of Kawthoung ring road, and development undertakings of Shwepyitha, Ayeyeiknyeik and Shwezinyaw wards along the road by car. They also inspected the environs of the

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**Based on Our Three Main National Causes, the strength of the three forces — the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw — should be combined to build a democratic nation. In this regard, all have the duty to develop and strengthen the political, economic and social sectors in all aspects region-wise to build a democratic state.**



Senior General Than Shwe from view point of Ngathonlon Hill enjoys the scene of Kawthoung.— MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Work in concert for success of seven-point Road Map**

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is working towards peace, stability and development of the entire nation, enlisting the active cooperation of all the national people.

The government is building all the necessary infrastructures for the harmonious development of all regions of the Union and at the same time fulfilling the requirements of various sectors for the improvement of people's socio-economic life. And as regional authorities, departmental personnel and national people including social organizations always unitedly lend themselves to all the nation-building endeavours, they have borne fruit.

Prime Minister Lt-General Soe Win and responsible personnel visited Mon and Kayin States from 1 to 3 April, inspecting the regional development work being carried out there and fulfilling the requirements.

While in Hlaingbwe, Kayin State, the Prime Minister met with regional authorities, members of social organizations and townsenders. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that there had been favourable environment in all sectors and stressed that it was necessary for the entire national people to actively participate in the task of realizing the seven-point policy programme in order that a discipline-flourishing democracy will materialize.

Kayin State is self-sufficient in food but it is necessary to produce paddy more. Moreover, it will be to the advantage of the people in the state if they grow and produce rubber and pepper and engage in livestock breeding on an extensive scale. In addition to farming fish and prawn, raising chickens, ducks and pigs can also generate the income of rural people.

Those who, on behalf of the State, are responsible for administrative duties at different levels are to take care of security, lives and property of people. People, on their part, are required to cooperate with the government and the Tatmadaw for a peaceful and prosperous life they long for.

Now is the time when the government is paving the way for the emergence of a new constitution and a democratic state by smoothly implementing the seven-point policy programme stage by stage. Therefore, we would like to call on the entire national people to work hand in hand with the government till the policy programme is a complete success.

**Course in Master of Business Administration (MBA) scheduled**

YANGON, 7 April— A two-year course in Master of Business Administration (MBA) will be opened at Yangon Institute of Economics in June this year.

Any University graduate wishing to attend the course may apply for admission. Application forms will be sold at Yangon Institute of Economics, Hlaing Campus, Padamyia Building beginning 31 March and applications are to be sent there not later than 12 April.—H

**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

**Minister for Mines receives Chinese guests**

YANGON, 7 April — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received President Mr Chen Fang of Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation and party of the People's Republic of China at the Ministry of Mines this evening.

They cordially discussed cooperation in mining sector. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein and officials. — MNA

**Khonglanphu TV re-transmission station air programme**

YANGON, 7 April — Beginning 4 April, the TV re-transmission station in Khonglanphu, Kachin State, started its functions to air programmes of TV Myanmar according to the extension of broadcasting TV programmes. Installation of machines at the station was completed on 3 April.

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**World Health Day observed at IBC**



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo speaking at the World Health Day Ceremony.— MNA

YANGON, 7 April — A ceremony to mark the World Health Day was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, at 9 am today, with an address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

In his address, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo said that WHO member countries throughout the world observe the World Health Day on 7 April annually. On every World Health Day, one of the reasons of health problem of the global people was chosen as its motto. 'Make Every Mother and Child Count' was designated as the motto for this year, 2005. It is indicated that all the global people should pay attention to health of maternal and children for keeping the human society pleasant.

In building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the State Peace and Development Council has laid down and is accelerating implementation of political, economic and social objectives. In this regard, sectoral tasks of health facilities are being upgraded in accord with the objective that is 'Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation'.

With the efforts of the Ministry of Health and cooperation of other related departments, social organizations and people, achievements have been made in

the health sector. Nowadays, it can be seen that progress have been made in the health care services due to cooperation among USDA, MWA, MCWA, Red Cross and other social organizations.

At present, the Government is carrying out health care services for the entire people with momentum. Members of all families are to try their best for gaining health knowledge and should practise it. In conclusion, the deputy minister urged all to welcome brilliant future of mothers and children, who are resources of the entire human society.

Next, WHO SEA Resident Representative Dr Agostino Borra read out the message sent by WHOSEA Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbangchang. After the ceremony, the deputy minister and guests viewed round the exhibition to mark the World Health Day at IBC. This year's motto of WHO is 'Make Every Mother and Child Count'.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads under the ministry, medical superintendents, Resident Representative of WHO Dr Agostino Borra and officials of UN agencies, chairmen and representatives of social organizations and guests. — MNA

**Empo sells 1,198 jade, gem, pearl lots**

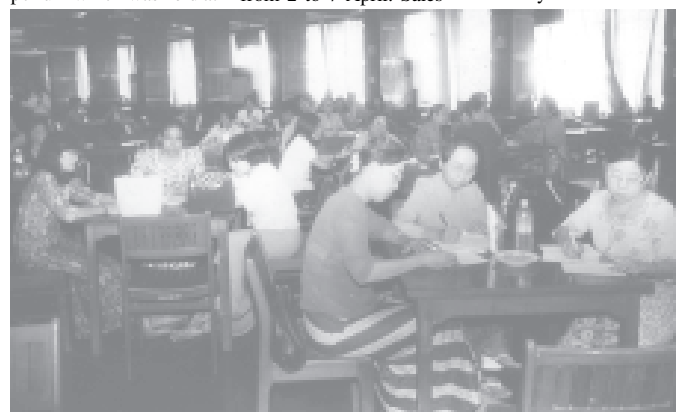
YANGON, 7 April — Local and foreign merchants bought 1,198 lots of jade, gems and pearls at the 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium which ended today.

The merchants including 892 of 317 companies of 15 foreign countries bought 1,034 jade lots from 2 to 4 April, 29 gem lots on 5 April and 135 pearl lots today.

A total of 461 merchants of 258 local compa-

nies also attended the emporium which was held at

Myanma Gems Mart here | were through tender and | from 2 to 7 April. Sales | auction systems. — MNA



Local and foreign gem merchants seen at the sales of pearl lots at Myanmar Gems Mart.— MNA

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**မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ့**

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A man works at a textile company situated on the outskirts of the Special Economic Zone of Shenzhen, bordering Hong Kong.—INTERNET



### Uzbek President meets Indian PM

NEW DELHI, 6 April — Uzbek President Islam Karimov met Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh here on Tuesday and signed agreements on cooperation in banking, tourism, education, culture and military infrastructure.

Both sides also held delegation-level talks and discussed a range of bilateral issues, specially the need for a sustained energy dialogue between the two countries.

This is the third visit of the Uzbek President to India since the country

broke away from the erstwhile Soviet Union and declared itself independent along with other Central Asian republics in 1991.

India sees the Central Asian region as its extended neighbourhood and as an alternative source for its growing energy needs. Uzbekistan is rich not only in oil and gas but also in other mineral

resources like gold and uranium. It is the seventh largest producer of gold in the world with the fourth largest reserves, 10th largest uranium producer and has a highly developed copper industry.

It also has a strong agriculture base and is the fifth largest producer and second largest exporter of cotton in the world.

MNA/Xinhua

## Regional highway to boost trade between Vietnam, Laos, Thailand

HANOI, 6 April — Asia Pulse - The East-West Economic Corridor (EWEC), or the trans-Asia highway, will bear the increasing volume of transported goods between Thailand, Laos and Vietnam and encourage co-operation between those countries.

A seminar on using the EWEC to promote trade, tourism and investment between Laos, Thailand and Vietnam was held in the central city of Hue last Friday. Deputy Minister of Trade, Tran Duc Minh, said the three countries can join hands in infrastructure development, paving the way for trade, tourism and services in the areas along the highway.

The East-West Economic Corridor, running through central Vietnam,

central Laos and northeastern Thailand, was proposed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 1998. When complete, it will link Mawlamyine on the Andaman Sea in Myanmar to Da Nang in Vietnam by a 1,500km all-weather road.

The rich resources of each country are expected to lead to beautiful trade. Northeast Thailand has great potential in the agricultural and consumer goods sectors, while cen-

tral Laos is rich in agriculture, forestry, mineral and hydropower resources.

Central Vietnam's strength lies in its industrial crops, forests and marine and mineral resources. ADB said it expects the volume of goods transported along the highway roughly to double between 2000 and 2010 and double again the following decade.

In Vietnam, the corridor will run from Tien Sa Port in Da Nang City through the

central province of Thua Thien-Hue to Lao Bao Border Gate in Quang Tri.

The Vietnam section includes the 180-km stretch of National Highway No 1A from Da Nang to Dong Ha and an 80km stretch of Highway No 9 from Dong Ha to the Lao Bao Border Gate.

Vietnam has developed a number of infrastructure development projects of the highway's section in the country, including Highway No 9, the Hai Van Tunnel on National Highway No 1, Chan May Seaport in Thua Thien-Hue Province and Ky Ha Port in Quang Nam.—Internet

## China, India are major impacts on global economy

SINGAPORE, 6 April — Developments in China and India are reshaping the economic and geopolitical landscapes in Asia and the world, Singapore Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean said here on Tuesday.

Speaking at the inaugural conference of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy on China and India, Teo called the two nations major engines of global economic growth.

"Over the last 20 years, economic reforms in these two countries have unleashed powerful energies which now bind the well-being of a good two-fifths of the world's population to the international economy," Teo noted.

Regarding the progress China and India have made as the positive results of being part of the international economic system, Teo said that globalization brings about both opportunities and challenges.

One of such challenges concerns transnational security, to which countries worldwide have to develop shared responses by building up effective frameworks of cooperation at international and regional levels, according to Teo. — MNA/Xinhua

## India, Germany to double trade by 2010

NEW DELHI, 6 April — India and Germany on Tuesday set a target of doubling bilateral trade to 12 billion euros (15.38 billion US dollars) by 2010 at the end of a two-day joint commission meeting held after five years, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Indian Finance Minister P Chidambaram said: "The goal of doubling bilateral trade to 12 billion euros by 2010 is attainable given that trade had crossed 6 billion euros last year and Indian exports are growing by 25 per cent annually and imports 37 per cent, while Germany's exports to India are grow-

ing at 30 per cent".

Addressing a news conference after the signing of a joint statement with German Economics and Labour Minister Wolfgang Clement, Chidambaram said the fact that a 90-member delegation, including 68 members of the business community, was accompany-

ing the German minister showed Germany's keenness to boost ties with India. Seeking more Indian investments into Germany, Clement said there were 60 Indian IT companies already operating in his country. This was besides the trade in traditional areas like textiles.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal's tourist arrivals decline in March

KATHMANDU, 6 April — The total number of tourists visiting Nepal last month decreased by 35 per cent over the same period of last year, the Nepal Tourism Board said on Tuesday. Altogether 20,137 visitors from different parts of the world came to Nepal by air in March, down from the number of 31,198 tourists in the same month of 2004, the semi-government bureau said.

The number of Indian tourists arriving in Nepal went down by 49 per cent to 4,041 visitors from 7,928, while tourists from other countries also recorded an overall decrease of 31 per cent to 16,096 visitors from 23,270.

Tourist arrivals from Nepali tourist industry's traditional markets, namely the United States, Germany, France and Japan recorded decreases of 39 per cent, 6 per cent, 49 per cent and 50 per cent respectively.— MNA/Xinhua

## 1,543 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 6 April — As of Wednesday, 6 April, 2005, at least 1,543 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 1,174 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 EDT on Wednesday.

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, 1,405 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,065 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



Holding two coconut shells in his hands, Dan Patil of Malaysia wears his invention, the motorcyclist helmet shell using waste material of coconut fibers at the 33rd International Exhibition of Inventions, New Techniques and Products in Geneva, Switzerland, on 6 April, 2005. — INTERNET

# Pakistani FM calls for promotion of regional integration

ISLAMABAD, 6 April— Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri on Tuesday called for devising a comprehensive strategy to create conducive environment for promoting regional integration through establishing Asia-wide linkages.

The Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) should act as the main facilitator in promoting strategic partnerships among Asian countries, Kasuri told the opening ceremony of a day-long high level expert seminar on economic cooperation in Asia, being held here prior to the 4th ACD ministerial meeting.

"There is a common desire to open new chapter of Asian prosperity and a lot of work has been done to expand trade and economic ties between various countries of Asia through sub-regional grouping but

there is still a long way, we have to go to achieve the desire goals," said Kasuri.

He stressed that the Asian countries will have to move forward in enhancing trade and economic cooperation to fight against poverty and make Asia prosperous.

He said the emergence of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) is a region-wide process which reflects common desire of self-reliance, consolidation and building a partnership between the Asian states.

MNA/Xinhua

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Chinese veterinarians and workers prepare an injured panda for a CT scan at the Fourth Military Medical University in Xi'an, north China's Shanxi Province, on 6 April, 2005. — INTERNET

## HK medical service consultation set for July

HONG KONG, 6 April — Hong Kong Health and Medical Development Advisory Committee will launch a consultation on the long-term mode of medical service in July before preparing detailed health care financing proposals for public consideration, an official said on Monday.

Speaking on a local radio talk show Monday morning, York Chow, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, said medical expenses are on the rise. In the face of the aging population and rapid technological development, there is an urgent need to tackle the issue of health care financing, he said. Public participation is crucial in solving the issue and more effective communications with the public are needed to let them fully understand the financial implications of different modes of service, on the part of the government and the public, to help them make a decision.

Chow said initial studies on dental service, Chinese medicine and psychiatric service will also be launched, but they will not be included in the present mode of service review. On basic medical service, Chow said there is a need to establish a family doctor system, so that every citizen will have a detailed medical record, but added the public out-patient service will be maintained to take care of needy families.

MNA/Xinhua



A Lebanese girl looks at the sea from the courtyard of St Paul's Basilica in Harissa in the mountains northeast of Beirut, after a prayer service for late Pope John Paul II. — INTERNET

## China making contributions to growth of world trade economy

SINGAPORE, 6 April — As the third largest trader in the world, China is making more contributions to the growth of world trade and economy, according to Chinese scholars attending a conference in Singapore on Tuesday.

"China's domestic demand has a significant influence on foreign trade balance," said Professor Zhang Xiaoji, director general of Foreign Economic Relations Department, Development Research Centre of China's State Council, at a seminar organized by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy on China and India.

As China's economic growth continues, Zhang said, it has become increasingly attractive to foreign direct investment (FDI) in industries such as information-communications, automobile manufacturing and service, as well as research and development (R&D).

"In the whole process of opening up and development with globalization in China, FDI has played the most important and most positive role," said Fan Gang, director of National Economic Research

Institute of China Reform Foundation.

He further explained that investors introduced into China not only capital and technology but also business experience and management know-how.

Meanwhile, the international industrial transfer has boosted China's export processing industry with an upgraded structure of export products, Zhang added.

Calling for an open, fair and stable trade order, which is crucial for China's development, Zhang assured the audience that China will maintain its FDI attraction policy and enlarge its outward investment as well.

China will also actively engage in regional economic cooperation and launch more talks on bilateral free trade areas (FTAs) with other economic powers, according to Zhang.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepali Royal Commission detains four corruption suspects

KATHMANDU, 6 April — The Royal Commission for Control of Corruption (RCCC) has handed detention orders to four persons accused of embezzling government funds, a Nepali Government official said on Tuesday.

The commission interrogated Director General of the Forest Department Jamuna Krishna Tamrakar and Bhagiraj Ingnam, the department's chief accountant, who were arrested on 31 March on charges of accepting bribes of 50,000 Nepali rupees (715 US dollars).

The anti-graft panel has also

interrogated Purusottam Shahi, a divisional engineer at the Bagmati Irrigation Project, after confiscating 300,000 rupees (4,285 dollars) graft money from his house.

The commission also quizzed Ashok Jha who was arrested a few days ago while extorting money posing as a RCCC officer. — MNA/Xinhua

## Rocky US-Turkey relations persist since Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 6 April — "The United States and its staunchest Muslim ally have been suffering from a cold snap in their relationship since the start of the war in Iraq, and analysts say it's too soon to tell if the election of a Kurd as president of Iraq will further strain US-Turkey relations.

On Wednesday, Iraq's interim National Assembly elected Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani (search) as president of the country. Ankara has had tensions with ethnic Kurds in northern Iraq and in its own country for decades

While Talabani has stressed that Kurds have no designs on Turkish territory, where an estimated 15 million

ethnic Kurds live, Turkey's suspicions about Talabani's sympathies for Kurdish terrorists in Turkey means future relations between Turkey and the new Iraqi government could be unsteady. And the more unsteady the relationship with its southern neighbour, the more difficult Turkey's relationship becomes with the United States.—Internet

## China to build 40 nuclear generation units in 15 years

SHANGHAI, 7 April — China will build 40 nuclear power generation units with a combined maximum capacity of 40 million kilowatts in coming 15 years, according to the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence (CSTIND).

"Nuclear power will play increasing important role in the development of China's power industry," said Zhang Fubao, deputy director of the system engineering department under the CSTIND, at a symposium on nuclear power market and technology in China, opened Wednesday in Shanghai, China's leading industrial centre.

MNA/Xinhua

## Susilo calls for more Australian investment

CANBERRA, 6 April— Visiting Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Tuesday encouraged Australian businessmen to boost investment in his country, saying Indonesia's economic, political situation and improved bilateral relations provide opportunities for more Australian investment.

While meeting members of the Australia-Indonesia business community in Sydney, capital of the state of New South Wales, Susilo said that with economic growth already over 5 per cent, Indonesia is ripe for Australian investment.

He assured the gathered business leaders that Indonesia is improving in the field of economic and political stability, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported.

He said it is his responsibility to tackle those issues that are of concern to foreign investors, such as corruption and terrorism. "I declare war against corruption, against terrorism for the better of Indonesia," he said.

He said the improvement in Indonesia-Australia relations also provides good opportunity for Australian businessmen to

invest more money in Indonesia.

"And as Indonesia is transformed, Indonesia-Australia relations are also undergoing transformations," he said.

"It is the third day of my visit to Australia and everything I have seen so far convinces me even more that Indonesia and Australia are headed for stronger, closer, better relations," said the President.

The two countries on Monday signed a comprehensive partnership agreement designed to create a broad framework for developing future cooperative arrangements, agreements and treaties covering economic, security, political and people-to-people links.

Susilo said the agreement has particular significance for Australia's business community.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian FM invites German private investment in infrastructure

NEW DELHI, 6 April — India's Finance Minister P Chidambaram Monday invited German businessmen to step up investment in the country especially in the infrastructure sector which require 150 billion dollars FDI in the next 10 years.

Chidambaram also asked Germany to stop anti-dumping steps against Indian exports and proposed a special security system for skilled Indian professionals working there.

"Infrastructure is the key priority area of government for investments. Infrastructure sector can absorb FDI up to 150 billion dollars in the next 10 years," Chidambaram said inaugurating the 15th Indo-German joint commission here.

He invited German companies to invest in airport sectors especially for the modernization of Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai airports and in the construction of international airports in Bangalore and Hyderabad.

Energy sector was another area that required FDI as the Electricity Act envisages addition of 100,000 megawatts capacity in 10 years, he said, adding that the telecom sector also requires huge investment as the government has embarked on an ambitious target of providing 150 million telephones by 2007.

He asked German businessmen to interact with Investment Commission, headed by Ratan Tata, for identifying and removing the impediments.

Chidambaram sought greater cooperation from Germany in the areas of IT, biotechnology, telecom, manufacturing, food processing, mining, energy healthcare and tourism sectors. — MNA/PTI



A tourist takes photograph a forest of apartment buildings under construction on 7 April, 2005 in Shanghai, China. — INTERNET

## China attaches importance to ties with Russia

BEIJING, 6 April — China is ready to join efforts with Russia to continuously push forward the strategic partnership of cooperation, said Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju on Tuesday.

During a meeting with visiting Russian presidential aid Victor Ivanov, Huang said China and Russia have seen smooth progress in cooperation on personnel administration and human resources development.

He emphasized the importance of Sino-Russian relations and expressed the wish that the two countries would achieve new results in such fields.

Huang briefed the Russian guests on China's economic and social development.

He said the frequent exchange of visits by high-level leaders of the two countries have strongly promoted the development of China-Russia relations.

MNA/Xinhua

## S Korea expresses anger over Japan's new history textbooks

SEOUL, 6 April— South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday expressed regret over Japan's approval of new editions of history textbooks, saying they whitewash Japan's past wartime history.

"It is regrettable that the school textbooks are not sufficient in terms of (portraying) the overall historical truth," Ban was quoted as saying by South Korean Yonhap news agency.

He said South Korea will not be able to cooperate with Japan on the future of Northeast Asia "if Japan does not look squarely at the reality."

Ban made the remarks hours after Japanese Education Ministry authorized several kinds of history textbooks which will be adopted by Japanese middle schools next year.

The South Korean Foreign Minister issued a statement on Tuesday condemning the Japanese Education Ministry's textbooks for distorting history.

"Our government expresses regret that some of the authorized Japanese textbooks...still include contents that justify and beautify (Japan's) past wrongdoing," the statement said.

South Korean political parties also expressed their anger over the authorization, saying Japan's move to distort history represents a serious challenge to regional peace.— MNA/Xinhua

## China launches new pricing mechanism for electricity

BEIJING, 6 April — China's National Reform and Development Commission said on Tuesday it has issued three new regulations on electricity pricing, which link the price of electricity with that of fuel.

The regulations concern the price of electricity power grids buy from power generation companies, the price of electricity transmission, and the price of electricity power grids sell to users, said an official of the commission.

According to the regulations, the purchase price will be set in line with the principle of reasonably compensating the cost and reasonable profit and tax, or by means of government bidding. The purchase price will fluctuate according to changes in the price of fuel.

The formulation of the price of electricity transmission is based on the "cost plus returns", said the official.— MNA/Xinhua

## Blair admits Iraq war has eroded public trust in him

LONDON, 6 April — British Prime Minister Tony Blair admitted that the war in Iraq has badly eroded public trust in him, tackling one of his most difficult obstacles ahead of a 5 May general election.

In an interview with the GMTV television station, Blair, who announced the election date on Tuesday, was asked whether his backing for the March 2003 US-led war had done more to erode public trust in him than anything else.

"Yes, I would accept that," he said.

"I think trust is also about the things we prom-

ised in 1997 (when he was first elected), but you are right, Iraq has been a difficult issue for me," Blair said. "You learn something in government, and that is sometimes decisions come on your desk and whichever way you go there isn't a fence to sit on."

In the run-up to the Iraq war, Blair argued strongly that Britain should support

the conflict due to the immediate danger posed by Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's alleged stocks of weapons of mass destruction.

None were subsequently found after Saddam was deposed, leading to accusations that Blair misled a sceptical nation into war, something he has vehemently denied. — Internet



Police look at the remains of a destroyed vehicle following a car bomb blast previous night in central Baghdad on 6 April, 2005. — INTERNET



Shoppers walk at Nanjing Pedestrian Street on 6 April, 2005 in Shanghai, China. — INTERNET

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**Wu Yi hopes for improvement of China-Japan ties**

**BELING, 7 April**—Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi on Tuesday called for the improvement of China-Japan relations as soon as possible.

At a meeting with Ryutaro Hashimoto, president of the Japanese Council for the Promotion of International Trade (JCPIT) and former Japanese prime minister, Wu said this year is the 60th anniversary for Chinese people's victory over

Japan's invasion, which offers a new opportunity for the two countries to promote relations.

"China hopes Japan will handle well the historical issues and boost bilateral ties in the spirit of taking history as a mirror and looking forward to the future," Wu said.

Wu spoke highly of efforts made by the JCPIT to promote Sino-Japanese ties and expressed the hope that the friends from Japanese business community could cherish the existing foundation for cooperation and play an active role in promoting bilateral relations.

MNA/Xinhua

**Robust growth marks Asian economic performance in 2004**

**MANILA, 7 April**—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Wednesday that the developing countries in Asia achieved their best growth performance in 2004 since the Asian financial crisis of 1997-98, with the region's aggregate real gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by a 7.3-per-cent rate.

In its semi-annual report on Asian economic development, Asian Development Outlook 2005, the ADB also said that "robust growth" will prevail in Asia in the 2005-2007 period given the strong economic momentum in most regional economies together with a favourable external environment.

"Average real growth is expected to be between 6.5 per cent and 6.9 per

cent, supported by more buoyant domestic demand and strengthening intraregional trade," said the report.

The ADB report covers all Asian countries and regions except Japan and North Korea. It also covers South Pacific developing countries.

The report said that with the exception of Pacific developing countries, nearly all developing Asian economies

grew by more than 5 per cent in 2004, with the best performers being China, Hong Kong, India, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Singapore, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

It said that the overall growth performance was underpinned by continued strength in external demand, complemented by more buoyant domestic demand, with exports by the region rising by 25.5 per cent as compared

with 19.3 per cent in 2003.

The region was the beneficiaries of robust growth in major industrial countries, in particular the United States, said the report. Related with the 3.5-per-cent US economic growth, a global revival of electronic market, for which many Asian countries are major exporters, has greatly contributed to the growth, it said.

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**Commercial flights barred during Bandung Summit**

**JAKARTA, 7 April**—All commercial flights will be barred from landing in and taking off from the airport in the West Java town of Bandung on 24 April, when the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Asia-Africa Conference are held, an Indonesian official has said.

"The Husein Satrianegara Airport will be used to park eight prepared aircraft to transport the main state guests, including the Indonesian President and Vice-President," West Java Deputy Governor Nu'man Abdul Hakim was quoted Wednesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

The aircraft will include six Boeing 737-200 that will each carry 189 guests, including senior officials from participating countries. The other two aircraft will be for President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Vice-President Yusuf Kalla.

Nu'man said the committee had also prepared a backup Boeing aircraft as a contingency measure.

Each head of state, he said, is expected to take around 11 members but for the six-hour Golden

Jubilee celebrations in Bandung on 24 April, the committee will restrict the number of delegates per country to 20 people.

The government has said at least 55 heads of state and delegates from 105 participating countries will take part in the conference.

The flights carrying the state guests will fly from Jakarta starting at 6:30 am, at 20-minute intervals. Upon arrival at Bandung Airport, the guests will go directly to Savoy Homann Hotel, which is only 50 metres from Gedung Merdeka, where the Golden Jubilee celebrations will be held.

Nu'man said that if bad weather made it impossible to fly the state guests, they would be transported by train from Gambir railway station in Central Jakarta. — MNA/Xinhua

**China to promote regional cooperation process in Asia**

**BELING, 7 April**—China is willing to make concerted efforts with concerned parties to further promote regional cooperation process in Asia, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said here on Tuesday.

Qin told a regular Press conference that China attaches great importance to and takes an active part in the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) and other regional cooperation mechanisms.

The ACD, the sole official dialogue and cooperation mechanism oriented towards the whole of Asia, has made cooperation in some specific areas

since its founding in 2002, contributing to forming the consciousness of integrity in Asia, Qin said.

At the Fourth ACD Ministerial Meeting on 6 April in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will address the inaugural session as the keynote speaker, and Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing will attend the meeting,

according to Qin.

Foreign ministers of ACD member countries will exchange views on international and regional issues, and on the direction of Asian cooperation. All attendants will also discuss the specific cooperation field and mechanism construction of the ACD.

Two documents will be issued in the ministerial

meeting to reiterate political will of Asian countries to strengthen dialogue and cooperation, and to provide programming for the ACD to develop specific cooperation in such fields as the economy.

ACD is a Thai initiative and aims at exchanging views on promoting cooperation to build an Asia-wide regional bloc.

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**Int'l Trade Fair opens in Vietnam**

**HANOI, 7 April**—The 15th Vietnam International Trade Fair (Expo) opened here on Wednesday, featuring products of 500 Vietnamese and foreign companies from Asia, Europe and America.

"Vietnam Expo 2005 is an opportunity for enterprises in many countries to not only showcase their best products, but also access advanced technologies, seek partners, and establish long-term business relations in accordance with the international and regional integration." Vietnamese Trade Deputy Minister Luong Van Tu said when addressing the five-day

fair. During the fair, a number of business forums and seminars will be staged with main themes on ways to sharpen companies' competitive edges in the process of integration into the World Trade Organization, on developing trademarks and combating fake goods, he said.

Most of the participating enterprises from 11 countries and regions including China, North Ko-

rea, Japan, Czech and Cuba, operate in the fields of food, furniture, electronics, information technology, fashion, machinery and construction materials.

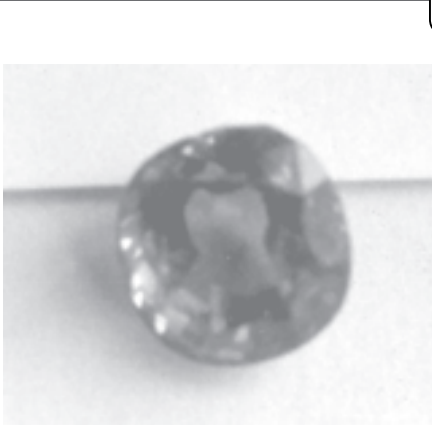
The previous international trade fair, Vietnam Expo 2004, was attended by 568 companies from 20 countries and regions, which signed contracts totalling 253 million US dollars. —MNA/Xinhua



Subaru driver Chris Atkinson of Australia corners past a farm shed in his Subaru during the shakedown before the official start of the 2005 Rally of New Zealand near Paparoa, north of Auckland, New Zealand, on 7 April, 2005. —INTERNET

# 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium

Article by Myint Lwin & photos by Thaung Win Bo & MNA



Sapphire weighing 13 carats.

Myanmar is abundantly rich in land and water resources. Out of the natural resources, Myanmar gems and jewellery, jade and pearl are in high demand in the world gems market.

The Myanmar Gems Emporium has been held since 1964, and it has now entered its 42nd anniversary in 2005. The 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium is in progress at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda

the intervals of the emporia.

At the 42nd MGE, local and foreign gems merchants are fascinated by gems pavilions of the MGE and the gems shops and mosaic paintings shops staged on the ground floor of the gems mart. Around the mart are chains of shops of imperial jade, utility jade and imperial jade and raw jade displayed as far as the eye can see, drawing the attention of the customers.

And lots of gems and pearls shown in a row on the top floor are like a scene to lure the buyers.

The quality and quantity of lots of jade, gems and pearls at the 42nd MGE is better and more than that of any other emporium or sales that have ever been held in the nation. More than 1,000 local and foreign merchants attended the emporium held from 2 to 4 April. The mer-

chants from the People's Republic of China took the keenest interest in the lots of jade sold through tender system and competitive bidding, and they bought many lots of jade offering many times of floor prices.

ellery to be sold with fixed prices.

The 42nd MGE has achieved greater success with greater number of local and foreign gems merchants.

Overall, such a fruitful result is indeed

due to combined efforts of the State and national companies, assistance of respective local administrative bodies, and prevalence of peace and stability of the nation.

Translation: MS \*



Lot of jade weighing 183.50 kgs that fascinated gems merchants.

In an interview, a Chinese gems merchant said that jade found in the jade-producing nations including China is just greenish precious stones, and in reality, high quality jade is peculiar to Myanmar. So, he annually visits the gems emporiums held in Myanmar and makes handsome profits by reselling the goods purchased in Myanmar at the international gems market.

Displayed at the 42nd MGE to be sold through tender system and competitive bidding were 2,140 lots of jade, 144 lots of gems, and 300 lots of pearls, and other lots of jade and gems, carvings, and jew-



Local and foreign gems merchants checking jade lots around Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.



A gold-colour pearls lot with 13 carats in weight.

## Cash and kind donated to social organizations

YANGON, 7 April — The cash donation ceremony of Myanmar Brewery Ltd was held at National Races Development Paharita (Tiger) School in Hline Township this morning.



Singaporean Ambassador Mr T Jasudasen donates K 3 million for Christian Mission for the Blind.—MNA

Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Maung Maung Aye, General Manager Dr David Teng, Deputy General Manager Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd) and Singaporean Ambassador Mr T Jasudasen donated K 3 million each to officials from National Races Development Paharita (Tiger) School, Aungzabu Youth Development Centre of Kawhmu Township,

Disabled Children School, Women Care Organization, Mary Chapman's Deaf and Dump School and Christian Mission for the Blind. Similarly, members of the social organization of Myanmar Brewery Ltd presented clothes and school stationery to seven social organizations. Later, officials briefed those present on functions of their social organizations.

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## Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

YANGON, 7 April— The Tachilek Special Anti-narcotic Drugs Squad, acting on information, searched Nyi Khan's house in Tawkaw village, Hongleik village-tract in Tachilek Township on 8 March and

seized 12000 stimulant tablets bearing WY in his bed-room. Action is being taken against him under Section 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Tachilek Police Station.—MNA

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# Senior General Than Shwe visits Kawthoung



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pay homage to Buddha image at Pyidawaye Pagoda in Kawthoung.— MNA



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Cape of Bayintnaung, construction of a retaining wall near Myoma Port, town development undertakings and the statue of King Bayintnaung and landscaping of its environs. And from the view point on the Ngathonlon Hill, they enjoyed the town's development.

At Pyidawaye Pagoda, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party paid obeisance to Buddha images. Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented cash donations for the pagoda.

The following day, Senior General Than Shwe held a meeting with Tatmadaw members and families and district and township level officials at the regional battalion. The Senior General said that "Our Three Main National Causes" is the inborn duty of the entire people. Hence, not only the Tatmadaw, but also the entire nationalities including civil service personnel should keep in the fore Our Three Main National Causes.

Based on Our Three Main National Causes, the strength of the three forces — the Government, the people

**Kawthoung is located in the southern tip of the nation. Whenever the state level officials visit Kawthoung, they see its developing situation. Like Kawthoung, other border towns including Muse, Tachilek, Myawady and Tamu are developing with greater momentum. The developments are the results of harmonious efforts of the State service personnel and people in implementing the projects under the leadership of the Government.**



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to Tatmadawmen and families of regiments and units of Kawthoung Station and departmental officials at Bayintnaung Hall in Kawthoung.— MNA

**Development has no limit. It must be continued till gaining greater momentum. Thus, all should make efforts to further develop the economy, per capita income and living standard of Kawthoung District. The border areas will be able to preserve and honour the national dignity and pride if they are able to develop and strengthen the economic, education and health sectors.**

and the Tatmadaw — should be combined to build a democratic nation. In this regard, all have the duty to develop and strengthen the political, economic and social sectors in all aspects region-wise to build a democratic state.

General Thura Shwe Mann also met them before the meeting. The General discussed

with officials matters concerning the per capita income of Kawthoung Township and District, local food sufficiency, matriculation examination pass rate, health and economic standard, and regional peace and stability. He said that Kawthoung is located in the southern tip of the nation. Whenever the state level officials visit

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye bids farewell to Vietnamese Chief of General Staff Senior Lt-Gen Phung Quang Thanh at the airport. (News on page 16)—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents photo album and video tapes on goodwill visit to Vietnamese Chief of General Staff Senior Lt-Gen Phung Quang Thanh at the airport. (News on page 16)—MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann meets Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units of Myeik Station at Yantaingaug Hall in Myeik.—MNA

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The General also met with Tatmadaw members and families of Myeik Station in Myeik on 5 April. He explained the Government's endeavours to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the role of the Tatmadaw members and families in the endeavours, and organization tasks. He cordially greeted them. The ministers who accompanied the Senior General also met with the personnel of their ministries in Myeik and Kawthoung on 4 and 5 April.

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General Thura Shwe Mann cordially converses with Tatmadawmen and family members of Myeik Station.—MNA



### Shanghai IIS meets Myanmar-ISIS

YANGON, 7 April — At the invitation of Myanmar Institute of

*The meeting of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and Shanghai Institute of International Studies in progress.—MNA*

Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar-ISIS), the visiting delegation led by Professor Madam Yu Xintian, President of Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS), called on Ambassador U Nyunt Tin, Secretary of Myanmar-ISIS at the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on relationship between China and Myanmar, and China-ASEAN affairs and international affairs of the South-East Asian region.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint expresses gratitude at the opening ceremony of the hospital. — MNA

**General Thura Shwe Mann attends opening...**

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health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation, the Government is rendering assistance to opening hospitals and dispensaries and upgrading tasks. Furthermore, doctors, nurses and midwives are appointed more.

In Taninthayi Division, there were 22 hospitals, 86 health care units and four traditional medicine dispensaries in 1988, but there are 27 hospitals, 88 health care units, one 16-bed traditional medicine hospital, eight traditional medicine dispensaries and one midwifery training school.

In addition, 10 hos-

pitals have been upgraded.

The wellwisher spent expenditure on construction of the hospital as well as donation of beds, supply of power, tubewell and water pump.

The Ministry of Health provided medical and hospital equipment and assigned duties to specialists, assistant surgeons, nurses and other ranks at the hospital.

Later, the minister thanked the wellwisher for his donations.

After the ceremony, General Thura Shwe Mann and party oversaw progress of Pulontonton Village and its environs of Kawthoung Township by car. — MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Mr Vikrom Aisiri formally open Kawthoung Township people's hospital (100-bed). — MNA

Wellwisher Mr Vikrom Aisiri hands over documents to Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Zaw.

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Kawthoung People's Hospital (100-bed). — MNA

**Filling stations to be kept open during Thingyan days**

YANGON, 7 April—The Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy will keep gas stations in Yangon open during the period of Thingyan Festival.

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**National Blood Bank opens on New Year's Day**

YANGON, 7 April—With a view to enabling blood donors to donate blood on Myanmar New Year's Day which falls on 17 April, the National Blood Bank (Central) of Yangon General Hospital will be opened from 9 am to 1 pm on that day. — MNA

**Rural development tasks inspected in Bago, Magway Divisions**

YANGON, 7 April—Director-General U Myo Myint of Department of Development Affairs inspected construction of roads in Zigon, Nattalin, Paungde, Paukhaung of Pyay District on 5 April morning.

The director-general met with officials in construction of the district-to-district roads in Bago Division (West) and Magway Division.

In Bago Division (West) has earth district-to-district roads stretching 125 miles and four furlongs. Out of the plan to build 69 miles and two furlongs earth road in Pyay District, construction of the road section measuring 65 miles and one furlong has been completed. On completion, the earth roads will be upgraded to the gravel roads.

On 2 April morning, the ceremony to mark the sufficient water supply for Saw Township was held at the junction of Saw. Officials formally opened the signboard marking water supply for Saw Township and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw of DAD unveiled the signboard. In Magway Division, Saw Township is the fifth of the supply of sufficient drinking water apart from Taungdwingyi, Minbu, Aunglan and Pwintbyu Townships. — MNA

# Efforts of the Tatmadaw for the homogeneous Union

*Chin Gya (Maubin)*

At the meeting No 2/2004 of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held on 30 December 2004, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that with the cumulative development of border areas, the entire nation would be able to enjoy equitable development, and then all the national races would be homogeneous. So, emphasis was to be placed on accomplishment of border areas development projects for ensuring equitable development of border areas and the national races living there rather than on commercial gains.

While Myanmar was under subjugation, the British colonialists gave hill regions, where the majority of nationalities lived, various names and divided them from the Myanmar proper through acts of discrimination. Before the era of dyarchy, the colonialists called them backward tracts. The colonialists branded them scheduled areas during the dyarchy era; special regions during the 91-division administration era; and frontier areas after the end of World War II, when Myanmar was under British reoccupation.

The colonialists in accord with their tradition, gave priority to timber and mining businesses in the hill regions, but did not do anything good for the development of the nationalities. They thought that only a little the missionaries did in health and education in the hill regions was enough for the natives. The colonialists did not give any chance to hill regions for development, but did the backwardness as an excuse to discriminate against them. In accord with their divide-and-rule policy, the colonialists exercised unequal administrative practices between the plains and hill regions.

Even after Myanmar regained independence, the ruling political parties, instead of developing the hill regions, were concentrating on the prolongation of their stay in power.

The consequences of the divide-and-rule policy had led the hill regions to insurgency for over 40 years. And it was due to the absence of peace and stability, that made them lag behind in development.

After the Tatmadaw had assumed the State duties in 1988, it founded the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races on 25 May 1989, with Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe at the helm.

The Tatmadaw then formed the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races on 31 May the same year. The Work Committee organized 18 subcommittees, with the respective deputy ministers as chairmen, to implement the task in accord with the guidelines laid down by the Central Committee. On 13 June 1989, 11 regional work committees were formed, under the leadership of the military command commanders and the heads of the respective state/division administrative bodies. Later subordinate work committees were formed at district and township levels.

The Ministry for Development of Border Areas and National Races was formed on 24 September 1992. On 30 January 1994, the Ministry for DBANR became the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, and its functions were extended.

The Government enacted the Border Areas and National Races Development Law on 13 August 1993. It drew the main plan covering various projects to systematically and energetically carry out the border areas and national races development tasks.

The border area development drive involves

seven states, two divisions and 18 regions covering a territory of 83,415.34 square miles. Sixty-eight townships, with a population of 5.3 million, are inclusive in the drive.

The Government has been developing all necessary sectors for progress of border areas. The sector of roads and bridges is essential for the border areas that lagged behind in development. Thus, priority has been given to the sector. Up to 12 February 2005, the Government had built 3,093 miles of earth roads, 1,871 miles of gravel roads and 329 miles of tar roads, and repaired and renovated 3,162 miles of roads. It had also built 55 major bridges, 694 small bridges and 32 suspension bridges. Even the interior regions of the border areas are now easily accessible thanks to the all-weather roads built at important places, and the transport development has further strengthened amity and flourished trade among the nationalities.

In the electricity sector, the Government has erected small and medium hydel power stations in eight towns of the border areas. In addition, 258 generators have been installed in 192 towns and villages. Thanks to the power supply, natives of the border regions now have electricity for cottage industries and general use. The living standard of the natives is improving as they have also built mini hydel power stations on self-reliant basis.

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The social, economic and administrative sectors have seen progress in many aspects as the Government has built 47 post offices, 42 telegraph offices, 80 telephone exchange stations in the areas.

As regards the education sector, it has built 72 high schools, 61 middle schools and 657 elementary schools. A total of 108,621 students — 7,381 high school students, 32,036 middle school students and 69,204 primary students — have attended classes in the current academic year.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, 26 youth development training schools and 18 vocational training schools for women have been opened in the areas to produce human resources. Two nationality youths resources development degree colleges, one each in Yangon and Mandalay, have been opened.

The two colleges have produced 256 nationality youth graduates, and they have been assigned duties at the departments. Twenty-eight of them who are qualified are permitted to attend the B-Tech course at Mandalay Technological University, and another 18 qualified persons are attending MA and MSc courses at Yangon University. A total of 552 nationality youths are pursuing Arts, Science and AGTI courses in 2004-2005 academic year.

A total of 13,415 national races young women

completed the courses of the vocational training centres for women established in the border areas. Therefore, it could avoid possible undesirable consequences of women after working in the other country to earn money. The centres trained them well, so they could enter their professions and there was no need to go abroad to earn money.

In connection with the health sector, the government constructed 57 hospitals, 35 rural health care centres, 80 dispensaries, and 64 sub-rural health care centres in border areas.

Regarding the agricultural sector, altogether 31 agricultural offices, 117 agricultural farms, and 11 tractor stations were established, 46 dam constructed or under construction, and 17 sites conducted surveys for dam projects in the far-flung areas. As a result, local people have enjoyed food sufficiency and opportunities for cultivation of cash crops.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, a total of 111,900 acres were targeted to implement a 10-year project for transition from the shifting cultivation system into the highland cultivation system in 2003-2004. So far, a total of 11,659 acres in Shan State, Chin State, Magway Division and Kyaukhtu region have been reclaimed.

With respect to the livestock breeding sector, it established 19 livestock breeding farms and 41 veterinary centres and distributed 111 pedigree cows and horses to local farmers.

In respect of the forestry sector, it established seven nurseries, four reserved forests and 12 saw-mills. It is also cooperating with local people to maximize production of forest products and to prevent deforestation.

With regard to the mining sector, it is providing assistance to explore mineral deposits, to systematically explore the deposits and to create job opportunities. From 1988 to 12 February 2005, the border areas development funds spent K 33,789 million and the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, K 29,564 million totalling 63,353 million with the aim of building good foundations for development of frontier areas.

The border areas development tasks are being implemented under the five objectives laid down by the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas, and one of which is "To eliminate poppy cultivation by establishing economic enterprises in border areas. Altogether 79.5 per cent of the expenditures was spent on the drugs eradication tasks.

At the same time, under the New Destiny Project, rice, cash assistance and poppy-substitute crops seeds were provided for the local farmers who discarded poppy cultivation. From 2001 to 2004, 19,300 bags of rice, 5,000 viss of salt, and K 196.5 million worth seeds of poppy-substitute crops were provided for the farmers. Starting from August 2004, 4,650 bags of rice are supplied monthly for the farmers in the projected areas.

In addition to the drive for elimination of poppy cultivation, measures are being taken effectively to prevent smuggling of raw materials and chemicals, used for production of narcotic drugs, from neighbouring countries into the nation. And drug control tasks are being carried out with added momentum for such border towns as Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung to become drug free zones.

Poppy cultivation is on the significant decrease due to the regional development, establishment of poppy-substitute agricultural and livestock breeding enterprises, and dissemination of educative

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Explanation on abbreviations:

1. "I/O" in I/O remote terminal stands for "input output".

2. "F/A" in F/A connectors stands for "factory automation".
3. "DIN" in DIN connectors stands for "Deutsche Industrie Normen".
4. "MIL" in MIL-type connectors stands for "(US) Military Specification".
5. "IC" in IC sockets stands for "integrated circuit".
6. "PPC" in control board for PPC stands for "pulsed power circuit".

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1. "Power factor controllers" are controllers for supplying of an electronic power.
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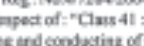
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**Greek police confiscate 39 luxury cars in tax fraud case**

ATHENS, 6 April — The Attica region financial crimes unit has confiscated 39 luxury cars after discovering a scam through which several cars had been put into circulation with paying due taxes and tariffs, *Athens News Agency* reported Tuesday. An investigation conducted with the Greek Customs office revealed that a ring that submitted forged Customs documents in order to obtain legal registration and licence plates for cars that had not paid taxes due, said the report.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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sugar replacements and substitutes; spices, herbal medicine, spice mixes, seasoning salts and flavourings in solid and liquid form; bread, cakes, and pastries, chocolate, chocolate and confectionery products; fresh, roasted and coated nuts, peanuts, palm nuts, pistachios, almonds and cashew nuts; roasted soya beans, coated raisins, coated sulfona, potato chips, popcorn, corn flakes and other cereals, snacks made of corn starch and flour as well as animal protein, namely snack cakes; nut pastes made as bread spreads, bread spreads essentially consisting of vegetable fat, sugar, and/or honey, and/or milk constituents, and/or corn syrup, and/or nougat and/or fruits, and/or fruit extracts with addition of ground and/or whole nuts, and/or peanuts, and/or soya beans, and/or cocoa, and/or cocoa extracts, and/or vitamins, and/or lecithin, and/or palm and other flavour-giving ingredients; baked goods, in particular crackers and teething biscuits; grain products as food, preferably food produced by puffing or roasting or baking, in particular ready-to-serve cereals as well as products in the form of bars with addition of sugar and/or honey, and/or cocoa, and/or fruits, and/or chocolate, and/or nuts; nut, namely food mix essentially containing cereal flakes and dried fruits; pastry creams in liquid and pasty form, fruit and vegetable preparations in dried, canned or frozen form; soups and soup preparations in dried, canned or frozen form; fruit soups, soup additions; sauces and sauce preparations, including salad dressings, also in dried, canned or frozen form; potato dumplings, french fries, potato flakes for food purposes, fried and not fried potato croquettes for food purposes, mixes for making potato dumplings, ravioli, samosas, namely filled and deep fried dough products, pasta; ice cream, frozen food and ready-to-serve meals, essentially consisting of meat, meat and fish products, prepared fish and seafood, game and poultry, flour products, vegetables, fruits, with addition of vegetables and/or pasta, also in filled form, and/or condiments, and/or sauces, and/or fruits, and/or potatoes, and/or rice, and/or legumes, also in prepared form, the above-mentioned products also in canned or frozen form; pudding mixes, cream pudding mixes, cream dessert mixes; instant jellies, glazes, sauce mixes, including salad dressing mixes, sweet and savory soup mixes, instant cream, baking powder, baker's yeast, vanilla sugar, cheese cake aid, namely preparations of vegetable thickening and gelling agents with addition of flavourings and/or colorants; cooking oils, flavourings, excluding essential oils, stabilizers for whipped cream, pastry cream mixes, cornstarch, ice cream mixes, preservatives, namely preserving agents for food, gelling agents for food, gelatin, acids bicarbonates, cake tin spray of liquid cooking fats and emulsifiers, frozen fruit and vegetables, frozen fish, frozen potato dumplings, frozen french fries; quark desserts, whipped cream, curd cheese and quark, also in prepared form; honey, invert sugar cream, marmalades and jams, whipping cream, cream fraiche, also with herbs and seasoning, yogurt, also with fruits, preserving sugar, gelling powder, tea mixes, instant tea mixes, ice tea mixes, peatin, curd cheese; food with dried fruit, in particular, orange and lemon peels; pizza; gelling and preserving agents for food; fruit gelling agents, namely fruit gelling powder, pectin in liquid, powder and pasty form, alginate, agar-agar, carob bean flour and vegetable gelatins; fruit and vegetables preserves, concentrated fruit juices, fish, meat and fruit jellies, fruit extracts, fruit juices, citric acid, preserving sugar, fermented and unfermented cooking cream essentially consisting of vegetable fat and milk constituents; cream for dessert making; all above-mentioned products, also as diet food or diet-suited food or with reduced calorie and carbohydrate content, also cooled or frozen; books, magazines and papers."

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ပညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွံ့ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး စည်ဆောက်ဖို့

**UN agency sets up housing fund for poor nations**

NAIROBI, 6 April — The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) on Tuesday announced that it has set up a housing fund for poor nations.

The UN agency has secured 10 million US dollars from various donor organizations to enable it set up a Slum Upgrading Facility, which is set for implementation this year.

UN-HABITAT's Executive Director Anna Tibaijuka said the organization has been working over the past two years to increase international and local resources to enable poor countries provide housing to its people.

The UN housing

agency has also secured additional 1.8 million dollars for the design phase of the housing facility currently being applied within east Africa with major slum dwellers in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania set to be major beneficiaries.

Speaking during the ongoing UN-HABITAT Governing Council meeting in Nairobi, Tibaijuka said increasing international and domestic support for shelter-related infrastructure is crucial to poverty reduction.

The Governing Council bringing together UN-HABITAT's main financiers, UN member states and mayors from cities from Africa and around the world, to discuss urbanization programmes and deliberate on policy issues.

The European Union at the meeting has presented an elaborate proposal, calling for a faster implementation of the proposed UN reforms to strengthen the activities of the housing agency,

saying the need to involve women in decision-making is crucial for the successful implementation of programmes.

The EU said the role and operations of UN-HABITAT needs to be re-examined and a proper evaluation of its staffing done to strengthen cooperation in order to avoid a gap between emergency recovery and sustainable development. The report was delivered by Tanya Van Gool, the Netherlands envoy to Kenya and permanent representative to the UN-HABITAT, who also warned that the humanity was facing a milestone this year with the number of people in urban areas set to outstrip the number of people in rural areas.

MNA/Xinhua

**"IT" sectors of India, US pledge multilateral cooperation**

WASHINGTON, 6 April — Top US economic policy development and advocacy organizations along with India's NASSCOM has pledged for "multilateral cooperation" between each other to realize "the new potential for expanding mutual opportunities for both the countries in the IT sector."

The economic liberalization process undertaken by the Government of India has begun to unleash India's potential as an economic power, showcasing India's strength in knowledge-intensive industries such as biotechnology, healthcare and Information Technology (IT), a joint statement issued by USIBC, CSI and NASSCOM after a meeting at the US Chamber of Commerce, headquarters of USIBC on Monday said.

US-India Business Council (USIBC) is the largest policy development body of US promoting its economic interest, and Coalition of Service Industries (CSI) is a trade advocacy organization, while National Association of Software and Service Companies is an Indian trade body representing software and services industry.

These sectors are areas of strength to the US economy, creating the first opportunities for trade negotiators from India and the US to begin a meaningful engagement at the WTO on issues where the two countries unequivocally stand to gain through multilateral liberalization, it said. — MNA/PTI

**Beijing to invest \$400m for building medical rescue network**

BEIJING, 6 April — Beijing is planning to invest 400 million US dollars to build an emergency medical rescue network for the 2008 Olympic Games, reported Monday's *Beijing Times*. The fund will be used to renovate the city's medical infrastructure and innovate equipment and build a three-layer rescue network for the sports event that covers the city proper, outskirts and neighbourhoods.

First-aid stations will be set up in 132 neighbourhoods in the city limits and 22 in the suburbs, the report said.

Beijing Emergency Medical Centre will purchase 400 additional ambulances and helicopters to deal with emergencies during the 2008 Olympic Games.

All venues, training places and news centres for the Games will have 24-hour medical services. Express passage will be given for transporting the injured and ill to foreign countries, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

**China to strengthen management of beauty industry**

BEIJING, 6 April — The Ministry of Commerce recently released a notice, asking local governments to improve the management of the beauty and hairdressing industry and guide the industry to set up a "blacklist" mechanism to punish illegal companies.

The notice said that China's beauty and hairdressing industry has experienced rapid development in the past 20 years, a process during which much illegal activity has stymied further development.

It called on local commercial departments to work out plans for the industry, encourage the setting up of chainstore beauty parlours, and guide companies in improving self-discipline and providing trustworthy service.

Presently, China has nearly 1.6 million beauty parlours, employing 9.4 million people and reporting business incomes of 176.2 billion yuan (approximately 21.5 billion US dollars). The industry has seen an annual growth rate of 15 per cent. But in the meantime, statistics from the China Consumer Association and the China Beauty and Hairdressing Association show that in the past ten years, more than 200,000 disputes involving beauty parlours

have been reported, in which nearly 300,000 people have been injured to various degrees by illegal or improper operations in the beauty salons.

To put the industry on a healthy developmental track, the Ministry of Commerce issued a temporary regulation on the management on the industry in November 2004. In addition, the ministry is trying to promulgate detailed standards for the industry.

MNA/Xinhua



A child seen holding on to his mother at a paediatric section of Gulu hospital in northern Uganda in this March 2005 file photo. — INTERNET

**China favours consensus on UNSC expansion**

UNITED NATIONS, 6 April — In a setback to India and other G-4 nations, who are seeking an early resolution on expansion of UN Security Council, China has said any decision on the issue should be made not by vote in the General Assembly but through consensus, which many fear will stall or even scuttle the process.

China's UN Ambassador Wang Guangya told reporters that the main

objective of the expansion should be to increase the number of members from

the developing world because there was an imbalance in the Council com-

position.

China, he said, has not yet made its mind on various candidates seeking permanent membership but a full discussion among member states is required to reach a consensus, the absence of which would be detrimental to the UN. His comment came following Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call for enlarging the Council by September when a summit of world leaders is scheduled at the United Nations. — MNA/PTI

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၃။	Air Compressor Spare Parts	Lot	၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၅
၄။	Raw Materials for Refractories	10 Items	၂၇-၄-၂၀၀၅
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**မြန်မာ့ကြွေးမြေထည်မြေထည်လုပ်ငန်း**

Space Shuttle Discovery moves towards launch pad 39B as the sun sets at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 6 April, 2005. — INTERNET

## World champion Xia bows out at Japan Open

TOKYO, 7 April — China's world champion Xia Xuanze suffered another premature exit on Wednesday as he went down 15-2, 15-12 to South Korean qualifier Lee Cheol-ho in the second round of the Japan Open badminton tournament here.

Xia, who fell at the first hurdle at last month's All England Open in Birmingham, failed to rebound from a nightmare first set.

Another big-name casualty on the first day of the tournament was defending champion Ronald Susilo of Singapore, who lost 15-5 and 17-16 to Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia in the second round.

But China's world number one Lin Dan remained the player to beat as he eased past Englishman Aamir Ghaffar 15-6, 15-9 while Danish rival Peter Gade overpowered Japan's Yuichi Ikeda 15-1, 15-5.

Indonesia's Olympic champion Taufik Hidayat had a walkover when Malaysian opponent Sairul Amar Ayob retired with an ankle injury with Hidayat leading 15-11. — MNA/Xinhua



Bayern Munich's Ze Roberto fires in a free kick as Chelsea's Didier Drogba, Frank Lampard and Glenn Johnson, from left, try to block during the UEFA Champions League quarter-final 1st leg soccer match between Chelsea and Bayern Munich at Stamford Bridge in London, on 6 April, 2005. Chelsea won the match 4-2.—INTERNET

## AC Milan beat Inter while Chelsea see off Bayern

LONDON, 7 April — AC Milan have one foot in the semifinals with a 2-0 win over city rivals Inter on Wednesday while Chelsea beat visiting Bayern Munich 4-2 in the first leg of Champions League quarterfinals.

Chelsea, with coach Jose Mourinho serving a two-match touchline ban, managed to score only four minutes into the game, with a deflected long-range shot by Joe Cole. Bayern hit in the equalizer in the 52nd minute when halftime substitute Bastian Schweinsteiger tapped in after goalkeeper Petr Cech failed to hold a Ze Roberto shot.

Chelsea regained the lead on the hour when inspirational England midfielder Frank Lampard seized on a Didier Drogba flick to score from just outside the box.

Lampard, a front-runner for England's Footballer of the Year award, put the game, and the quarterfinal tie, firmly in the Blues' hands with a world-class third goal in 70th minute.

Claude Makelele lofted a deep cross into the box and Lampard showed remarkable technique to control the ball on his chest, turn and lash

a left-footed volley past Olivier Kahn.

Drogba made amends for some early misses when he smashed home from close range after Kahn had kept out Gudjohsen's shot 10 minutes from time.

But as the Germans looked doomed Bayern gave themselves a glimmer of hope with a late Michael Ballack penalty.

Dutch official Rene Temmink awarded the spot-kick in the second minute of injury-time for Ricardo Carvalho's challenge on Ballack and the German international easily put the ball home from the spot.

The two Milan clubs met in the semifinals two years ago with AC Milan advancing on away goals having drawn their "away" leg 1-1 after a goalless first leg.

Six-times champions Milan this time found the net twice.

The first came in first-half stoppage time when centre back Jaap Stam rose highest to head home Andrea Pirlo's right-wing free-kick.

Milan's opener came against the run of play after Inter had dominated, with Dida brilliantly denying Siniša Mihajlovic, Juan Veron and Julio Cruz.

Pirlo was also the provider of the second in the 74th minute as another tempting free kick was headed in from point-blank range by fit-again striker Andriy Shevchenko on his first appearance for nearly two months.

It will be Inter's turn to be the home team on Tuesday, when Chelsea will play in Munich.

MNA/Xinhua



AC Milan's defender Dutch Jaap Stam is congratulated by teammate Clarence Seedorf after scoring a goal against Inter Milan during their first leg Champions League quarter-final clash at San Siro Stadium. AC Milan won 2-0.—INTERNET

## Russia not to include Sharapova in Fed Cup team

MOSCOW, 6 April — Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova will miss Russia's Fed Cup first-round Tie against Italy later this month because of her hectic tournament schedule.

Russian Tennis Federation head and Fed Cup captain Shamil Tarpishchev, who had been to Miami to try and persuade the 17-year-old to join the squad, said: "I spoke to her father and we decided not to (include her).

"It is a burden to play all the tournaments in a row."

However, he did not rule out selecting Sharapova later in the event.

Tarpishchev named a squad of French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, French and US Open runner-up Elena Dementieva, Elena Bovina and Dinara Safina to begin the defence of Russia's 2004 title.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cuban Olympic champion not to take part in taekwondo worlds

HAVANA, 7 April — Cuban Ingel Volodia Matos, gold-medallist in Sydney 2000, will not participate in the taekwondo world championships set for 13-17 April in Madrid.

Matos (80-kg) satisfactorily recovers from a lesion that keeps him away from training, national commissioner Alejandro Perez said on Wednesday.

The Cuban national team for the world championships is to be headed by Yanelis Labrada, the Olympic silver medallist in the 49-kg category in Athens, who will debut in the 55-kg category.

The team also includes Yanelis Montejo (51-kg), Gerlet Viera (67) and Alberto Celestrin (84).

The team coaches are Rene Garcia and Ramon Arias.

MNA/Xinhua

## German referee released on bail

BERLIN, 7 April — German referee Dominik Marks who had been arrested four weeks ago under suspicion of match-fixing was released on bail on Wednesday.

Police arrested Marks on March 9 on the basis of information supplied by Robert Hoyzer, the Berlin-based referee who has admitted taking 67,000 euros (86,160 US dollars) in bribes to fix games for a Croatian betting ring.

Marks, who like Hoyzer referees in the lower divisions in Germany, had already been provisionally suspended by the German Football Association (DFB).

He has had to turn in his and his wife's passports as a condition of bail.

The DFB recommended on Wednesday a six-month ban for Bundesliga referee Torsten Koop for not reporting Hoyzer quickly enough.

Koop informed the DFB in February that Hoyzer had tried to recruit him to join a betting ring during the previous month.

The DFB, unhappy at Koop's failure to come forward sooner, gave him a provisional suspension on February 14. — MNA/Xinhua

## Draw held for Asian woman's soccer

HANOI, 7 April — A lost-drawing ceremony was held here on Wednesday for the Asian woman's soccer championships, the Vietnam News Agency reported on Wednesday.

The June 12-24 tournament in Hanoi has drawn teams from 16 countries and regions.

Traditional finalists China, Japan, South Korea and North Korea are automatic finalists.

The 12 other teams are to compete firstly in the preliminary phase consisted of four groups. The top two teams of each group qualify for the final match.

MNA/Xinhua

## Uganda Boxing Commission lifts ban on Kenya counterparts

KAMPALA, 6 April — The Uganda Professional Boxing Commission (UPBC) has lifted a temporary ban on its Kenyan counterparts, KPBC after the latter agreed to produce an official report on the death of Ugandan boxer Med Basule, local Press reported on Tuesday.

The ban clearance came after the KPBC elected Peter Orwa as its new chairman, replacing controversial former leader Momba Kariuki.

The UPBC suspended ties with Kenya after the Kariuki-led KPBC refused to make an official report into the death of Basule last December. Basule died after a fight in Nairobi.

MNA/Xinhua

### Efforts of the Tatmadaw...

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talks on dangers of narcotic drugs among the national races in border areas.

According to the data collected by Myanmar and the US' annual statement on poppy output based on the survey jointly conducted by Myanmar and the US, and the release of the UNODC, there is a sharp fall in the poppy cultivation and production in Myanmar.

Under the report issued on 11 October 2004 by the UNODC, the total area of poppy cultivation in 2004 in Myanmar was 44,200 hectares. So its poppy cultivation decreased by 29 per cent if compared to that in 2003, and decreased by 73 per cent if compared to that in 1996.

Up to 12 February 2005, the Tatmadaw Government spent K 63,353 million for progress of border areas where the majority of national races reside — K 33,789 million from the border areas development funds and K 29,564 million from the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

It is the Tatmadaw Government's concept that peace must be restored first in border areas for regional progress. It managed to help gain national reconciliation by holding negotiations and to build mutual trust with the 17 national races armed groups to pave the way for them to return to the legal fold. Now, these national races armed groups are participating in the border areas development undertakings in collaboration with the government.

Now, the Tatmadaw is making unremitting efforts with might and main in implementing development projects such as the 24 special regions development project and the five rural development project based on the progress of the border areas for ensuring equitable progress of all states and divisions of the Union including border areas and rural areas, in other words, just for ensuring a homogeneous Union.

Now, the entire Union is witnessing and enjoying rapid and dramatic progress thanks to the Tatmadaw's efforts for ensuring a homogeneous Union.

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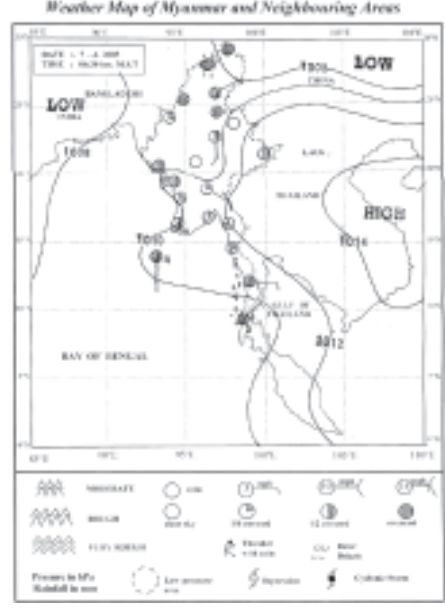
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 မြန်မာ့စီးပွားရေးဘဏ်၊ ဦးဆောင်ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးနှင့်  
 ဝန်ထမ်းများ။

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 ဥက္ကဋ္ဌ၊ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်ဟေ့ဘာ့နှင့် ဝန်ထမ်း မိသားစုများ။

**Br. James Gabriel, FSC**  
 Age (76)  
 Brother James Gabriel, FSC, passed away at Thukhagaba Hospital on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 7:30 am. He was the son of Saya Gabriel and Daw Bibiana (deceased), the brother of Didacus (deceased). Br. Gabriel FSC. (deceased). Alphonse, Marinu (deceased). Sr. Fidelis (IJ, Malaysia) Joseph, Louis and Bishop John Gabriel (deceased). Funeral Mass at St. Augustine's Church, Inya Road at 9:00 am on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April followed by burial service at St. Francis Church Compound, Tamwe, Yangon. **Dela Salle Brothers**



### WEATHER

**Thursday, 7 April, 2005**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.20) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (6°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (7°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) below normal in Bago Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (40°C) each in Magway and Patheingyi.

Maximum temperature on 6-4-2005 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 7-4-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-4-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 6-4-2005 was (9.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 7-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.59 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.69 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.32 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (21:55) hours MST on 6-4-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 8-4-2005:** Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be 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:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-4-2005:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-4-2005:** Generally fair weather.

**သတိ**  
 ရန်ကင်းမြို့တော်အတွင်း ယွန်းမတီးရ၊  
 ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

**TV Myanmar**

**Friday, 8 April**  
**View on today:**

**7:00 am**  
 1. ကျေးဇူးပြုခင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်  
 ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာ  
 နာယကအဖွဲ့အတန်းတော်ဆောင်  
 ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊  
 အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊  
 တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊  
 ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ  
 ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**  
 2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**  
 3. Morning news

**7:40 am**  
 4. Nice and sweet song

**7:55 am**  
 5. The mirror images of the musical oldies

**8:10 am**  
 6. ဝိလ်မြတ်ထွန်းကံတား

**8:20 am**  
 7. ခါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ

**8:30 am**  
 8. International news

**8:45 am**  
 9. English for Everyday Use

**4:00 pm**  
 1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
 3. Practice in Reading

**4:45 pm**  
 4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**  
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး  
 ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ  
 -ဒုတိယနှစ် (စာတရားအထူးပြု)  
 (စာတရား)

**5:15 pm**  
 6. Song of national races

**5:30 pm**  
 7. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန် အားတစား  
 အခြေခံ

**5:45 pm**  
 8. Musical programme

**6:00 pm**  
 9. ခါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ

**6:15 pm**  
 10. Discovery  
 6:20 pm  
 11. Song of yesteryears

**6:30 pm**  
 12. Evening news

**7:00 pm**  
 13. Weather report

**7:05 pm**  
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတလမ်းတွဲ  
 "ရစ်စော့ညီစ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

**7:30 pm**  
 15. ခါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ

**7:40 pm**  
 16. မြတ်နိုးစွာနိမ့်နိမ့်ရည်မြော် ဓမ္မရည်  
 မိခင်အလှတော်

**8:00 pm**  
 17. News  
 18. International news  
 19. Weather report  
 20. Myanmar video feature:  
 "ကုညီရွှင်လွန်းလို့" (အပိုင်း-၂)  
 (လွင်နိုး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်)  
 (ခါနီးကတား-ကျော်စောလင်း)

**21. ခင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး  
 ဦးဝိမိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်  
 ဆယ်ရက် နာမေတ္တာဘဝနာ  
 ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်**

**22. The next day's programme**

**Radio Myanmar**

**Friday, 8 April**  
**Tune in today:**

**8.30 am** Brief news  
**8.35 am** Music: Say in I love you  
**8.40 am** Perspectives  
**8.45 am** Music: Too hard you're no good  
**8.50 am** National news/Slogan  
**9.00 am** Music: Move away  
**9.05 am** International news  
**9.10 am** Music: Absolutely  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
 -The perfect fan  
 -Give it up  
 -Sleeping child  
**9.00 pm** World of music:  
 Songs from Japan  
**9.15 pm** Article/Music  
**9.25 pm** Music at your request  
 -When you say nothing at all  
 -The girl from yesterday  
 -If we hold on together  
 -It's your love  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

**Vietnamese Chief of General Staff and party leave for home**

YANGON, 7 April — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye bade farewell to Chief of General Staff Senior Lieutenant-General Phung Quang Thanh and party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Also present at the airport were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Charge d'Affaires of the Vietnamese Embassy Mr Pham Ban Cu,



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Vietnamese Chief of General Staff Senior Lieutenant-General Phung Quang Thanh and party at Yangon International Airport.— MNA

Military Attaché Sr Col Nguyen Van Thanh and officials. At 9.35 am, Vietnamese Senior Lieutenant-General Phung Quang

Thanh and party arrived at the airport where they were cordially greeted by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye. Next, Vice-

Senior General Maung Aye presented photo album and video tapes on the goodwill visit to Senior Lieutenant-General

Phung Quang Thanh. Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party bade farewell to Chief of General Staff Senior

Lieutenant-General Phung Quang Thanh and party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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**General Thura Shwe Mann attends opening of Kawthoung People's Hospital (100-bed)**

YANGON, 7 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann attended and delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the People's Hospital (100-bed) built in Kawthoung on 6 April morning.

Also present on the occasion were Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, ministers, departmental officials, the wellwisher, members of the social organizations, teachers, students and local people.

First, national race youths formally opened

the signboard of the hospital. General Thura Shwe Mann and party sprinkled scented water on the signboard.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and wellwisher Andaman Club Co Ltd Chairman Mr Vikrom Aisiri cut the ribbon to open the hospital.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann and party cordially greeted those present.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the plaque of the hospital. General Thura Shwe Mann and party sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

The General and party inspected the medical

store, the emergency operation room, intensive care unit, operation theatre, the lab, and X-ray room.

They also viewed round the special rooms and display of health educative posters.

Next, the ceremony to mark the opening of the hospital followed at the hall. The wellwisher explained

**In Taninthayi Division, there were 22 hospitals, 86 health care units and four traditional medicine dispensaries in 1988, but there are 27 hospitals, 88 health care units, one 16-bed traditional medicine hospital, eight traditional medicine dispensaries and one midwifery training school. In addition, 10 hospitals have been upgraded.**

the purpose of the donations and handed over documents related to the hospital to Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Zaw.

The wellwisher also presented gifts to General Thura Shwe Mann and party.

After that, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported that the Government is providing health care services to the people in the entire nation including remote areas. By laying down the objective 'Uplift of

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General Thura Shwe Mann inspects Kawthoung People's Hospital (100-bed).— MNA

**INSIDE**

The Government has built 3,093 miles of earth roads, 1,871 miles of gravel roads and 329 miles of tar roads, and repaired and renovated 3,162 miles of roads from 1989 to 12 February 2005.

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