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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

## Contributions of entrepreneurs in nation-building endeavours indispensable for nation

### State regards entrepreneurs as its colleagues

YANGON, 19 April —Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, who accompanied Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on his tour of Rakhine State, yesterday morning met with the chairman of Thandwe District

Peace and Development Council and members, the chairmen of Thandwe Township and Taungup Township Peace and Development Councils and members, departmental officials, entrepreneurs, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and townselders at the hall of the local battalion in Thandwe, Rakhine State.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of Rakhine



General Thura Shwe Mann meets with officials in Thandwe.—MNA

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*When we study the speeches of the SSNA leaders, we have come to know that their words have come from their hearts and they spoke in view of serving the people's interest.*

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State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, ministers, deputy ministers, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of department.

In his address, General Thura Shwe Mann said that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe leading members of the State Peace and Development Council, ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department was there to add the momentum of development of Thandwe District and fulfill the necessary requirements.

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for regional development

The government of the Union of Myanmar is fulfilling all the necessary requirements to strengthen the national economy and enhance the living standard of the people.

Development of the agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in our effort to strengthen the national economy. Therefore, the government and national entrepreneurs of the private and cooperative sectors are working together for the development of the agriculture sector. The government, on its part, is rendering assistance to the entrepreneurs in order that they can fully participate in all national endeavours.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe often visits states and divisions, inspects regional and national development projects and construction work there, fulfils requirements and give guidance to responsible personnel. During his visit to Rakhine State, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met with those responsible at the Annawa Yeiktha Hall in Thandwe on 18 April. At the meeting, the Head of State stressed that a region could develop only if it had two or three main economic industries, that the private sector was being encouraged and entrepreneurs given more rights as there were difficulties and limitations facing the government in carrying out some matters and that development of each region called for active and enthusiastic participation of national entrepreneurs.

Better transport is the key to the development of a region. This being so, the government is building new roads and bridges the length and breadth of the Union for regional development and for higher living standard of the people. Also in Rakhine State, as in other states and divisions, new roads and bridges are being constructed for development of trade and production. Out of the nine bridges being built on the Kyaukphyu-Maei road, six have been finished. The remaining three - Thanthamache, Thazintanpauk and Wanphike bridges - are going to be completed soon. While the government is fulfilling the requirements for regional development, national entrepreneurs and farmers are required to grow more paddy for food security for the people in the region.

In addition to the main industry, local farmers and people should also engage in the cultivation of rubber and pepper and the breeding of shrimps. We would like to call on the entire national entrepreneurs to strive for regional development in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State.

## 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 Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and wife present offertories to a Sayadaw at the fifth communal ordination and novitiation ceremony of the Ministry of Transport.*

TRANSPORT



## Foreign Minister leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 19 April— Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Dr H Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win left for Indonesia to attend the Ministerial Meeting of the Asian-African Summit 2005 to be held in Jakarta on 20 April.



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win being seen off at the airport before his departure for Indonesia.—MNA

The minister was seen off at the airport by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, department heads under the MOFA and Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito.

MNA

## Summer golf training course on 22 April

YANGON, 19 April— With the aim of turning out new generation youth golfers and enabling the players to systematically play golf, Han Golf Masters organized summer golf training courses starting from 22 April at Pan Hlaing Golf Course.

The courses include basic training courses and round-the-course training and each will last 3 weeks. Those interested are to enlist in person at No 15 A Kanbawza Road, Shwetaunggya Ward, Bahan Township (phone number 542989). — MNA

## Tube-well donated for Cintamani Pagoda in Singu

YANGON, 19 April— Organized by Hsimee 9900 Association of Insein, a ceremony to donate cash for sinking tube-well at Cintamani Pagoda in Myogon ward in Singu, NyaungU Township was held on 17 April (Myanmar New Year Day) at Wahkintaung Monastery in Insein Township.

First, the congregation received the five precepts from Sayadaw U Tekkhanayana. Patron of the association U Soe Win explained matters on all-round renovation of the pagoda. Next, wellwisher U Win Lwin-Daw Aye (a) Daw Aye Myint Sein and family donated K 450,000 to officials. —MNA

## Workshop on registration law of business groups

YANGON, 19 April— Workshop on registration law of business groups organized by Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association will be held on 23 April from 10 am to 12 noon at the MICT Park in Hline Township. Members of MCIA and those interested may attend the workshop. For further information dial 652238.

MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin being seen off on 18-4-2005 at Yangon International Airport before its departure for Thailand to attend the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in Bangkok. — MNA

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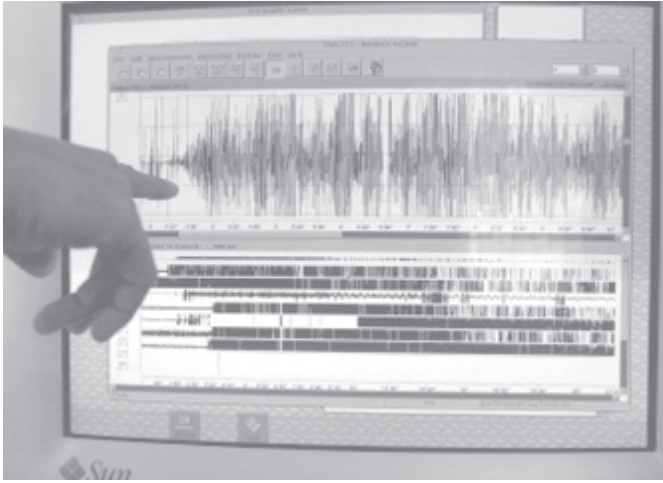
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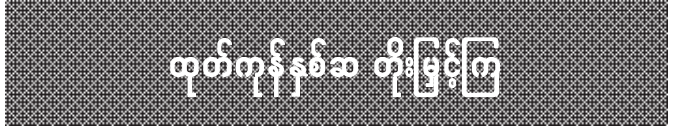
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A computer image of a seismograph reading. A powerful earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale jolted the Pacific Ocean east of Japan near an uninhabited volcanic island home to endangered birds on 19 April, 2005. — INTERNET



## Indian PM presents birth certificate to Musharraf

**NEW DELHI, 18 April—** Evoking nostalgia for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday afternoon handed over to him his birth certificate and a painting of the Haveli in old Delhi where the visiting leader had spent his early childhood.

After their two-hour long talks at Hyderabad House here, Singh presented to Musharraf a large painting of the Neherwali Haveli in Chandhi Chowk, where the Pakistani President's family lived before it migrated across the border.

certificates -- his own and those of his elder brother and sister. The birth certificates were presented in brown leather folders.

Musharraf and his siblings were born in Lala Girdharilal Maternity Hospital located in Kamala market here.

Musharraf was also gifted three birth

MNA/Xinhua

## Musharraf's visit to India fruitful

**NEW DELHI, 18 April—** Visiting Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf ended his hectic meetings with Indian leaders on Sunday by achieving remarkable results in pushing forward the peace process with India.

During his two-and-half-hour-long talks with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi, both sides agreed to establish the rail link between Munabao in India's Rajasthan and Khokhrapar in Pakistan's Sindh Province by December.

The two leaders also agreed to raise the frequency of Srinagar- Muzaffarabad bus service linking the separate Kashmir and significantly improve their trade ties by reviving the bilateral joint commission which last met in 1989.

They also agreed to set up a joint business council to intensify contacts between the private sectors of the two countries.

Emerging from the talks, Indian Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran told reporters here that the issue of the disputed Kashmir came up during the discussions,

adding that Singh was in favour of increased transportation, border movement of people, cross-line of control and border trade to help the process and to resolve more complex problems in the future.

The Prime Minister referred to the assurance given in last January's joint statement that no part of Pakistani territory would be used for terrorist activities against India and this had helped in opening up opportunities, improving relations and taking them forward.

Saran said a joint statement, which would be issued Monday, was being worked out detailing the specifics of the discussions that covered issues like Siachen, Baglihar, Sir Creek, opening up of more points along the Line of Control in Kashmir and reopening of respective consulates in Karachi and Mumbai, etc.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand plans committee to back Surakiart's bid for UN post

**BANGKOK, 18 April —** Thailand plans to set up a working committee to run the country's campaign to support the Deputy Prime Minister Surakiart Sathirathai's bid for the post of secretary-general of the United Nations in the next month or so, the state-run Thai News Agency reported Sunday.

Considerable progress has been made in securing backing for Surakiart, especially at the recent 4th ministerial meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, Jakrapob Penkair, a senior member of the Prime Minister's Office, was quoted by the agency as saying.

Most Asian countries at the meeting wanted to see an Asian candidate elected to replace Kofi Annan, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Import of edible vegetable oils plunges at Shenzhen Port

**SHENZHEN, 18 April—** The import of edible vegetable oils through Shenzhen, a boomtown facing Hong Kong, went down by 38.9 per cent to 88,000 tons in the first quarter of the year, according to the local Customs.

The imported edible vegetable oils were worth 150 million US dollars, a drop of 42.6 per cent from a year earlier.

According to the Customs, imported soybean oil made up 21,000 tons and dropped by 48.2 per cent and rapeseed oil made up 30,000 tons and dropped by 33.4 per cent, while palm oil jumped by 63.6 per cent to 12,000 tons.

A Customs officer attributed the changes in imported edible oil varieties, especially soybean oil, to the implementation of a set of new standards for imported soybean oil and new state standards of edible oils beginning on 1 October, 2004.—MNA/Xinhua

## Shanxi Province to shut down 404 heavily polluting enterprises

**TAIYUAN, 18 April—** Shanxi Province will shut down 404 heavily polluting companies by 30 June this year, in a bid to improve the environment and restructuring the local economy, said sources with the provincial government on Sunday.

The first group of 383 heavily polluting enterprises in the province had been closed by 31 March. They include coal, coking, electricity, metallurgical, chemical and building materials companies.

The provincial government stressed that authorities at the county level must take charge of eliminating the heavily polluting enterprises with the worst result in environmental protection. Shanxi is a major coal production base in China. — MNA/Xinhua

## 1,556 US soldiers killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 18 April—** As of Monday, 18 April, 2005, at least 1,556 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 1,184 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Monday.

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, 1,418 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,071 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Miss World 2004,

Peruvian Maria

Julia Mantilla

Garcia, receives a

kiss from an

Acehnese boy

during her visit to

a village in

Indonesia's Aceh

Province

on 18 April, 2005.

INTERNET



## Three US soldiers killed near Ramadi

**BAGHDAD, 18 April —** Three US soldiers were killed and seven others wounded in a mortar attack on a US Marine base near the Iraqi city of Ramadi west of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

The attack occurred on Saturday night when guerrillas fired mortar rounds at the base, the military said in a statement. Three of the wounded were evacuated for treatment. The rest sustained minor injuries and two of them have returned to duty, according to the statement.

The attackers fled from the area to a nearby mosque, but Iraqi security forces failed to capture them after searching the area, it added.

About 1,550 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.—MNA/Xinhua

# S Korean President returns from Germany, Turkey tour

SEOUL, 18 April — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun returned home Monday after winding up his eight-day tour of Germany and Turkey, which focused on enhancing bilateral economic ties and other issues of mutual and international concern.

Roh began his first overseas trip of the year on April 10 when he flew into Berlin for a five-day state visit there to meet with German President Horst Koehler, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and other political, economic and cultural figures.

The German leaders supported South Korea's bid to resolve the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula peacefully through the six-party talks and urged North Korea to return to the multilateral talks.

During the state visit, the South Korean President for the first time made publicly his stance over Germany's bid to become a permanent United Nations Security Council member on last Thursday. Roh said South Korea would extend its support if Germany succeeded

in persuading the US to agree on raising the number of UNSC standing members.

South Korea, along with Italy, Pakistan and other countries, hope the United Nations will add more UNSC's standing members instead of permanent members. Roh and German leaders agreed to make joint efforts to increase the volume of two-way trade to 20 billion US dollars in the near future, up from 16.8 billion dollars last year.

While Roh was in Germany, the two sides signed 12 memorandums of understanding on cooperation in the fields of digital multimedia broadcasting, electronic government, information technology regulations and the information superhighway.—MNA/Xinhua

## ခက်ခွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

A volcano spewed ash in the Indian Ocean Comoros islands for a second day on 18 April, 2005, stoking fears the angry mountain's first eruption in more than a decade could release a river of deadly lava. INTERNET



# Saigon Pearl project in Ho Chi Minh City kicks off

HO CHI MINH CITY (Vietnam), 18 April — The construction of highest buildings in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City, 37-storey apartment blocks and complexes owned by a Hong Kong-Vietnam joint venture, started on Saturday.

The Saigon Pearl project is unique in many ways. It is the biggest-ever property development in Ho Chi Minh City, which is designed to provide all-in-one serviced, high-quality commercial, high-rise residential and office facilities, complemented with world-class landscaping and management services, Jonathan Choi Koon-shum, Director of the joint venture Vietnam Land SSG and president of the Hong Kong-based Sun Wah Group, addressed the ground-breaking ceremony.

Covering an area of some 10 hectares in Binh Thanh District, the project on building eight apartment blocks with 37 stories and four office buildings with 13-25 stories is a sign of fine friendship and cooperation ties between China and Vietnam in general, between Hong Kong and Vietnam in particular, he stated.

MNA/Xinhua



Thick smoke rises above the crude oil pipeline near Fatha, between the Kirkuk oil fields and the Baiji refinery in northern Iraq, after guerillas attacked it on 19 April, 2005. — INTERNET

# China may issue 1st law on introducing overseas experts in 2005

WUHAN, 18 April — China's first law on introducing overseas experts may be issued in 2005 in order to help better find the experts China needs and protect their rights in the country, said Li Bing, deputy director-general of State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA).

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, Li said SAFEA had already proposed the draft law to be deliberated. "The law may promote the internationalization and standardization of China's practice of introducing foreign experts, and help us find the most needed experts, especially those senior experts in the fields of finance, law, international trade and high technology," she said.

Foreign experts play very important role in promoting China's social and economic construction. According to the National Statistics Bureau, every year China introduces more than 240,000 foreign experts. Since China took the reform and opening-up policy in late 1970s, it has altogether introduced over 2.5 million foreign experts in the fields of agriculture, education, manufacturing and news reporting.

Li said these experts brought their advanced technology and managing experience to China, and made great contribution to China's economic progress and enterprise reform. Moreover, such personnel exchanges actively promote the trade cooperation between China and foreign countries, which not only benefit China but also foreign countries.

"Through telling their experience in China, they let people in their countries know more about China," Li said.

She said China is still a developing country, and it needs a lot of experts to develop its western region and northeast industrial base.

"We welcome more foreign experts to join us, and make full use of their wisdom to helping China's economic development," Li said. — MNA/Xinhua

# Closed-circuit TV to halt oil smuggling in Thailand

BANGKOK, 18 April — To halt "rampant smuggling" — especially of oil — the Thai Government plans to install closed-circuit television at every border checkpoint nationwide in a bid to prevent revenues slip across the borders.

Deputy Finance Minister Varathep Ratanakorn was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying Sunday that the "candid camera" monitors would improve the flow of revenues into national coffers as distant witnesses would inhibit the cross-border slide of illicit exports and the subsequent illegal departure of potential revenues.

The plan will be implemented as Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has ordered concerned government agencies

to keep a close watch on large-scale smuggling of goods, especially oil, from Thailand to the neighbouring countries, he said.

Customs officials at border checkpoints must improve efficiency, Varathep said. Closed-circuit televisions will be installed at every border checkpoint, along with electronically-controlled X-ray devices for shipping containers, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

# US aid worker killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 18 April — A US humanitarian aid worker and two others were killed on Saturday in a suicide car bomb attack on a convoy on Baghdad's airport road, a US Embassy spokesman said on Sunday.

Marla Ruzicka, 27, the founder of the Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict, was killed by the bombing attack while driving behind a private security convoy, said the spokesman.

Five people were wounded in the incident and taken to a US military hospital, he added, without giving the identities of the other two dead.

MNA/Xinhua

# Soldiers from Forts Stewart, Benning die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 April — Two soldiers based in Georgia have died in Iraq over the past few days, military authorities said Monday.

The Pentagon said Army Specialist Aleina Ramirez Gonzalez, 33, of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico, of the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division was killed in a mortar attack in Tikrit on Friday. Pvt 1st Class Steven F Sirko, 20, of Portage, Ind, died Sunday Muqadiyah, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries, officials said. Sirko was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, of the 3rd Infantry's 3rd Brigade, based at Fort Benning.—Internet

## China's e-commerce industry to grow at over 50% annually

**BEIJING, 18 April** — China's e-commerce, in a crucial stage of development, is to grow at over 50 per cent every year, said Song Ling, chairman of China Electronic Commerce Association.

"E-commerce has become an important part of people's life and also a strong driver of China's market economy," said Song at the eighth China International E-commerce Conference held here Sunday.

In recent years, e-commerce has been expanding fast with annual sales rising at 40 per cent on average. According to Song, Beijing's transaction volume of e-commerce reached 66.6 billion yuan (8.27 yuan against US dollar) last year, Shanghai over 70 billion yuan, and south China's Guangzhou 23 billion yuan.

Rural areas have started over 2,000 web sites for e-commerce. E-commerce lowered the transaction cost in traditional industries and improved service management in sectors of finance, telecom and logistics, Song said.

She estimated that, this year, the development of e-commerce would focus on the construction of a credit record system, electronic payments, modern logistics and human resources.

The environment for e-commerce in China is improving gradually. On 1 April, China's first

"electronic signature act" started to take effect, which is considered the milestone of China's e-commerce development.

The eighth China International E-commerce Conference was launched by China Electronic Commerce Association and organized by Xinhua-net.com.

MNA/Xinhua



A model leans against the new Chevrolet Optra5 after its official launch in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 18 April, 2005.—INTERNET

## Iran raps US deadline on Iran-EU nuclear talks

**TEHRAN, 18 April** — Iran lashed out Sunday at a reported US deadline of next summer set for the ongoing nuclear talks between Iran and the European Union (EU).

"The Americans had better look on the negotiations in their right position and watch the negotiators of the two sides do their jobs by themselves," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi told reporters at his weekly news briefing. US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was quoted as saying on 14 April that Washington would only wait and see the bilateral nuclear negotiations going on until next summer.

"I don't want to put a timeline on it, but I think we probably want to make an assessment this summer and see where we are and see how far we've gone," Rice was quoted.

Rejecting the deadline, Asefi said Iran also opposes any prolongation of the talks and is trying to come to a quick conclusion.

"Teheran will not let the Europeans waste any time, and I hope that the new round of talks next

Tuesday will yield a conclusion," Asefi said.

The United States accuses Iran of developing nuclear weapons covertly and supports a referral of Iran's case to the United Nations Security Council.

However, Washington has softened its stance recently and showed willingness to support EU's diplomatic efforts.

Iran, rejecting the US accusation as "politically motivated", has held five rounds of nuclear talks with

the EU since it suspended its highly sensitive uranium enrichment activities in November 2004 to "build confidence".

The ongoing negotiations have been stalled with uncompromising stances of both sides.

The EU insists Iran should halt all its work on building nuclear fuel cycles, while Teheran claims it will never give up its legitimate rights to nuclear technology.

MNA/Xinhua

## Sri Lanka to frame new laws to curb tsunami relief fraud

**COLOMBO, 18 April** — Sri Lanka is planning to frame new legislation to curb corrupt officials from swindling tsunami relief assistance, a senior minister said Saturday.

Justice Minister WD J Seneviratne said that the country's criminal procedure code needs to be amended to make way for such legislation.

The government is faced with serious complaints of misappropriation of international assistance for tsunami tidal wave victims by corrupt officials.

The victims have also been complaining of slow progress in the relief operations even after three months of the tragedy.

Nearly 40,000 were killed with another 500,000 displaced in the island's coastal lines when ravaging tsunamis hit these areas with devastating effect on 26 December last year.

The country was blessed with an unprecedented outpouring of international goodwill to the tragedy.

The government said that there have been instances of arrests made of the grassroots public officials for misappropriation of relief goods and there had also been cases of relief items being found on shelves of traders in the areas.—MNA/Xinhua



Stock dealers monitor the falling share prices at the Korea Stock Exchange in Seoul, South Korea, on 18 April, 2005.—INTERNET

## Hu Jintao says China values friendship with Cuba

**BEIJING, 19 April** — At a meeting on Monday with Raul Castro Ruz, second secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, Chinese President Hu Jintao said the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese Government very much value their traditional friendship with Cuba and hope to push bilateral ties to a new high.

Hu, who is also CPC general secretary, recalled pleasant memories of his visit to Cuba last November and spoke highly of the achievements of the Cuban Communist Party, government and Cuban people in their socialist constructions.

Hu said that Sino-Cuban relations have endured the tests of time and history in the 45 years since the two nations forged a diplomatic relationship, noting that the two countries have inherited a tradition of friendship in the new century and scored new progress in bilateral ties in a strategic manner.

The Chinese and Cuban Communist parties are both unwaveringly

committed to the leadership of Communist Party in the direction of socialism, yet with equal zeal promise to explore innovative approaches to their respective development in line with their domestic situations, Hu said.

Fostering positive relations between the two parties and governments serves the nations and parties of the two countries and also contributes to the peace and progress of mankind, the Chinese President said.

Raul Castro expressed his pleasure to meet Hu in Beijing and conveyed greetings and good wishes from Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepali King's visit to regain int'l confidence

**KATHMANDU, 19 April** — Nepali King Gyanendra's upcoming visits to Indonesia and China's Hainan Province this week is an opportunity to regain the international community's confidence, an expert said here on Monday.

"This visit will be significant in bridging the communication gap between Nepal's Foreign Ministry and our neighbouring countries," Surya Prasad Shrestha, former ambassador to Britain and an expert on Nepal's foreign affairs, told reporters.

Since the king will take Nepal's case to two major international fora, "it's an opportunity to demonstrate Nepal's foreign policy," Shrestha said.

The visit will also be helpful in consolidating Nepal's independent identity in the international fora, he added.

King Gyanendra will visit Jakarta of Indonesia to attend the Asian-African Summit on 22-23 April and the Bo'ao Forum for Asia Annual Conference on 24-25 April in China. — MNA/Xinhua

## Danish PM pays visit to Thailand

**BANGKOK, 19 April** — Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen will pay an official visit to Thailand on Monday as the guest of the Thai Government. Upon his arrival in Bangkok on Monday, the Danish leader and his entourage are scheduled to hold a plenary meeting with the Thai Government led by Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

His entourage includes senior Danish Government officials and his wife. The Danish Prime Minister and his entourage will then travel to Thailand's southern resort province of Phuket, one of the country's six Andaman provinces hit by the last December tsunami, to attend a memorial service for those killed in the natural disaster.—MNA/Xinhua

## India among ten countries in tomato gene sequencing

**NEW DELHI, 19 April** — India, with nine other countries, has started gene sequencing of tomato as part of an international project aimed at increasing the vegetable's yield, nutrition and disease resistance properties.

The process which is likely to be completed in the next five years time would serve as a global source of information on tomato and help improve its nutritional and disease resistant varieties, Professor Akhilesh Tyagi of the Department of Plant Molecular Biology, University of Delhi, has said.

"Full genetic information of tomato will greatly enhance conventional breeding strategies and enable the generation of new crop varieties with improved disease resistance," he said adding yield increase was the foremost concern.

After completion, the project would help scientists pin point desirable characteristics in the genetic make-up of the tomato that could be introduced into other plant varieties through conventional breeding techniques, he said.

Tomato, a significant commercial crop worldwide, is a model plant species

for studying quality traits in all fleshy fruit bearing plants, he said adding "beta carotene, that is found in tomato, is known for its anti-cancerous quality".

Its qualities such as preventing heart disease and boost immunity could also be introduced in other plants, he said.

Information about the genetic make-up of tomato and utilization of the available knowledge base to improve the quality of the vegetable are the two components the scientists, at present, are looking at, he said. The sequencing would help improve the vegetable's nutritional quality, its beta carotene content and increase its shelf-life, Tyagi, who is also the project coordinator in the country, said. "Once the gene sequencing of the vegetable is known, it would throw open more possibilities of tomato gene to be utilized in other plants for specific requirements," he said.—MNA/PTI



One-week-old saltwater crocodiles are held during feeding time at Sydney's Taronga Zoo on 18 April, 2005.—INTERNET

## Singapore issues new edition of Emergency Handbook

**SINGAPORE, 19 April**— Information on how to deal with situations such as tsunami threats or power failures are included in the new edition of Singapore's *Civil Defence Emergency Handbook* issued on Sunday.

According to Channel NewsAsia report on Sunday, the fifth edition of the series also provides the public with knowledge on how to act in a chemical incident and what should be stored in a ready bag.

Residents are required to collect the book at places like Community Clubs and Neighbourhood Police Centres this year to enhance involvement by individuals and communities in emergency preparation.

The Singapore Civil Defence Force issued the first edition of the handbook in 1990 and used to deliver a copy to the doorstep of each household in the city state.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three Gorges Project to start construction of power station

**WUHAN, 19 April** — China Yangtze River Three Gorges Project Development Corporation (CYRTGPDC) has been given the green light to restart a new underground power workshop whose construction postponed earlier this year out of environmental concern.

Having undergone an environmental impact appraisal of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), CYRTGPDC signed contracts for prospecting, designing and building the new underground power workshop for housing six generators, each with an installed capacity of 700,000 kilowatts, which will be built in the mountain on the southern bank of the Yangtze, China's longest river.

SEPA in early January ordered a halt to the construction of 30 large projects across the country, including the new underground power workshop affiliated to the Three Gorges Project, which failed to pass the environmental impact assessment by SEPA.

Pan Dazhong, a CYRTGPDC official in charge of construction matters, pledged to go ahead with the new

underground power workshop "in strict compliance with requirements of SEPA".

By now, a vast majority of the postponed projects have resumed construction after essential adjustments were made, sources from SEPA noted.

The new underground power workshop with the Three Gorges Project will cost more than 6 billion yuan (some 720 million US dollars) and will be completed in 2009.

By then, 90 per cent of the water in the Three Gorges Reservoir will be used for generating hydroelectricity. Launched in 1993, the Three Gorges Project is being built in three phases on the middle reaches of the Yangtze River.

MNA/Xinhua

## Foreign investment in Indonesia increase by 173%

**JAKARTA, 18 April** — Indonesia's non-oil foreign direct investment (FDI) approvals in the first three months of 2005 jumped by 173 per cent to 4.28 billion US dollars over the same period last year, the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) said here Saturday.

The BKPM approved 285 new projects with investment commitments of 2.69 billion US dollars, compared with 225 projects worth 454 million dollars during the same period last year, BKPM said. The board also approved 81 expansion projects worth 684.5 million US dollars against 67 projects worth 699 million dollars during the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore's non-oil exports rose 6.2% in March

**SINGAPORE, 19 April**— Singapore's non-oil domestic exports (NODX) sustained a healthy growth of 6.2 per cent to 11.88 billion Singapore dollars (about 7.2 billion US dollars) in March as compared with the same period of last year.

According to the figures released by the International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) on Monday, the exports of electronic products rose 4.8 per cent in March, reversing

the decline of 3.6 per cent in the previous month.

The NODX of non-electronics sector continued to grow by 7.6 per cent in March, mainly supported by the strong ex-

ports of petrochemicals and primary chemicals to countries including China, as well as a large shipment of oil rig to the United States.

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## China to boost economic reform with all-out efforts

**BEIJING, 19 April** — Year 2005 is a vital year for China's economic reform, as its government goes all out to push forward the comprehensive reform in its agricultural economy, state-owned enterprises, system surroundings of private sectors, financial systems, taxation, pricing, investment and income distribution.

According to a circular issued on 4 April by the State Council on deepening economic reform, China will continue its reform on rural taxation, improving the rural land system, and deepening reform concerning grain and cotton circulation. The circular calls for acceleration of reforms on state-owned enterprises, supporting reform on the monopoly industries.

The government will improve the system environment of private sectors so as to better protect the interest of privately-owned firms and provide financial convenience for

them, according to the document.

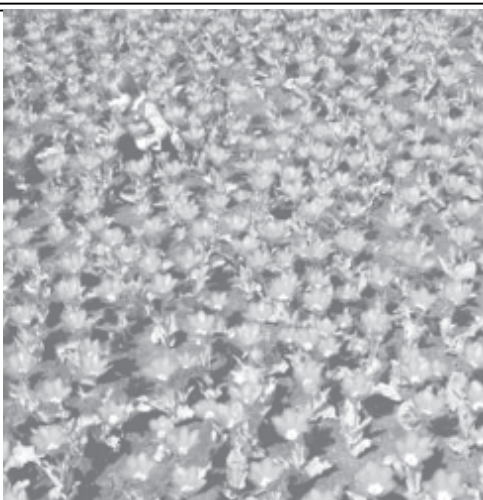
It also calls for speeding-up financial enterprise reform, and steady reform on interest rate and exchange rate systems. The Renminbi exchange rate should be kept basically stable at a reasonable and equilibrium level, according to the circular.

The country will further its reform on treasury management, improve the tax rebate system and push forward investment system reform, according to the document, which also demands more flexible pricing systems.

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*A girl plays among blooming tulips in the central square of Russia's southern city of Stavropol, on 18 April, 2005.*

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# Regional development work inspected in Hsenwi Township, Shan State (North)

YANGON, 19 April — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at Se-U Village basic education middle school in Hsenwi Township on 16 April afternoon. State Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein reported on construction of a new school building and staff quarters. Regional national race leader U Kan Na and officials also reported on tasks to be carried out for development of Se-U region, requirements, digging of a canal for irrigation of farmland and a plan to supply hydro-electric power. After inspecting the construction of the school building, the commander viewed the 30-acre pomelo, orange and lichee plantations of U Kan Na, and

summer paddy plantations of local battalion and local farmers. On arrival at the 2000-acre plantation of Hsinshweli high yield paddy strains in Myomakwin, the commander heard reports by officials on yield of 2523 acres of summer paddy for 2004-2005, distribution of paddy strains for monsoon paddy cultivation and irrigation tasks through Phinekham and Nammyin dams. In the evening, the commander visited Sanlaung model village station hospital where he comforted patients and inspected wards, operation theatre and OPD. Next he visited Shan State (North) Maha Thingyan Pandal and watched the dance performance of Yein troupes. Later, the commander and wife attended the prize-distribution for the Yein troupes.

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## Commander attends tree-planting ceremony of Ayeyawady Division Forest Department

YANGON, 19 April — A tree planting ceremony of Ayeyawady Division Forest Department took place in Kanthaya Garden in Patheingyi yesterday morning. It was attended by Chairman of Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and

wife, officers of the command, local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations and guests.

First, Division Forest Department Director U Win Myint reported on distribution of seeds and nursery plants for the rainy season to the townships of the division. Ayeyawady Division Forest Department will distribute 700,000 nursery plants of *Thitshaint* and 200,000 other nursery plants. — MNA

### အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကာကွယ်ရေးနည်းဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါတွင် နွေရာသီရောက်လာပြီဖြစ်သဖြင့် ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပြီး နွေရာသီအတွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ခတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများ ပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်နှင့်ယားဖူးများ ထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမော်ခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ရွှေ့ခြောက်ပြီး ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် မိုးရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေအထိ ဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် အလိုအလျောက်အသေ အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန်အောင်ပါ အချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီး ခေါင်ပြင်း မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေဆိပ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်း ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
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- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ် လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ပျော့ပျော့ အဝတ်အစည်းများကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပွပျော့ချောင်း ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ခတ်ဆား ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည် သောက်ပါ။
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- (၁၀) ဆီချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုရောဂါ အခံရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လည်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖူးယားနားများ ထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန တွင် ပြသပါ။

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# Group led by Sao Hkam Hpa, related groups declared unlawful association

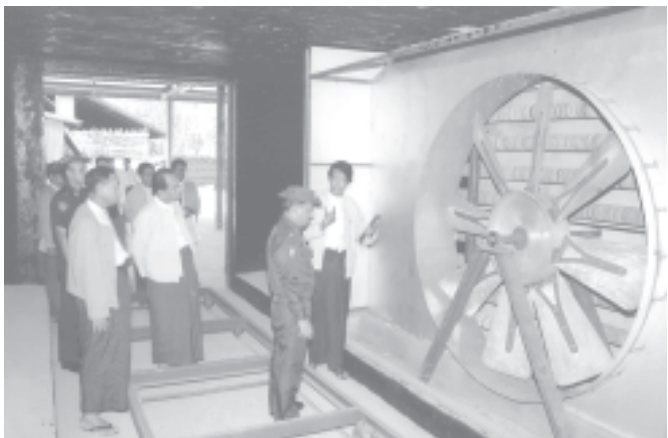
The Government of the Union of Myanmar  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Notification No (1/2005)  
Yangon, 11th waxing of Tagu 1367 ME  
(19 April 2005)

## Declaration of unlawful association

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes that the aims and acts of the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, son of the late Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaik, its members and other related groups and individuals endanger the law enforcement of the Union of Myanmar, stability of the State and peace and tranquillity of the entire people.
2. Hence, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, acting under section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, hereby declares the above-mentioned group and other related groups unlawful association as per interpretation of section 15 (2) of the Unlawful Associations Act.

By order,  
  
Maj-Gen Maung Oo  
Minister  
Ministry of Home Affairs

## Sawmills in Thanlyin and Dalla to produce value-added products



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects No-10 Sawmill in Thanlyin.—FORESTRY

YANGON, 19 April—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Aung Thein visited Sawmill No 10 in Thanlyin yesterday afternoon. Officials reported on functions of the mill, and progress of repairing of machinery and installation of machines in the mill. The minister inspected the production process and gave instructions on production of value-added products, installation of finger joints, and pro-

duction lines. On arrival at Sawmill No 14 in Dalla, the minister heard a report by the general manager (Engineering) of the Myanma Timber Enterprise on progress of installation of machinery, and operation of the mill. The minister viewed the test running of the machinery. The mill is being run jointly by the MTE and the Asia World Co Ltd, and the products will be exported.

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## If the entrepreneurs do business with the aim of serving the interests of the State and the people, their endeavours will contribute much to regional development

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The meeting with entrepreneurs in Thandwe District, departmental officials and townselders is for ensuring regional development.

He said that in his tour of Taninthayi Division, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met entrepreneurs. At the meeting, the Head of State gave guidance on the government's attitude towards the entrepreneurs, saying that the government has been making relentless efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and development nation while striving for ensuring the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic system. In the process of ensuring the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic system the government has organized the entrepreneurs as a force on which the nation can rely.

Contributions of the entrepreneurs in nation-building endeavours are indispensable for the nation. That is why the State regards the entrepreneurs as its colleagues.

The State, on its part, is providing all the necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs whenever the Head of State meets with



General Thura Shwe Mann cordially greets local authorities, entrepreneurs, USDA and social organization members and townselders.—MNA

them.

To be able to grant work permits and provide assistance for the entrepreneurs and to protect them in accord with the law, the government has been trying its utmost in this regard. They are in Thandwe region to provide necessary assistance if any and to add the momentum of regional development. If the entrepreneurs do business with the aim of serving the interests of the State and the people, their endeavours will contribute

much to regional development, thereby enhancing the socio-economy of the national people.

In accordance with those objectives, the Head of State in his tour met with local people, townselders and entrepreneurs and provided all the necessary assistance to them in the interests of the region and their own.

Next, entrepreneurs and local authorities reported on regional development and requirements.

Next, Minister for

Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Livestocks and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Science and Technology U Thuang, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe took part in the discussions.

In his conclusion address, General Thura Shwe Mann said efforts should be made to extend the cultivation of perennial crops like rubber that can be grown not only in plain regions but also in mountainous areas.

He said local farmers thought that only entrepreneurs with a large amount

of capital can undertake agricultural and livestock breeding works. If one tried hard regional undertakings on manageable scale would be successful, he added.

Entrepreneurs are engaged mostly in services and trade and still not much in production. He urged them to make efforts for progress of agriculture, livestock breeding, especially production of industrial sectors.

The government would give encouragement to import substitute, export and land-based industries and crops grown in newly reclaimed lands are allowed to export, he said.

Active participation of the people is important for national development. Significant achievements have been gained due to the united efforts of the

government, the people and the Tatmadaw on self-reliance basis. With cooperation and endeavours of the people national development will be made.

If the people realize the government's goodwill towards them and its confidence in and reliance on them, heads of departments, service personnel and social organizations will participate more in nation-building tasks. Therefore, efforts of the service personnel are very important, he said.

He called for making concerted efforts for regional and national development with the same belief and firm concept after realizing the government's goodwill and national goal.

After the meeting, the General cordially greeted those present.

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## Commander, mayor inspect upgrading task in Yangon City



YANGON, 19 April—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected tasks for upgrading of Yangon City and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

They inspected repaving of Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township, Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township and Banyadala Road in Tamway Township and renovation of Thakayta Old Baily Bridge and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect tarring of roads.—MNA





Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to a winner. — MNA

## Myawady TV Broadcasting...

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article to Nyunt Han (Kyudaw), best Ngwetayi article to Tin Tun Oo (Culture), Myawady poem to Ko (Tekkatho), Ngwetayi poem to Myelat Min Lwin, and Ngwetayi cartoon to Maung Tin Yu, and second prize for Myawady colour photo contest to Mar Lar Win (Myitthasi).

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented gifts to 37 employees each of which has ten year service through WO I Myint Myint Kyi, best editing award (Myawady TV) to WO II Lwin Mar Htwe, best editing award (international news) Surgeant Win Win Khaing, best production award to Sergeant Nwe Nwe Myaing, best newscaster award to Sergeant Aye Aye Khaing, best record keeping award to WO II Pyone Pyone Kyi, best cameraman award to WO II Hla Ngwe, best shooter award to WO I Maung Maung Oo, best programme drawing award to Surgeant May Oo Hlaing, and gifts to the machanical section through head Major Myo Win.

Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung presented gifts to Lt-Col Tint Wai of Myawady Publishing House (Outstanding Performance in Administration Field-Grade II), Major Tin Tun Oo of Yadanabon Daily (Outstanding Performance in Administration Field-Grade III), Capt Thein Shwe Win of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence, WO I Than Nyunt Oo of Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit (Outstanding Performance in Administration Field-Grade III), U Maung Maung Kyi of Myawady Publishing House (Outstanding Performance in Administration Field-Grade III), Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Tin Tin Aye of No (2) Basic Education High School in Mingaladon (Outstanding Performance in Administration Field-Grade III), and WO I Aye Sandar Kyi of Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit (Outstanding Performance in Administration Field-Grade III).

Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented gifts to Ma Kyi Nuu Pwint of Mingaladon BEHS-2 who won first prize in basic education level (aged 5-10 division) of 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition, Ma Khaing Thandar Soe of BEHS (Natsingon) who won third prize in BEPS level (aged 5-10 division) donmin contest, L-Cpl Aung Myint Oo of Myawady Publishing House who won first prize in military code of conduct contest (central

level) to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, first prize for long poem to Surgeant Clerk Khin Maung Oo of Production Unit (Public Relations), gifts to Private Kaung Myat Htwe of Myawady Publishing House who won second prize in extempore talks contest, Capt Thein Shwe Win of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare who won second prize in military code of conduct contest, Capt Zaw Moe Lwin of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare who won third prize in military code of conduct contest, third prize (novel) to Sergeant Clerk Aung Kyaw Moe of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, gift to WO I Law Naing of Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit who won third prize in military song composing contest (Grade-I), Ma Khin May Thuang, Maung Phyto Myat Oo and Ma Nwe Nwe Tun of Mandalay BEHS-1 who won first prizes in the 8th Inter-School State/Division Tennis (Mini) Contest.

Col Nyo Win, Lt-Col Maung Maung Oo, Lt-Col Tint Lwin, Lt-Col Khaw Hsan and Lt-Col Aung Thu of Ministry of Defence presented gifts to technicians who contributed towards Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit and Myawady Publishing House.

Afterwards, a dinner was hosted and Myawady modern music band presented entertainment programmes to those present.

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Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presents gift to a school-girl. — MNA



Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung presents prize to a winner. — MNA

## Minister meets final year students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College

YANGON, 19 April — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min met with final year students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College who will undergo practical training at banks, hotels and shopping centres at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the ministry and Central Cooperative Association, the principal and teachers of the degree college, owners and officials from Cooperative Bank, Myawady Bank, KBZ Bank, Traders Hotel, Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Ho-

tel, Summit Park View Hotel, Blazon Shopping Centre and Sakura Co.

First, the minister delivered a speech and the principal of the college read the programme of the on-job training for the students. The manager of the human resources development division of the Traders Hotel extended greetings.

A total of 92 final year students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College will undergo practical training for a month. — MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min meets students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College.—COOPERATIVES

## Crops plantations, construction projects inspected

YANGON, 19 April—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye on 12 April morning viewed thriving plantations of cold season crops, sunflower and groundnut in Matupe Township, Mindat District, Chin State.

Next, the commander heard a report on 1,400-acre field of summer paddy cultivated with the water from Taung Creek dam in Tharakhan village in Htilin Township, Gangaw District, Magway Division, by Chairman of Gangaw District PDC Lt-Col Hla Swe. The commander gave necessary instructions and viewed the paddy plantations.

On arrival at the work site of Ponnya mountain tunnel project in Pakhutku-Gantgaw-Kalay rail-road section, the commander heard a report by Engineer in-charge U Maung Maung Thwin on work progress. Next, the commander inspected overpass rail-road near Ponnya tunnel and progress of construction of the tunnel and gave necessary instructions to officials.—MNA

**Drive safely**

# “Is that so Maung Ka Lu?” “It is more than that”

## Maung Ka Lu

**Grandpa:** Come Maung Ka Lu. Did you keep Sabbath during the Thingyan?

**Ka Lu:** I kept Sabbath only on the New Year Day. I was in Mandalay enjoying the Thingyan Festival. This year's Mandalay Thingyan was more crowded and grander than the previous year's. Cultural troupes from countries of Mekong basin and ASEAN also took part in it.

**Grandpa:** Good. I saw the troupes on TV. The Mandalay Thingyan was as crowded and magnificent as usual. It was amazing for me to see decorated floats representing Thailand, Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China and Myanmar. Guests from ASEAN nations took part in the festival and praised Myanmar. Their remark was that Myanmar was a beautiful and hospitable nation for visitors from all over the globe.

**Lu:** Before the festival, I watched on TV our Prime Minister's goodwill visit to Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia. The three countries have gladly acknowledged Myanmar's developments and pledged support for her. The three nations have encouraged Myanmar to continue its development drive without paying attention to outside rumours with intent to destroy our nation.

**Grandpa:** Yes, the three friendly nations have showed that they knew the slanders of the destructive forces which were jealous of the unity, stability and progress of Myanmar. They said that they too were facing such slanders, while urging Myanmar to ignore their perpetration.

**Lu:** That's right. They are well aware of the objective conditions of Myanmar.

**Grandpa:** Those quarters were shouting calls for opposition to Myanmar's entry into the ASEAN. Despite their pressures, blackmails, coercion and deceptions, Myanmar was able to join the Association in 1997.

**Lu:** In the later periods, they were saying that Myanmar's political instability was even threatening the region; and that the country was violating human rights, while echoing the west's demands on ASEAN nations to interfere in our nation's internal affairs.

**Grandpa:** Yes, I do remember their perpetration. Vietnam, taking the alternate chairmanship then, openly declared that no ASEAN nation had the right to interfere in the internal affairs of any other member nation as the Association had been practising the policy of non-interference in other's internal affairs for over 30 years.

**Lu:** As a means to drive a wedge, they were saying that the ASEAN should not stay away from interfering in Myanmar's affairs. But nothing happened.

**Grandpa:** Before and during the previous year's ASEAN Summit in Indonesia, some media of the West were trying to give a hint that the Association would expel Myanmar from it. But their slanders went silent when all the member nations unanimously welcomed and supported our nation's seven-point road map.

**Lu:** When Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia supported Myanmar and suggested her not to

take heed of any word of the saboteurs, the perpetrators would be in pretty trouble.

**Grandpa:** Oh it's Myanmar New Year! It is not proper for us to talk about the ones who commit sins with deeds, words and mind. Let's discuss something auspicious. The nation put into service a number of new bridges including the mammoth Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), new dams, and new hydel power stations in the early 2005. It also inaugurated the Nanmyint Tower in the archaeological region of Bagan. The tower opened on 10 April this year is 198 feet high. The diameter of the 13-storey building is 54 feet.

**It is an auspicious news welcoming the New Year. Some foreign radio stations interviewed national traitors taking refuge in foreign countries concerning the matter. They wished to downplay the value of the auspicious news. But the more they see it from the negative point of view, the greater value it has. Every destructive word uttered from their mouth is a positive sign for us. So, the more they uttered evil words, the more positive signs we get.**

Advanced methods were used in building the earthquake- and wind-resistant building. Three 11-seater elevators are installed at the building. From the top of the tower, the visitors can enjoy the scenic beauty and fine ancient structures of Bagan.

**Lu:** Yes. The Government commissioned into service the Tikiyt coal-fired power plant in Pinlaung Township, Shan State, on 12 April. Of the two turbines of the plant, one is generating electricity at present.

**Grandpa:** A large number of power stations have been built in the nation. For hydel power stations, they can generate electricity at full capacity during the rainy season. But in summer, sometimes they may face water shortage to run their turbines at full capacity. But a coal-fired power station has no reason to stop running, except from mechanical breakdowns. Moreover, Tikiyi region is producing enough coal for the plant.

**Lu:** Up to now, the Government has built 172 dams, and is building another 35. It has also erected over 200 river water pumping stations. Thus, the nation's sown acreage at present is 26.6 million acres, up from 24.8 million in 1988. The Government is in the process of transforming to mechanized farming system.

**Grandpa:** We will have to develop the industrial sector for national economic development. The nation now has 19 private industrial zones, 42,707 private industries, 833 State-owned industries and 8,500 cottage industries. It has found natural gas off the Rakhine coast. India is planning to lay a pipeline to buy gas from the offshore field. The Yadana offshore field is producing a large volume of natural

gas. A pipeline was laid via Taninthayi Division to export the gas to Thailand.

**Lu:** Elements from outside and inside the nation were trying to stop the pipe-laying project by saying that the project had harmed the natural environment; and that forced labour was being used in implementing it. The destructionists were envious of the pipeline and the building of railroads, motor roads, dams, bridges, power stations, schools including institutions of higher learning and hospitals. But for our nation, the new infrastructures are developing signs. It is not strange that the alien saboteurs do not wish to see Myanmar enjoying progress. But I wonder why the expatriate destructionists born in the nation are against the nation's developments.

**Grandpa:** Let it be. If they really love the country, they should not break the laws, and become fugitives begging financial aids from aliens and acting as their stooges. But they are nothing for our nation.

**Lu:** The brigade 11 of the SSNA led by U Kan Na unconditionally exchanged arms for peace at Se-au village, Hseinwi Township, Lashio District, northern Shan State, on 12 April. A total of 176 members of the brigade including commander U Kan Na, deputy commander U Indria, battalion 19 commander U Sai Nyunt, battalion 25 commander U Hkam Mon and battalion 27 commander U Pwan Wan attended the ceremony held at the village and presented their arms and ammunition.

**Grandpa:** Personnel concerned made speeches at the ceremony.

**Lu:** The words of U Kan Na and his men came out from their hearts. Because of the colonialist divisive plot, the group had not trusted the previous governments. So, they were indecisive to join hands with the Government and to serve the people's interest, but continued to follow the arms struggle line. In his speech, U Kan Na said that they had quit the armed struggle line forever, as he and his men had come to realize that as long as they continued to follow the armed struggle line, they would not win the people's support.

**Grandpa:** When we study the speeches of the SSNA leaders, we have come to know that their words have come from their hearts and they spoke in view of serving the people's interest.

**Lu:** It is an auspicious news welcoming the New Year. Some foreign radio stations interviewed national traitors taking refuge in foreign countries concerning the matter. They wished to downplay the value of the auspicious news. But the more they see it from the negative point of view, the greater value it has. Every destructive word uttered from their mouth is a positive sign for us. So, the more they uttered evil words, the more positive signs we get.

**Grandpa:** Is that so Maung Ka Lu?

**Lu:** It is more than that.

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## Global airlines to go e-ticketing in 2007

MACAO, 19 April — International Air Transport Association (IATA) Director General and CEO Giovanni Bisignani announced here on Monday that IATA airlines would stop printing paper tickets by the end of 2007.

Delivering the opening keynote speech at the 54th annual conference of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), Bisignani said that the global air transportation is undergoing the most difficult time ever. IATA needs to simplify the business in order to cut cost and improve efficiency. In this revolution, there will be five core projects: 100 per cent e-ticketing by the end of 2007; bar-coded boarding passes; radio frequency identification for baggage management; common use of self-service kiosks for check-in and paperless cargo.

Among the projects,

e-ticketing is the top priority, said Bisignani elaborating that eliminating nine US dollars for each air ticket means three billion US dollars in savings globally each year. It also means more convenience for customers and opportunities for travel agents to operate more flexibly.

On IATA's agenda, 19 per cent of tickets processed through IATA were e-tickets by the end of 2004. By the end of 2005, it will be at 40 per cent. IATA will stop printing paper tickets by the end of 2007.

He said that over the next three years, IATA would work with airlines

large and small to help them prepare. He emphasized that eliminating paper tickets will open up tremendous opportunities for travel agent partners, and make settlements more efficient. It will create a win-win-win situation for customers, airlines and agents.

IATA is the global trade association that represents and serves 270 airline members who comprise 98 per cent of scheduled international air traffic. It also provides a wide range of products and services to airlines, travel agencies and other partners in the air transport industry.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russia to launch foreign satellites from Baikonur Cosmodrome

Moscow, 19 April — The Russian Government has given permission to the Defence Ministry to launch three foreign satellites from its Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on a contractual basis, the government Press service said Monday.

A *Proton-M* rocket will blast off from Baikonur to put into orbit Malaysia's *Measat-3* and Canada's *Anik-F1P* telecommunications satellites. A US *Galaxy-14* telecommunications satellite will also be launched from the base on a *Soyuz-FG* rocket, the Press service said.

The Federal Customs Service has been asked to

give clearance to the satellites and ancillary equipment that will temporarily enter the Russian territory "with full exemption from Customs duties, taxes and without the use of economic bans and restrictions," the Press service said.

Foreign specialists are also allowed to visit the Defence Ministry's facilities where prepara-

tions for launching the satellites are underway.

Earlier this year, the government authorized the ministry to use space and defence facilities at the Plesetsk Cosmodrome for launching research satellites for Britain, Iran, Norway, Germany, Japan and the European Space Agency.

MNA/Xinhua

## Death toll from Marburg epidemic rises to 235 in Angola

LUANDA, 19 April — The epidemic of Marburg hemorrhagic fever in Angola has claimed 235 lives out of 257 confirmed cases since it

broke out six months ago, health officials have announced.

The latest report raised the toll by two deaths and two new

cases, all in the northern Uige Province.

No new cases had been reported in the previous 24 hours in six of the seven provinces in Angola on alert for the Ebola-like disease. The six provinces are Luanda, Cabinda, Malanje, Kuanza-North, Kuanza-South and Zaire, officials said on Sunday night.

The World Health Organization, the United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and Doctors Without Borders have deployed teams in Uige to combat the virus.

Spreading through contact with bodily fluids, Marburg can kill rapidly as there is no vaccine against it.

MNA/Xinhua

## Annan calls for peaceful resolution of Cyprus issue

UNITED NATIONS, 19 April — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for peaceful resolution of the Cyprus issue after the elections held in Northern Cyprus, UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said on Monday.

In a statement issued by the spokesman, Annan said he has noted the outcome of the elections in Northern Cyprus held on Sunday.

Annan said he is glad that the leadership of the Turkish Cypriot community has been clarified, and he welcomes the renewed evidence of commitment to a peaceful resolution of the Cyprus issue.

He congratulated Mehmet Ali Talat and, in the context of his mission of good offices, looks forward to working productively with him in the continuing search for peace on the island.

According to the official results, Prime Minister Talat won the presidential elections in the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state. —MNA/Xinhua

## Netherlands reiterates One-China policy

THE HAGUE, 19 April — The Dutch Foreign Minister Bernard Bot and Defence Minister Henk Kamp on Monday reiterated the Dutch Government's One-China policy.

They made the remarks while holding talks with Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan.

Cao expressed his appreciation for this stance by the Dutch Government, saying that China is willing to make concerted efforts with the Netherlands to further improve bilateral relations.

Cao said that relations between China and the Netherlands should be further promoted on principles of equality and mutual benefit.

Bot and Kamp highly

praised the enormous economic achievements of China and the important role China has been playing in international affairs.

The Dutch Government has attached great importance to further improvement in bilateral relations, hoping that both countries will try to cooperate in more areas.

Cao arrived here Saturday for a three-day visit to the Netherlands. He is leaving Tuesday for Denmark, last leg of his four-nation tour.

MNA/Xinhua



Vietnamese three-wheel cyclo drivers read the newspapers while waiting for customers in front of a hotel in Hanoi on 19 April, 2005. — INTERNET

## Canadian Govt announces changes to immigration rules

OTTAWA, 19 April — The Canadian Government announced Monday changes to Canada's immigration rules that will make it easier for immigrants to reunite with their parents and grandparents.

Immigration Minister Joe Volpe also announced Monday that rules have been loosened for international college and university students, making it easier for them to work part-time in this country while they study.

The measures are aimed at dramatically reducing the backlog of citizenship applications and cutting the waiting period for applicants in half.

Applicants currently face up to a two-year wait for a decision.

"This will ease the pressure that is currently placed by all of those

who are in the queue to come here," Volpe told a news conference.

On family reunification, the Immigration Department's goal is to cut down on the massive list of about 100,000 cases they have on file and process three times the number of applications per year — from the current 6,000 to about 18,000 in 2005 and in 2006.

The government will allow waiting parents and grandparents to use "multiple entry" visitor visas to allow them to visit their families in Canada while their sponsorship appli-

cations are being processed.

Under the new rules, applicants over the age of 55 who fulfill the residency requirement will no longer have to take the language and knowledge tests required for citizenship, Volpe said.

As for foreign students, they have previously only been able to get on-campus jobs while attending school in Canada.

Under the relaxed rules, they will be able to look for employment off-campus. "International competition for talented international


students is fierce and today's announcement moves Canada even further ahead," said Volpe.

He also announced incentives for foreign students to work outside of large urban centres. International students can currently work in the country for only up to a year after graduation.

But if they take jobs outside Canada's three big cities of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, they will be able to work for up to two years after graduating under the new rules.

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**Swiss coach falls into ravine, 12 dead**

GENEVA, 18 April — A bus carrying 27 people fell into a ravine in south Switzerland on Sunday, leaving 12 holiday makers dead and the others injured, the authorities said.

The accident occurred near the village of Orsieres when the coach left the small central Swiss town of Kallnach for the Italian port of Savona. It was driven along a wet mountain road with 24 Swiss tourists, two drivers and a tour guide aboard.

The vehicle skidded and rolled several times before plunging into the ravine of 200 metres in depth.— MNA/Xinhua

**156 Pakistani fishermen back home from India**

ISLAMABAD, 18 April — Up to 156 Pakistani fishermen left for their homes on Sunday by a train from India, the official Associated Press of Pakistan reported here.

They were released from the jails of India's Jammagar and Kutch districts of Gujarat, said the report. The move comes in the backdrop of Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf's three-day visit to India as part of confidence-building measures, the report said.

"These fishermen will be escorted up to the Indo-Pakistani border and handed over to officials across the border at Wagah," the report quoted Jammagar District Superintendent of Police Manoj Shashidhar as saying.— MNA/Xinhua

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**"ISS" crew may be expanded to three**

Moscow, 18 April — The International Space Station (ISS) may have a third crew member in July if US space shuttles resume regular flights to the Station, Russian and European space officials was quoted by ITAR-TASS as saying Sunday.

The European Space Agency (ESA) hopes to sign a contract with Russia on a long-term mission of its astronaut onboard the ISS, Daniel Sacotte, director of the ESA manned space programmes, told a Press conference at the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos)'s mission control centre outside the capital Moscow.

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**Jordan airline chosen to ferry peacekeepers in Haiti**

AMMAN, 18 April — The United Nations has chosen the Jordan Air to operate a number of charter flights between Beijing and Central America to transport peacekeepers in Haiti, Jordan's state-run television reported Sunday.

The via Amman flights will ferry international peace keeping forces working in Haiti, the airline's Executive Chief Mohammad Khashman said upon the arrival of second flight to the Amman Airport.

Jordan has been chosen by the UN to transport the international peace keeping forces working for the world body, he added.

Khashman stressed that "the company seeks to highlight Jordan's role as a regional air flight centre to link countries in West with East and North with South with a view to boost the air carrier industry in supporting the national economy."

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US study finds possible targets for anti-retroviral drugs

LOS ANGELES, 19 April — More than 100 host genes linked with the replication of retroviruses have been found in a latest research, which may lead to new therapies for AIDS, scientists said on Sunday.

The increased frequency of drug resistance in isolates of the AIDS virus, HIV, makes identification of new antiviral targets an urgent necessity. Host genes required to support the replication of HIV are a potential source of such novel targets, but relatively few appropriate target genes have been identified in animal cells thus far. In this new study, researchers at the University of California, Irvine, used yeast genes to mimic the genes of retrovirus. Their results are reported in the May issue of Genome Research.

Many organisms harbor mobile genetic elements that are non-pathogenic molecular relatives of retroviruses. In budding yeast, these mobile elements, called Ty or transposable yeast elements, encode proteins that are homologs of retroviral proteins.

The proteins encoded by Ty elements and the steps of the life cycle in yeast are similar to the proteins encoded by retroviruses and their life cycles in animal cells, said Suzanne Sandmeyer, lead investigator of the study.

The researchers believe that these simple elements

in a single-celled organism are a good model for understanding how retroviruses such as HIV interact with their hosts. Yeast has previously been used as a model to help scientists understand how cancer cells replicate out of control.

The research team screened a collection of over 4457 mutant yeast strains representing most of the known genes in yeast. They then developed a computer model to focus on gene functions likely to be particularly significant in the Ty3 lifecycle.

With an interactive programme, the researchers were able to search through large amounts of genetic and biochemical data to identify "clusters", or related groups of genes, that are most likely to affect key points in the Ty3 lifecycle. In total, they identified 130 genes that affect the replication of the retrovirus-like element Ty3.

Over half of the genes identified in this study have at least one clear relative or homolog in the human genome, thus providing a rich source of candidate retrovirus host genes. — MNA/Xinhua

Dust cloud from Africa disrupts air traffic in Greece

ATHENS, 18 April — A thick cloud of dust particles, carried by strong winds from North Africa, covered several parts of Greece on Sunday, causing cancellations and serious delays in air transport due to low visibility.

The dust cloud reached Attica Prefecture and several other regions of the country at noon on Sunday, restricting visibility to a few hundred metres and creating a stifling atmosphere.

Southern Greece, and particularly Crete, was most seriously affected by the dense dust cloud, which was carried by storm force winds in the Aegean reaching velocities of up to 9 beau port

locally.

Crete was the hardest hit by the phenomenon, as all air and sea traffic to the island was cancelled.

Aegean Airlines cancelled its flights to Iraklion, while it was also dubious whether an Olympic Airlines afternoon flight would take place, due to low visibility at the Nikos Kazantzakis International Airport.

MNA/Xinhua



A shell oil tanker truck seen in China on 18 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Greece to benefit from Burgas-Alexandrouplis pipeline

ATHENS, 18 April — Greece will profit between 30 and 50 million dollars annually from the transportation of oil via the Burgas-Alexandrouplis oil pipeline, the country's Deputy Development Minister George Salagoudis said on Sunday.

The minister made the statement at a Press conference in Thessaloniki, commenting on the tripartite agreement signed last week in Sofia by Bulgaria and Russia vis — vis the cross-border pipeline, Athens News Agency reported.

The 285-kilometre pipeline to carry Russian oil from Burgas in Bulgaria to Alexandrouplis in northern Greece has an estimated investment cost of 750-800 million US dollars with an annual capacity of 35 million tons of oil.

The pipeline, which is expected to forge a new outlet for Russian oil and for oil from the Caspian Sea to Europe and America, will supplement a sea

route through the Bosphorus for transportation of the product in the region.

Greece's prestige was being upgraded, immediate economic benefits will ensue, and new jobs will be created both during the construction of the pipeline and during its operation, while it will also serve as a permanent source of development for Thrace, Salagoudis said.

He also anticipated that the pipeline would spark the creation of new enterprises. He explained that according to the preliminary blueprint for the pipeline's route, the pipeline would not pass through inhabited areas but through plains areas.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey condemns flag incident in Greece

ANKARA, 18 April — Turkish Foreign Ministry on Sunday condemned the disrespectful attitude toward the Turkish national flag in the Greek War Academy, Anatolia News Agency reported.

According to the Turkish General Staff, two officers and five military students went to Greece last Monday upon an invitation from the Greek War Academy. On Tuesday night, the Turkish military students went out to join a formerly scheduled programme and when they came back to their room they saw a desecrated Turkish flag on which were ugly and dirty terms.

"The incident seems to be a provocation attempt," said the Turkish ministry in a statement, asking the Greek authorities to find those responsible for this incident. "We want to believe that the Turkish-Greek relations are going on the right direction and will not be hurt by irresponsible parties, individuals," it said. After the incident took place, commander of the Greek

Land Forces General Yasar Buyukanit called his Turkish counterpart and apologized.

The Greek commander assured Buyukanit that the individuals responsible for the flag incident will be brought to justice.

Relations between the two countries were strained due to territorial disputes over the Aegean.

MNA/Xinhua

Unusual heavy rain kills 1 in Zanzibar

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 18 April — The heaviest rain in 13 years has claimed the life of at least one person and left several others homeless in Zanzibar, according to reports reaching here on Sunday. The rain, lasting 36 hours over the weekend and registering 149 millimetres with the meteorological station on the Indian Ocean archipelago, flooded houses in several areas in Zanzibar. The Zanzibar State Radio cautioned local residents to take measures against possible outbreak of waterborne diseases while the Zanzibar disaster control committee is expected to meet to discuss the situation.— MNA/Xinhua

Jackie Chan to visit Cambodia's landmine project

PHNOM PENH, 19 April — Hong Kong action movie star Jackie Chan will make a second visit to Cambodia from Wednesday to Friday as a goodwill Ambassador of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Chan, popularly known in Cambodia as "Chhin Long", will visit school and community mine risk education and landmine and UXO (unexploded ordnance) removal projects in Battambang province, UNICEF said in a Press release on Monday. He will also have an audience with Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni.

Chan made his first goodwill mission to Cambodia in April 2004, when he joined other global celebrities as goodwill Ambassador. During his stay, Chan visited projects for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS as well as landmine risk education and removal projects near Siem Reap.— MNA/Xinhua



Denmarks's Crown Prince Frederik (L) and his Australian-born wife Crown Princess Mary smile while wearing Japanese happi coats at the opening of a new Japanese headquarters of Danish pharmaceuticals company Novo Nordisk Pharma Ltd in Tokyo on 18 April, 2005.—INTERNET

SPORTS

### FIFA's Blatter aims for re-election in 2007

BERLIN, 19 April— FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Monday that he intends to run for re-election in 2007, if he is still in good health.

Swiss-born Blatter, 69, took over the FIFA presidency from Brazilian Joao Havelange in 1998 and believes he can continue in the role until 2011.

"I will make myself available again in 2007 providing I remain healthy and the organization want me," Blatter told German news agency DPA.

During his eight-year reign, Blatter has sparked moments of controversy with people accusing him of improper financial dealings, while his views on football have not always been well-received.

In 2004, Blatter claimed football should get rid of draws and introduce penalty shoot-outs if the match was tied after 90 minutes. The idea was thrown out. —MNA/Xinhua

### Kenya's Ndereba defends Boston Marathon women's race

WASHINGTON, 19 April— Defending champion Catherine Ndereba of Kenya became the first four-time woman's winner of the Boston Marathon on Monday, finishing the course with a time of two hours, 25 minutes and 13 seconds.

Ndereba's victory in the 109th edition of the world's oldest annually contested marathon came from behind to overtake

Ethiopia's Elfenes Alemu, who took second in 2:27:03. The women's course record is 2:20:43 set by Margaret Okayo of

Kenya in 2002.

Hailu Negussie of Ethiopia ended Kenya's dominance of the Boston marathon by winning the men's race in 2:11:45.

Kenya had won 13 of the previous 14 men's Boston marathons. The course record of 2:07:15 was set by Cosmas Ndeti of Kenya in 1994.

The Ethiopian, fifth in last year's race, put distance between him and a pack of Kenyan runners, including defending champion Timothy Cherigat, after the infamous Heartbreak Hill, the steepest climb of the course. —MNA/Xinhua



Hailu Negussie of Ethiopia raises his arms as he crosses the finish line to win the 109th running of the Boston Marathon.—INTERNET

### Paula Radcliffe, Martin Lel win London Marathon

LONDON, 19 April— Britain's Paula Radcliffe clocked a record for a woman's only race of 2 hours 17 minutes and 42 seconds to win the London Marathon for the third time on Sunday while Kenya's Martin Lel beat a high-quality field to clinch the men's title.

Lel clocked two hours seven minutes 24 seconds to finish ahead of world champion Jaouad Gharib of Morocco, who was timed in 2:07:49 and South Africa's Hendrik Ramaala in 2:08:32.

Radcliffe, the world record holder, struck out on her own after five miles and but for an unscheduled toilet stop in the 22nd mile maintained a relentless pace. Radcliffe posted the third fastest women's run with Romania's Constantina Dita over five minutes back in second.

Kenyan Susan Chepkemei, who finished third, and Margaret Okayo paid for trying to stay with Radcliffe early on.

The only moment of drama for the Briton came late on when she stopped by the road-side and squat-

ted to empty her bladder before resuming the race.

"I think I need to apologize to the nation for having to stop like that but I was losing 10 seconds every time my stomach cramped up," she said. "I didn't know how far ahead I was because the crowds were so loud and nobody was shouting out any gaps to me. "It was a similar problem to Athens but there was no danger of me being glycogen-defeated again. I knew if I stopped I would be able to get rid of the cramp and concentrate properly again."

Radcliffe soon picked up the pace again and her winning time was the fastest ever in a women's-only race, beating the previous best of 2:18:56 she set on her on her debut in 2002.

Two years ago she set

the world record of 2:15:25 when she ran with the men, but insisted victory — her fifth international marathon win — was the main goal this time.—MNA/Xinhua

### Ashley Cole committed to Arsenal cause

LONDON, 19 April— Arsenal defender Ashley Cole is unhappy about reports that his future at Highbury is uncertain.

Asked after the FA Cup semi-final win over Blackburn whether he intended to stay, the 24-year-old replied: "It's just hard for me to say at the moment."

But Cole says he was only non-committal because of the ongoing inquiry into his alleged tapping-up by Chelsea.

He said: "I have two years left on my contract here and I'm fully focused and fully committed to this football club."

Cole added: "I find it frustrating to say the least that some of Monday's newspapers are second-guessing my thoughts and stating that I have indi-

cated to them any future plans I may have. This simply is not the case.

"I totally understand that the fans want to know more about my situation but, with a Premier League inquiry underway, it is hard for me to talk as freely as I would like right now."

The 24-year-old is at the centre of a Premier League investigation into allegations he was tapped up by Chelsea about joining them this summer.

The case is being reviewed by an independent disciplinary commission. —MNA/Xinhua

### Hyypia targets big league finish

LONDON, 19 April— Sami Hyypia believes Liverpool cannot afford any setbacks in the Premiership if they are going to take fourth spot.

The 31-year-old defender, who Liverpool have denied will join Roma in the summer, admits the Reds may need to win the Champions League to qualify for it.

"Liverpool belong in the Champions League, we have shown that this season. If we drop a few more points it will be impossible for us to get fourth and we will have to win the Champions League," he told the club web site.

Liverpool beat Juventus to reach the last four of Europe's premier competition, where they now face domestic rivals Chelsea.

"When we got through to the semi-finals in Juventus I still thought it would be easier to finish in fourth than actually win the European Cup," added the Finn. "Now, possibly, it's the other way

around. "Winning the Champions League is not impossible but it is certainly not going to be easy."

Liverpool are now three points and two places off Everton in fourth place in the Premiership and their Merseyside rivals have a game in hand.

"Bolton are back in the race," said Hyypia - after the Trotters leapfrogged Liverpool into fifth place following a 2-1 win at Charlton.

"They only have five more league games left to play and they cannot drop any points either.

"It has been a strange season. The top three have gone a long way in front unchallenged, everyone else is fighting for fourth and now there are a few teams coming through from the back.

—MNA/Xinhua

### Sporting of Lisbon joins Braga on hounding Benfica

LISBON, 19 April— The Sporting of Lisbon joined the Sporting of Braga on their hounding to the leadership of Benfica, with its victory over the Moreirense, "the last one" of the championship, which was defeated at home (1-3) at the game that closed the 29 journey of the Soccer League of Portugal.

Both Sporting teams have only one point less than the Benfica, which with 55 points, will keep the leadership this week after the tie to one with the Uniao of Leiria accomplished last Saturday.

Goals of Douala, at the minute 32; Sa Pinto, at the 70 and Liedson, at the 74, were responded by one of Fernando, at the minute 67, for the Moreirense. This allowed the Sporting of Lisbon, second place now, to embrace new ambitions on the League and hound a Benfica that cannot hide the scoring crisis that has

been suffering last weeks. The fourth place is occupied by the Oporto, with 51 points, after defeating the Setubal 2-1 last Friday and joined the group that hounds the Benfica, although many doubt the Oporto will be able to get the title reached on last two seasons.

The three first places have easy commitments on the next journey: Benfica will visit the Estoril Praia; Sporting de Braga will be at the Penafiel field and the Lisbon, at home, will play against the Academica of Coimbra.—MNA/Xinhua

### Lille near Champions League spot with derby win

PARIS, 19 April— Second-placed Lille were on course for a Champions League spot when they grabbed a 2-1 home victory over Racing Lens in a French First Division League match on Saturday.

Substitute Nicolas Fauvergue hit the winner from close range with a minute left, following up after a penalty by midfielder Philippe Brunel had been saved by Lens goalkeeper Charles-Hubert Itandje.

Lille are now 11 points behind leaders Olympique Lyon, who entertain Paris St Germain on Sunday. With five matches remaining after the weekend, Lyon look almost certain to win a fourth consecutive title.

Olympique Marseille's bid for

a Champions League berth suffered a blow as they slumped to a 2-1 home defeat by Ajaccio.

Midfielder Yohan Demont opened the scoring on 25 minutes before setting up Brazilian striker Edson for the struggling Corsican side's second goal in the 53rd minute.

Marseille reduced the arrears six minutes later thanks to Senegal defender Habib Beye before leaving the Velodrome pitch under deafening boos.

—MNA/Xinhua



FC Barcelona's Brazilian Ronaldinho celebrates his first goal against Getafe during their Spanish League football match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barca won 2-0.—INTERNET

### Australia hosts int'l anti-chemical, biological weapons forum

CANBERRA, 19 April— An international forum on fighting chemical and biological weapons began in Sydney, Australia on Monday.

The key topics of the four-day meeting will be anti-terrorism measures and improving export controls of chemicals used in such attacks.

It is the first time for Australia to host the forum since it was set up 20 years ago, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported.

The forum, called the Australia Group, is an informal arrangement which aims to allow exporting or transshipping countries to minimize the risk of assisting chemical and biological weapon (CBW) proliferation. It has 38 members including the United States, Britain, Japan, France plus the European Commission.

The group meets annually to discuss ways in which the national level export licensing measures of its members can collectively be made more effective in ensuring would-be proliferators are unable to obtain necessary inputs for CBW programmes, which are banned under international law.

Australia is the permanent chair of the group. Opening the meeting, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said chemical and biological weapons present a real and deadly threat.

MNA/Xinhua

### UN says gender gap in primary education still wide

GENEVA, 19 April— More of the world's children than ever are going to school but millions of girls are still denied a basic education, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said here on Monday.

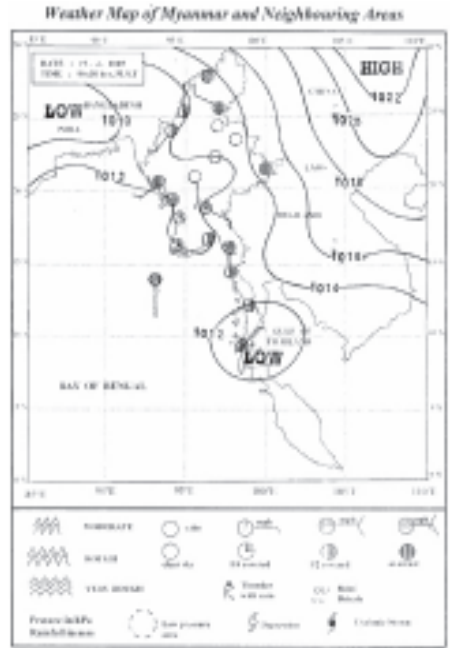
Some 125 out of 180 countries are on course to reach educational gender parity by 2005, but three regions — Middle East/North Africa, South Asia and West/Central Africa — will not meet the gender parity goal set by the UN as part of its Millennium Development Goals, says a newly-launched UNICEF report.

"Education is about more than just learning. A girl out of school is more likely to fall prey to HIV/AIDS and less able to raise a healthy family," UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy told a Press conference here.

A "quantum leap" is needed both to break down the barriers keeping girls out of school and to make school available to all children, Bellamy said.

The report says poverty and the mother's education are two of the important factors determining a child's chances of going to school. The prevalence of HIV/AIDS, civil conflict, child labour, child trafficking and natural disasters all have a clear impact on access to school, it added.

MNA/Xinhua



### WEATHER

Tuesday, 19 April, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa and Magway (43°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 18-4-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 19-4-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-4-2005 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 18-4-2005 was (11.0) hours approx. Rainfalls on 19-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.63 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 (5) mph from Southwest at (21:40) hours MST on 18-4-2005.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-4-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-4-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-4-2005: Partly cloudy.

### WHO says destruction of fatal flu virus samples to finish soon

GENEVA, April 19 — All labs that received samples of a fatal flu virus in test kits, except for those in the United States, have destroyed the virus, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

The destruction of the virus samples is still ongoing in the United States, and is expected to be completed shortly, the United Nations health agency said in a statement.

The WHO statement criticized the College of American Pathologist in the United States for sending the virus as "unwise", saying that the virus could trigger a pandemic if it escaped from the labs. So far, more than 3,700 labs in 18 countries and areas have received samples of the H2N2 virus, which killed between one and four million people in 1957-58 in Asia, as part of routine testing of labs' ability to detect strains. —MNA/Xinhua



### Wednesday, 20 April Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -All I want is you
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Make it through
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -I give you to this heart
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Heart beat of hope
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music: - Because I love you
- I remember
- Goodbye Sam
- Here in my heart
- 9.00 pm "Variations on a tune"
- Unchained Melody
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request: -Hey baby
- First love
- Kissy kissy
- Don't let me down
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

**Wednesday, 20 April**  
View on today:

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယဟော နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်အောင်ချက် အဘိဓမ္မာဟောရှင်ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. မြန်မာ့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>7. တံတော်ဘီးလင်းရေလှောင်တံခွန်</p>	<p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Demonstration exercises for correct pronunciation</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ယဉ်ကျေး ရန်ပြိုင်ပွဲကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Song of national races</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအမွေ</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>8. Classical song</p> <p>5:55 pm</p> <p>9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p>	<p>6:10 pm</p> <p>10. ရွယ်လုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>11. Discovery</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>12. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>14. Musical programme</p> <p>7:20 pm</p> <p>15. Strong and healthy Myanmar</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>16. Musical programme</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>18. International news</p> <p>19. Weather report</p> <p>20. ဂဝဏ္ဏ ဓမ္မနိစ ချိသမအကြိမ် (၁၂) ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက အရေး အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ဓာတ်တော်ကြီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရှင်သေး) မဟာသမာဓိ ဓာတ်တော်ကြီး (တတိယဆူ) (မွန်ပြည်နယ်ရုပ်ရှင် သဘင်အဖွဲ့)</p> <p>21. The next day's programme</p>
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# Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit marks its 10th anniversary



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the ceremony to mark 10th anniversary of Myawady TV. —MNA

YANGON, 19 April—The Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit celebrated its 10th anniversary in conjunction with the prize-presentation of Myawady Publishing House at the unit in Hmawby this evening.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC Members Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman

National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tin, Maj-Gen Saw Hla, Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Maj-Gen Sein Lin and Maj-Gen Aye Myint of the MoD, senior military officers, officials of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association,

Myanmar Photographic Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, employees of the broadcasting unit, prize winners and guests.

On the occasion, the Secretary-1 delivered a speech and presented prizes for Myawady novel to Maung Yi Thwe, Nwgetayi novel to Ma Win Le Phyu, Myawady short story to Sein So Oo, Ngwetayi short story to Maubin Lwint Kyaw, best Myawady (See page 9)



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a prize to a prize-winner. — MNA

of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for

## Tilapia fish market festival on 30 April and 1 May

YANGON, 19 April—A coordination meeting took place at the Myanmar Fisheries Federation this morning to exhibit a Tilapia fish market festival to be organized by the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Myanmar Fisheries Association with the arrangements of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on 30 April and 1 May.

Present were Minister for Livestock and fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads, Chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, officials, restaurateurs, and guests.

The minister delivered a speech on the occasion. Joint-Secretary of the Committee for holding the festival U Win Kyaing gave an account of the agendas, and an expert U Tin Maung Than and Chairman of the MFF U Than Lwin, nutritional value of the fish, and the breeding, growth rate, and export of the species.

Next, the officials replied to the queries raised by the journalists.

After the meeting, a luncheon with dishes of the

fish was served to those present.

The festival will be held in the compound of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation at the corner of Bayintnaung Road and Hsaywa Street in West Gyogon Ward, Insein Township, from 3 pm to 8 pm on 30 April and 1 May.

The pavilions of the Fisheries Department, the MFF, MFA, Myanmar Prawn Breeding Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association, the feedstuff factories, companies related to fish breeding, fish breeding entrepreneurs, and fingerlings producers will be staged at the festival.

Moreover, with the aim of dissemination of Tilapia fish cooking methods to the people, two roast fish shops, three shops (Chinese style), two shops (Myanmar style), two shops (Indian style), and two Mohinga (Myanmar traditional snack) shops will also be staged, and a fish dish competition will be held at the festival.

A variety of Tilapia fish and fish products will be on sale at reasonable prices, and vocalists will entertain the visitors with songs. — MNA

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Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses the coordination meeting to organize Tilapia Fish Market Festival. —MNA