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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

## Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win oversees dredging of sandbanks in Yangon River

YANGON, 22 April — Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected dredging of sandbanks

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, officials of the

They got on board dredger Thihadipa. The Prime Minister oversaw work process

of the dredger along Thanlyetsoon water course of Yangon River and dumping of silt at the

mouth of Yangon River. At the hall of the dredger, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein

Swe briefed the Prime Minister on present situation of Yangon Port, dredging of the water course at inner bar and outer bar, berthing and departing of ocean-going vessels at Yangon Port and plans to gear up the dredging tasks.

Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported on capabilities of dredgers, dredging of the outer bar, work process, environs of the jetties and flow of water in Yangon River.

In response, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win gave instructions on dredging tasks to be undertaken with goodwill to enable ocean-going vessels to moor safely depth at Yangon Port.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected berthing and unberthing of ocean-going vessels at Yangon Port, flow of water in the river and development of Yangon Port's environs and went back to Nanthida Jetty.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win oversees work process of the dredger along Thanlyetsoon water course of Yangon River.—MNA

being carried out by the Ministry of Transport along the water course of Yangon River this morning.

Accompanied by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe,

State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win left Nanthida Jetty on Pansodan Street, here, by boat of Myanma Port Authority at 7 am.



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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive with Union Spirit for perpetuation of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is a nation where various national races reside. A glance at the trend of Myanmar History will reveal that the nation does not emerge overnight but it has come into existence through the unity and amity of the national brethren who have been dwelling in the Union since time immemorial.

The duty to safeguard the unity and solidarity of the national races who have been living in the Union through thick and thin since yore is the inborn duty of every citizen of the nation.

Nowadays, the government is striving its utmost to safeguard and promote cultures and traditions and national character of the entire national people.

At the invitation of Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, various national race cultural troupes of respective border areas participated in the 2005 Yangon City Maha Thingyan festival.

A ceremony to host a dinner to the national race cultural troupes was held at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in Yangon on 18 April with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

He stressed the need for the national races to actively participate in successful realization of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit with the nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit for propagation of national solidarity and perpetuation of the Union.

The government with genuine goodwill is taking systematic steps to bring about equitable development across the nation. As a result, there has emerged better transport in border areas, thereby contributing to enhancing the standard of economy, education and health in the region.

During their visit to Yangon, the national races witnessed progress and prosperity of the nation, and they will be able to relate their findings and experiences to those in respective border areas.

The government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map capable of guaranteeing perpetuation of the Union so long as the world exists.

This being so, the entire national people are to actively participate in successful realization of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit for further strengthening national solidarity and perpetuation of the Union.

## 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 Industry-1

U Aung Thuang

receives Chairmen of

Korean Hon-Ji Global

Co Ltd of ROK and

Korea-Myanmar

Friendship Association.

INDUSTRY-1



## Planning Department holds coord meeting

YANGON, 22 April—The Planning Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development held a meeting at the department this morning to coordinate measures for the projects to be implemented in 2005-2006 fiscal year.

It was attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, departmental heads and officials.

The minister in his speech said that endeavours are to be made with added momentum for exceeding the targets of the 2005-2006 projects after reviewing the strong and weak points faced in the

2004-2005. He stressed the importance of further progress in the agricultural, industrial, energy and electric power sectors, and operating of the factories at full capacity.

The minister called for timely submission of reports on weaknesses faced in implementing the plans adopted by the State for exceeding the targets. Those in charge from states and divisions reported on work progress, targets of the 2005-2006 projects, arrangements, and future programmes.

The minister delivered concluding remarks.

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## MICPA first annual general meeting held



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung makes a speech at the 1st annual meeting of MICPA.— MNA

YANGON, 22 April—The First Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) was held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here at 10 am today, with the address by Chairman of Myanmar Accountancy Council Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Chairman of MICPA U Hla Tun and executives and members.

At the meeting, the chairman of MICPA and Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung spoke.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the MICPA Chairman.—MNA

## Curricula for Archaeological Training School coordinated

YANGON, 22 April — A coordination meeting to designate curricula of the archaeological training school in Pyay, Bago Division, was held at the Ministry of Culture on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, the directors-general, the rectors, the principal of the training school and officials.

They made a general round of discussion on the curricula.

Next, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.— MNA

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# China, Austria agree to expand economic, political cooperation

**BEIJING, 21 April—** Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao told Austrian Federal Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel Wednesday that China welcomes Austrian investment and is ready to deepen economic cooperation with Austria.

Wen invited Austrian enterprises to take part in China's development of its western regions and the country's plan of rejuvenating its old industrial base in the northeast. "I especially hope the two countries' medium- and small-sized companies will improve cooperation."

Schuessel arrived in Beijing late Tuesday night, starting a week-long official visit to China aimed at promoting political and economic ties. During an hour-long talk with Wen, Schuessel said Austria regards China as an important strategic partner. "China is the second largest trade partner of the European Union and the largest Asian trade partner of Austria."

He said the economy of Austria and China are highly compatible and the two can borrow from each other to boost

economic growth.

China and Austria established diplomatic ties in 1971. The trade volume between the two countries exceeded three billion euros (3.87 billion US dollars) in 2004. Wen said China is delighted with the smooth development of China-Austria relations. "Next year marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. China would like to avail this opportunity to upgrade the bilateral ties to a new level." He suggested the two countries boost bilateral ties by focusing on three aspects: maintaining high-level visits and communication among different departments, further probing the potential for economic cooperation, and improving exchanges on culture, education, science and technology.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A Chinese woman introduces a Toyota's REIZ on display at the 2005 Auto Shanghai exhibition in Shanghai on 22 April, 2005.

INTERNET

## Helicopter 'downed' near Baghdad, six Americans killed

**BAGHDAD, 21 April—**A commercial helicopter has crashed about 20km (12 miles) north of Baghdad, killing all 11 people on board.

The Bulgarian Defence Ministry said the Russian-built MI-8 aircraft had been brought down by a missile attack.

Those who died were six US security contractors, three Bulgarian crew members and two guards — who were reportedly from the Philippines.

Guerillas have shot down several US military helicopters since the US-led invasion of Iraq.

The helicopter was owned by a Bulgarian company, Heli Air, and chartered by SkyLink, a North American company.

SkyLink said it had been flying to Tikrit, north of Baghdad. TV footage showed the burning wreckage of the aircraft in a barren area. The crash came hours after two foreign contractors were killed in a roadside bomb on the road to Baghdad airport.

Three foreign contractors — an American, a Canadian and an Australian — died in an attack on the same stretch of road on Wednesday.

Internet



A construction worker watches US soldiers descending from a roof they briefly used as an observation post during a search for weapons and guerrillas in the restive Palestine District in the city of Mosul, 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, on 22 April 2005. — INTERNET

## Koizumi vows to work for improvement of Japan-China relations

**TOKYO, 22 April —** Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said here Wednesday that he will adhere to the spirit of "Murayama Statement" and make efforts to improve relations with China.

Koizumi, also president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, made the remarks during a Parliament debate session with Katsuya Okada, president of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan.

"I have carried out diplomacy with emphasis on Japan-China relations," Koizumi was quoted by Japanese media as saying in the debate. He said that he shares the same view of "Murayama Statement" over historical issues.

Koizumi was referring to the statement made by former Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama on August 15, 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the World War II.

In that statement, Murayama said: "During a certain period in the not too distant past, Japan, through its colonial rule and aggression, caused tremendous

damage and suffering to the peoples of many countries, particularly to those of Asian nations."

Murayama also made a clear apology for Japanese crimes before and during the war and expressed deep remorse and stressed the need for Japan to "convey to younger generations the horror of war" so that it will never repeat the mistake.

Okada, in his meeting with the visiting Australian Prime Minister John Howard on Wednesday, criticized Koizumi for repeated visits to the notorious Yasukuni Shrine. Okada held Koizumi responsible for the current difficulties in the relationship between Japan and China.

Yasukuni Shrine honours 14 Class-A World War II criminals along with Japanese war dead since the mid-19th century. Koizumi has paid four visits to the shrine since he took office in 2001, with the latest one on New Year's Day in 2004. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Indian Cabinet approves signing of Extradition Treaty with Nepal

**NEW DELHI, 21 April—** The Indian Government on Wednesday gave its approval for signing and ratification of an Extradition Treaty between India and Nepal to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

This Treaty would provide an improved and more effective legal framework for extradition of fugitive offenders, including those who may be wanted in respect of economic offences, Information and Broadcasting Minister S Jaipal Reddy told reporters here. He said it would work as a deterrent for criminals

and would help minimize criminal activities with international ramifications. It would further strengthen the relationship between India and Nepal by providing a strong legal basis for bilateral cooperation in dealing with the unlawful elements acting against the national interests of both the countries. The 1953

Extradition Treaty, which is currently operative between the two countries, lacks provisions on several basic issues, including treatment of nationals of the requested country and of a third country, method of determining extraditable offences and obligation to extradite or prosecute a fugitive.

MNA/PTI

## ONGC gets Asiamoney award

**NEW DELHI, 21 April —** Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) has been awarded "Best Deals of the Year 2004" trophy by Asiamoney — Asia's leading capital markets publication.

The award was given in recognition of the successful placement of 106.94 billion rupees worth of secondary shares, a company Press release said here.

At an exclusive award presentation function held in Mumbai, the trophy was received by ONGC chairman and managing director Subir Raha and director (finance) R.S. Sharma. This was for the first time that the awards road-show was held in India. — *MNA/PTI*

## Turkey to help Afghanistan in rebuilding infrastructures

**KABUL, 21 April —** Turkey is committed to help Afghanistan rebuild its basic infrastructures, visiting Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Wednesday evening.

"Turkey is ready to extend all kind of support to Afghanistan rebuild its roads, hospitals, schools and housing," Erdogan told journalists at a joint Press conference

with President Hamid Karzai.

With the presence of some 60 Turkish firms in the post-war nation, Turkey has been significantly contributing in the rebuilding of the war-ravaged central Asian state.

"I would encourage more Turkish companies to invest in Afghanistan," Erdogan stressed. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An aircraft ready for take-off at Mumbai Airport. British Midland International Airlines said it will start four weekly flights between London and Mumbai from next month in a bid to tap the growing Indian market of overseas travellers.

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**Substantial measures introduced to help save water in Beijing**

**BEIJING, 21 April** — A water waster in Beijing might face a fine up to 30,000 yuan (more than 3,600 US dollars), says the national capital's new-born regulations on water saving on Tuesday.

The regulations, to take effect on 1 May, stipulates a ban on the use of clean water for gardening. The alternatives of rain water and recycled water are encouraged.

Unapproved use of water for public supply or fire control will bring a violator a minimum fine

of 10,000 yuan (some 1,200 US dollars).

The regulations, however, do not impose a quota on the household use of water owing to residents' opposition to higher charge for possible over-use.

A stipulation in the draft on a cut of water

supply to a user who refuses to pay is ruled out in the final version of the regulations.

The national capital with a population of approximately 15 million has been troubled with acute water shortage in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua

**Pakistan denies plan to operate along border with US forces**

**ISLAMABAD, 21 April** — A top Pakistani military officer Wednesday dismissed remarks by US Lieutenant-General David Barno, commander of the coalition forces in Afghanistan, that Pakistan is planning to launch an operation against militants in its North Waziristan tribal region.

"No operation is planned in North Waziristan," Lieutenant-General Safdar Hussain, military operations chief in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province, told reporters in the provincial capital city of Peshawar to brief them about his meeting with Barno on Tuesday, the independent *News Network International* reported.

"I told General Barno that the statement about operation is figment of his imagination," Safdar said. He also denied any plan about a joint operation by Pakistani and American forces.

Barno said in the US Embassy in Islamabad on Monday that Pakistani Army was set to begin a major operation against foreign suspects and their local sup-

porters in the tribal area bordering Afghanistan. Barno was in Pakistan to represent the United States at a meeting of the Tripartite Commission on 18 April, which also groups Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Barno reportedly said that the US forces prepared to undertake a spring offensive in Afghanistan as it was launched in Pakistan's North Waziristan.

Safdar condemned Barno's statement and described it as incorrect. He said Pakistan is a sovereign country and makes decisions on its own.

"We do not take any dictation from anyone and operation will be launched if it is needed," Safdar said, adding "We are achieving objectives without firing bullets." — MNA/Xinhua

**Penumbral eclipse to occur in Hong Kong**

**HONG KONG, 21 April** — A penumbral eclipse of the moon will occur in the sky above Hong Kong on 24 April, according to a Hong Kong Government Press release on Tuesday.

If weather permits, it can be observed by local residents after moonrise that evening.

The so-called "penumbral eclipse" means that the moon only passes through the penumbra (partial shadow) of the Earth's shadow without entering the umbra (total shadow). During the event, the moon will become only slightly dimmer.

The penumbral eclipse will occur between 3.50 p.m. and 8 pm local time and last for around four hours. However, since the time of moonrise in Hong Kong on that day is 6.46 pm, the penumbral eclipse will be visible only for around one hour and 14 minutes.

MNA/Xinhua

**Arroyo orders contingency plans to control oil prices**

**MANILA, 21 April** — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the Department of Energy (DOE) to set contingency plans in response to the increasing prices of petroleum products both in the international and domestic markets.

In a radio interview, Press Secretary Ignacio R Bunye Wednesday said the President directed the DOE to paint possible scenarios as far as oil prices are concerned, and propose courses of action that the government can take to mitigate the impact on the economy and the public.

"The response that Malacanang (Presidential Palace) would take would have to be a calibrated one. That's why the President has ordered the DOE to explain the possible scenario as a result of the continued increase in oil prices," Bunye said.

A research report issued by Goldman Sachs, the biggest trader of energy derivatives in the world, forecast that oil prices could range from 50 US dollars to 105 US dollars per barrel, due to

thin spare capacity in the energy supply chain and long response times for bringing on supply additions.

The report also cited the robust demand for oil in United States and in big developing countries like China and India, despite the recent rapid increase in energy costs.

Bunye said Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla is expected to submit the contingency plan in the next few days, so the national government would be guided as to the course of action it could take, should oil prices reach the level of the 1970s.

World oil prices vaulted over 52 US dollars per barrel on Tuesday, with US light crude for climbing 1.92 US dollars or nearly 4 per cent to 52.29 US dollars a barrel.

MNA/Xinhua

**Militant group claims helicopter crash in Iraq**

**CAIRO, 21 April** — A militant group in Iraq claimed on the *Internet* on Thursday that it shot down a commercial helicopter contracted by a US company, killing 11 on board.

"The heroes of the Islamic Army in Iraq shot down a transport plane of the army of atheism," said a statement posted on the *Internet*.

Besides, a three-minute video displayed on the *Internet* showed the burning remains of the crashed helicopter and the burned-out corpses.

The authenticity of the video could not be verified.

A spokesman of US Embassy in Baghdad confirmed that the Bulgarian

civilian helicopter crashed north of Baghdad on Thursday, killing six Americans and three Bulgarians on board.

Later reports said that two security guards said to be from Fiji were also among the dead.

Guerillas in Iraq sometimes managed to shoot down helicopters and damage planes with projectiles. A US transport helicopter was downed by rockets near Falluja in 2003, with at least 16 US soldiers aboard killed. — *Internet*

**Iranian plane crash kills infant, injures many**

**TEHRAN, 21 April** — An Iranian passenger plane caught fire while landing at Teheran's main airport on Wednesday night, killing an infant and injuring a large numbers of passengers, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

According to the report, the *Boeing 707* of Saha Airlines had a bad landing at 11.15 local time (19.45 GMT) at the Mehrabad International Airport after one of its tires was blown off while landing.

"Due to a still unknown reason", the plane fell into a ditch in Kan River while touching down and one of the passengers' infant fell into the river while the passengers were being evacuated through the emergency exit, the Saha managing director was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier secures the area where a roadside bomb exploded in the Iraqi southern city of Basra, on 22 April 2005. — INTERNET



## Japan, Australia agree to start feasibility study on FTA

TOKYO, 21 April — Japan and Australia agreed on Wednesday to start a joint feasibility study for two years to explore the possibility of the two countries signing a bilateral free trade agreement.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and his Australian counterpart John Howard said at a joint Press conference they had reached an accord on the start of the study aimed at verifying the merits and demerits of an FTA, but Koizumi said completion of the study will not automatically lead to formal FTA talks.

Howard said both

countries "have agreed to further elevate or enhance the economic relationship", but that he understands "the next step after that in concluding whether the feasibility study turns out to be positive would be very difficult".

Koizumi said the Australian Premier understands the "difficulties involving Japan's sensitive farm sector".

Japanese farmers are

concerned about an FTA with Australia because they will suffer damage from expanded agricultural product imports under such an arrangement.

During the summit talks, Howard did not request Japan's commitment to launching official FTA talks after the feasibility study.

The study will be intergovernmental and business bodies and

scholars will not formally participate in it.

The two leaders also said they agreed on the need for Japan and Australia to work together closely on the reconstruction of Iraq.

Howard arrived in Japan on Tuesday for a three-day visit. He will visit the site of the World Exposition in central Japan's Aichi Prefecture on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

## India's gem & jewellery exports up 29% at \$15.67b in 2004-05

NEW DELHI, 21 April — In line with India's total export growth figures, gem and jewellery exports during 2004-05 increased 29.27 per cent to 15.67 billion US dollars.

The figure stood at 12.12 billion US dollars in the previous fiscal.

"The export figure for the sector has surpassed the 13.3 billion US dollars target set by the Commerce Ministry.

Keeping in view the achievement, the target for this fiscal as well as 2006-07 has been revised upwards to 18 billion US dollars and 20 billion US dollars," Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council chairman Bakul R Mehta told reporters here.

Exports of cut and polished diamonds, which contribute about 72 per cent of the total exports in this sector, rose 29.60 per cent to 11.18 billion US dollars compared to 8.62 billion US dollars in 2003-04. Gold jewellery exports jumped by an impressive 42.23 per cent to 3.81 billion US dollars while exports of coloured gemstones increased 8.1 per cent to 192 million US

dollars.

In rupee terms, total exports stood at 70,240 rupees crore in 2004-05, up 26.44 per cent from 55,554 crore a year ago.

Total imports of gems and jewellery grew 23.65 per cent to 11.56 billion US dollars over 9.3 billion US dollars a year ago.

Imports of rough diamonds grew 6.3 per cent to 7.59 billion US dollars in 2004-05 while imports of cut and polished diamonds jumped a huge 137.8 per cent to 2.82 billion US dollars.

The sector employs 13 lakh people at present, Mehta said, adding it has the potential to create three lakh additional jobs every year.

The GJEPC is also setting up a Bharat Diamond Bourse in Mumbai which would be ready by 2006-07, as part of efforts to make India the world's diamond hub, he added.

MNA/PTI

## Earthquake jolts west Japan

TOKYO, 21 April — An earthquake registering a preliminary magnitude of 5.7 jolted west Japan's Kyushu area on Wednesday morning, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

There were no immediate reports of injury or damage from the 6:11 am (2111 GMT) quake. No tsunami warning was issued.

The quake measured upper 5 in the city of Fukuoka and its vicinity on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7. It was felt in extensive areas in western Japan.

The focus of the quake was in the Sea of Japan west of Fukuoka Prefecture, the agency said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two US Marines killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 April — Two US Marines were killed in a bomb attack in western Iraq on Wednesday, the US military said in a statement on Thursday.

The two marines, assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), were killed in action by an improvised explosive device, or homemade bomb, detonated in Ramadi, 110 km west of Baghdad, said the military statement.

The names of the deceased were being withheld until next of kin was notified. Over 1580 US military personnel have died in Iraq since the US-led forces launched the war on Iraq in March 2003. — INTERNET



Shoppers visit the newly opened bookstore at a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 19 April, 2005.—INTERNET

## Singaporean developer injects money into Chinese Dead Sea

CHENGDU, 21 April — A Singaporean businessman has signed an agreement with local tourism administration last week to develop the Chinese Dead Sea in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The Grand Vision International Holdings Ltd will invest 200 million yuan (more than 24 million US dollars) to develop an ancient salt lake, registered as the Chinese Dead Sea in Daying County of Suining, a city about 360 kilometres away from the provincial capital Chengdu, said Chairman Henry HL Lim of the Singaporean company.

The salt lake, which took shape some 150 million years ago as a result

of two major mountain-building processes of the earth, contains the same mineral elements as those of the Dead Sea in the Middle East.

The mineral elements in the lake water, such as sodium, calcium, iodine and bromine, and microorganisms are believed to be good for skin disease and rheumatic arthritis.

People can stay floating on the lake surface, which boasts a 22-per-cent content of salt.—MNA/Xinhua

## Construction of underwater museum in Yangtze in full swing

CHONGQING, 21 April — Construction of an underwater museum housing the world's oldest hydrologic survey device in the Yangtze River is smoothly underway in southwest China's Chongqing.

The major body of the underwater museum to protect Baiheliang Ridge of Rocks has been completed and will open to the public on 30 June in 2006, when other subsidiary projects are due, according to Wang Chuanping, deputy-director of Chongqing Municipal Cultural Department.

The project started in 2002 with three parts: underwater base construction, a water-filled underwater museum and a cement cover to protect the museum, and a 2,000-square-metre exhibition hall at a nearby bank.

The ellipse underwater museum, about 70-metre long and 23-metre wide,

is built to protect the middle ridge with intensive inscriptions of water level scores and famous calligraphers' work. It was built transparent and could allow clean water in and out of the body.

The ellipse cover is then protected with another cement one, which provides a circuit for tourists to visit. Tourists would be descended into the interlayer with an elevator from above the water.

Chongqing Mayor Wang Hongju declared Baiheliang Ridge of Rocks, the world's oldest water survey device, will apply for listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mittal Steel denies proposed of investment in India

LONDON, 21 April — Mittal Steel Company, owned by NRI steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal, on Wednesday said it was very interested in the Indian market and would look at appropriate opportunities as they present themselves but denied reports that it had proposed to build a steel plant in Jharkhand.

Reports in a section of the media has said that Mittal Steel had submitted a proposal to the Jharkhand State government to build a 5.5-billion-dollar steel plant.

"No discussions have taken place and no proposal has been submitted," the company said in a statement here.

MNA/PTI



A shopper strolls in front of Chinese restaurant at the Chinatown in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 20 April, 2005.—INTERNET

## Activities of groups...

(from page 16)

At this press conference today, I will clarify points relating to the reason of declaring unlawful association the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa and related groups which committed acts posing grave danger to the Union of Myanmar and the entire national people.

As it has already been known to the journalists, the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa who is the son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaike, from abroad, an-

ful Associations Act.

It can be found this has been an attempt of the descendants of some Shan sawbwas to secede from the Union in accordance with the wishes of colonialists and their lackeys designed to cause disintegration of the Union, which has been in existence in unity since the pre-historic times. The attempt may be seen as part of machinations perpetrated constantly following the dictates from outside the country and relying on the external elements.

nouncement openly from abroad when the former directed them the time was right to do so.

**In review of the formation of an alliance of SURA and SNLD and Shan State Intellectuals Advisory Council, announcement of aims and attitude and the declaration of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, it is found that they would be establishing a genuine Union. The genuine Union means the Union made up of eight states namely Kachin state, Kayin state, Kayah state, Chin state, Mon state,**



Journalists studying notices and documentary photos displayed at the press conference (3/2005) — MNA

nounced formation of the so-called Shan State provisional government and independence of Shan State on 17 April. In that government, it was announced Sao Hkam Hpa (alias) Sao Hse as president; Hkun Sai Sit as prime

The declaration of the independence of Shan State and formation of Shan State provisional government by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts can also be found as part of the conspiracies of SURA, SNLD and Shan

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minister; Sao Khum Hom (alias) Sai Soe Nyunt as foreign minister; Hkun Sai (alias) Hkun Hti as home affairs minister; and Kyao Kin Sai (alias) Sao Khay Say as defence minister.

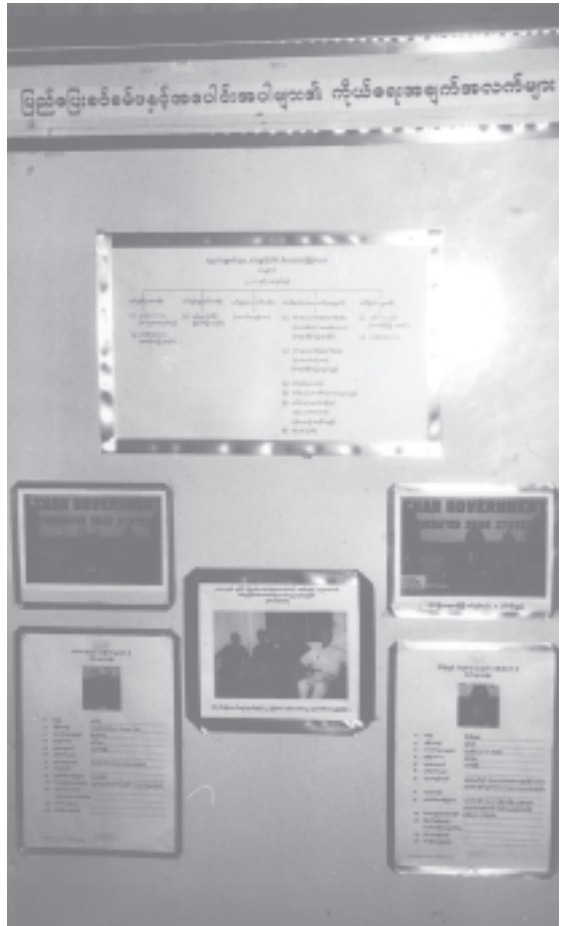
State Intellectuals Advisory Council to form a nominal Union and later secede from the Union.

SURA, SNLD and Shan State Intellectuals Advisory Council are plotting to cause disintegration of national unity and solidarity and disintegration of the Union. Thus, the Government exposed their conspiracies and protected the Union from disintegration in time. According to the plans of the alien mentors, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts made such an an-

**form a nominal Union and later secede from the Union. The activities of the groups are very dangerous to the stability of the State, national solidarity and it could lead to disintegration of the Union. Hence, such activities are unacceptable.**

I will continue to clarify points relating to the background history of insurgency in Shan State. Just after Myanmar regained independence, multi-coloured insurgencies emerged throughout the Union. In the year

Documentary photos, resumes and figures displayed at the press conference (3/2005). MNA



1949, when KNDO shouted to establish separate Kayin State by occupying some regions in southern Shan State, Shan feudal sawbwas and followers carried out activities to secede from the Union and establish separate Shan State.

In 1949, Chiang

Province intruded into Shan State of Myanmar. The nationalist Chinese organized residential feudal lords providing economic assistance and giving gifts. Thus, Shan sawbwas neglected the intrusion of nationalist Chinese troops. By taking advantage of weaknesses of Shan sawbwas, the nationalist Chinese troops expanded their occupied areas and Mongmao, Mongyan, Mongyawng, Mongpan, Monghsu, Mongpu-on and Tachilek, etc fell under nationalist Chinese troops.

The Myanmar government lodged a complaint with the United Nations Organization

against the nationalist Chinese intrusion. However, the nationalist Chinese did not withdraw from the Myanmar territories since they were receiving direct support from the west. Hence, to safeguard the sovereignty of the Union, the Tatmadaw had to launch major operations beginning 1952 to drive out nationalist Chinese troops. While driving out nationalist Chinese, the Tatmadaw had to control some regions of Shan State. Some sawbwas were not satisfied with it and they organized simple and honest Shan nationals by inciting

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Sao Khun Hon (a) Sai Soe Nyunt of the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa — MNA

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**Activities of groups...**

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anti-Bamar sentiments and racism to mislead the Shan nationals with the aim of ensuring their continued authority.

In 1952, the progressive people's forces opposed to feudalism launched campaign to force Shan sawbwas to relinquish their power and privileges. In 1957 before the split of AFPFL, member of parliament Namkham U Tun Aye submitted proposals again and again to the parliament raising the case of sawbwas to relinquish power and for Shan State not to secede from the Union. However, Ya-ta-sa-nya-pha (People of Shan hilly regions solidarity association) demanded

nationals with a view to eliminating their anti-feudalism sentiments.

At that time, Nyaungshwe sawbwa's wife Nam Hein Hkam (Mahadevi) instigated and organized Shan youths who were pursuing education at universities with the support of sawbwas, bribed civil and police personnel, local figures, collected arms and provided training. Those who played major roles in creating insurgency in Shan State were Hsipaw sawbwa, Mongrai sawbwa, Monghsu sawbwa, Taungbaing sawbwa, Kehsi sawbwa, Monglin sawbwa, Nyaungshwe sawbwa's wife Nam Hein Hkam (Mahadevi), Hsenwi

Hwepuhaw at Myanmar-Thai border. That group received assistance openly from Hsenwi sawbwa, Hsipaw sawbwa, Monghsu sawbwa, Leikhasawbwa, Kehsi sawbwa, Mongrai sawbwa, Monglin sawbwa and Nyaungshwe sawbwa and his wife Nam Hein Hkam (Mahadevi).

On 13 February 1959, Sai Nwe attacked T a t m a d a w ' s Pungpahyem camp by shouting the commencement of Shan revolution. Sai Nwe was wounded and they fled to the other country with heavy casualties. Shan insurgency then came into existence. In the beginning, it was under the name of Nom Sit Han and one year later it split into three groups.



Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa — MNA

Nom Sit Han leader Sai Nwe, Moe Hein joined some members of nationalist Chinese No 3 division and formed SURA (Shan United Revolutionary Army).

These incidents

cally unknown and having no administrative experience, they are influenced by insurgent tendency and manipulated by colonialists. Their act is merely self-centred.

As underground movement, Shan sawbwas created insurgencies and as above-ground movement they attempted to secede from the Union. It shows that Shan sawbwas made underground and above-ground movements simultaneously against the then government with a view to holding on power and ruling the local people in their own interests.

Based on the provision of secession in chapter 10 of the 1947 Constitution, the question of the federal principle was raised in 1958. They attempted to establish an independent state whether

it could secede from the Union or not while planning to secure membership of a powerful organization.

At that time, the Myanmar's situation was unstable and the war began to rage in southeast Asia. Shan State's attempt to establish a federal state then was like inviting outside interferences. At the same time, Myanmar was on the brink of falling into the trap of colonialists and disintegration of the Union as the colonialists were increasing their work to persuade and lure the potential cohorts. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to save the Union in March 1962 for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and serving the interests of the entire national people.

Now, descendants of Shan sawbwas are at-

**Ya-ta-sa-nya-pha (People of Shan hilly regions solidarity association) demanded the secession from the Union. At that time, Hsipaw sawbwa and Mongrai sawbwa supported the secession and established Ya-pa-nya-pha (Shan State People's Unity Association).**

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sawbwa's representative Mahawam and 15 executive members of Ya-pa-nya-pha.

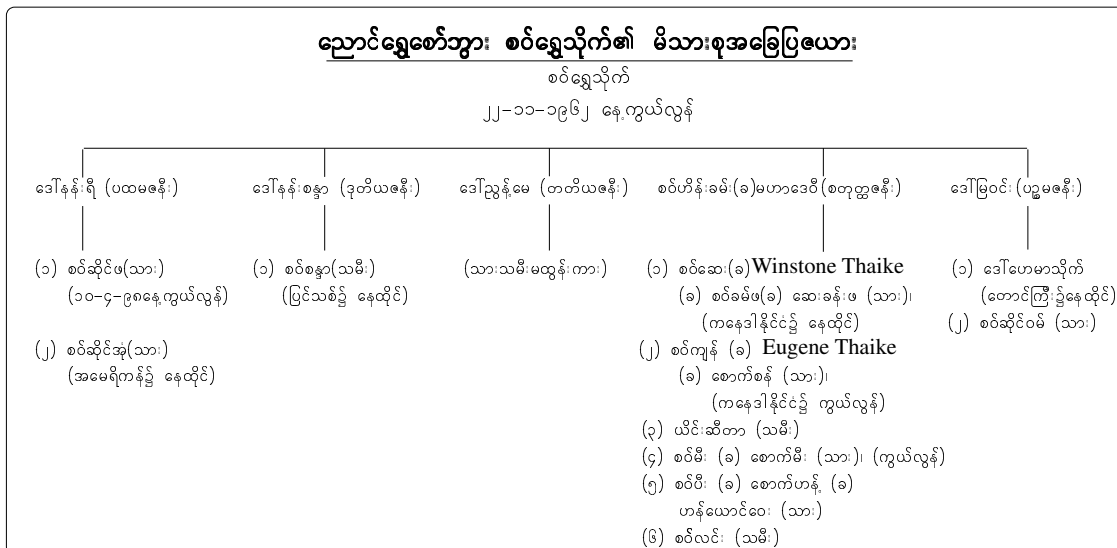
Later, Kengtung sawbwa's uncle Sao Hkun Seik and Sai Nwe led youths and formed youth's front in the form of village defences. When Sao Hkun Seik was arrested under section 5 following suspicions of his activities, Sai Nwe fled to Mongkyut and began armed insurgency by collecting arms. In 1958, Sao Hkun Seik was released by the government and he fled to Thailand and openly helped the Shan insurgency. Sai Nwe formed Nom Sit Han which means Brave Shan Youths on 21 May 1958 at

In 1964, Kwamsein (alias) Moe Hein formed the Shan National United Front. In 1965, Nom Sit Han and SNUF joined and SSA (Shan State Army) was formed with Nam Hein Hkam (Mahadevi) as patron. The SSA was formed as SSA (South) and SSA (North). The SSA (North) Division (1) was headed by Mahadevi's son Sao Hsay Waing and the SSA (South) Division-2 by Moe Hein.

In July 1967, Moe Hein resigned from SSA membership as well as from chairmanship of Shan State Insurgents Unity Supervision Committee. Together with

show that Shan sawbwas have created insurgency in Shan State in their own interest while neglecting the interest of the nation and the people. Now, Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts who are remnants of sawbwas formed the Shan State provisional government in their own interests. However, that group is a government in name. Politi-

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tempting to disintegrate the Union and harming the stability and prevalence of peace & tranquillity. They make such attempts relying on external elements and as directed by the latter.

As regards the proposal for establishing federal state by Shan State which posed danger to the Union, the Government Advisory Body comprising legal experts submitted a report on 8 January 1962. The report said: "We do not accept the establishment of a federal state proposed by Shan State because it is not possible in practice and there are (See page 10)

### The police force will discharge...

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The Prime Minister added that efforts are being made to carry out reform tasks after the Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force has been formed under the leadership of the State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 to enable the MPF to become an auxiliary force for the defence of the State, which must be the disciplined and one respected by the people.

In line with the directive of the State Peace and Development Council led by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the MPF, while carrying out its reform tasks in accord with its aims and objectives, is also actively participating in the nation-building tasks, he said.

If we study administrative machinery of the global nations, we can find that a nation is different from another, its police force has to be involved in the task of administrative machinery. Every nation has to form a police force with its lofty aims and objectives not only to protect the people but also to ensure the prevalence of law and order and community peace. However, the Prime Minister said, the role of a police force needs to be reformed to catch up with the changing world. He pointed out that police forces of some nations are subject to the oppression of their ruling class.

It is necessary for Myanmar police force to take lessons from the past history when it was born under the colonial rule. But, it is wise to note that at a time when the people were armed with the political spirit, the police force of the country actively participated in the fight against-colonialists when the independence was at hand to regain.

It is essential for the country to have dynamic and

bona fide administrative machinery in building up a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic State. That is why the State Peace and Development Council has assigned duties to respective regional administrative bodies. At the same time, reform tasks are being undertaken for regional general administrative departments and police forces to be on a par with the modern world, the Prime Minister noted.

Police force will discharge duties as firm foundation of future discipline-flourishing administrative machinery.

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Police officials will have to jointly discharge the duties of the different levels of local authorities in addition to their normal task. They are assigned to the local administrative duties as the administrative task is connected with other fields and in accord with the requirement of the transition period. The Government is in the process of transition to a new system. It is a rare opportunity for the MPF to take part in the nation-building task. The MPF is discharging duties in a large array of sectors ranging from ensuring peace, stability and development and improving the people's living standard to the national development in addition to its normal duties. Collective supervision is needed for

speedy completion of the task. The police officers should have administrative, political, security and economic outlook as their functions involve political, economic and social sectors. Thus, they should understand that the task of building a new nation entering a new age and the task of transforming the entire MPF have interrelations. They will have to always study the policies of the nation.

The police force will discharge duties as the firm foundation of the discipline-flourishing administrative machinery of the future. Police personnel should try to improve their qualification and professionalism. They should foster patriotism, the spirit of serving public interest, the spirit of keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, which is the national concept. The development of a nation depends on observance of laws and rule to proportionately serve the interest of the majority, individuals, groups, the nation and the regions.

In safeguarding the three main national causes — non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, police personnel should strive for flourishing of the habit of observing the law and rules and regulations in the entire nation. They should be role models in observing the law and rules as they have the duty to guide the people to live within the framework of the law and to observe the discipline. They should stay away from bribery, corruption and misconduct. They should also stay away from doing things that may draw public abhorrence. It is important for the MPF members to understand the historic duty, their role and public life. Only then will they be able to have greater consideration for the people. They should strive for MPF to become a patriotic, qualified, modern force, practically materializing its lofty aims and winning the trust and reliance of the people. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects progress of Moeyungyi Sluice Gate Project

YANGON, 22 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspected development in Bago Division on 21 April.

Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than arrived at the site of Moeyungyi Sluice Gate Project being implemented by Construction-1 of Irrigation Department in Waw Township.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard re-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of Moeyungyi Sluice Gate in Waw Township — MNA

ports on facts about the project and its progress by officials. He gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks meeting set standard and stor-

age of water. Next, he oversaw construction of the sluice gate.

They proceeded to Penwagon and met with officers and other ranks

and families of the local battalion. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than instructed officials to join hands with the people for nation-building tasks and

public welfare tasks upholding Our Three Main National Causes, to meet basic needs of the families and to carry out manageable livestock breed-

ing and agriculture tasks.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially conversed with those present.

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## Honorary titles awarded to outstanding persons

YANGON, 22 April — A ceremony to present honorary titles for 2005 to outstanding persons of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Sports Federations was held at the National Indoor Stadium-1

(Thuwunna) this morning. It was attended by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials.

The Minister made a speech on the occasion.

Next, the minister

presented certificates of titles and cash to title recipient persons.

The minister also gave good service medals to 31 outstanding employees of the Ministry of Sports.—MNA

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# Yangon Div Supervisory Committee for WVO Preliminary Conference 2005 held

YANGON, 22 April — The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005 was held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning, with an address by Honorary Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for WVO Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers a speech at the Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for WVO Preliminary Conference 2005. — MNA

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), members of the COC Organizing Work Group-15 leader

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Honorary Patron of Yangon Division SCWVO Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, COC member Organizing Work Group-14 Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and WVO members.

The commander, presiding over the first session of the preliminary conference, delivered an opening address.

In the second session, Chairman of Yangon Division SCWVO Joint-Secretary of Yangon City

Development Committee Col Tin Soe presided over the preliminary conference, and spoke on the occasion.

Next, Major Hla Soe (Retd), Captain Aye Myint (Retd) and Major Nyunt Aung (Retd) submitted the report to the conference.

Five persons took part in the discussions of five sectors from the report. The meeting chairman sought approval for seven future tasks to be laid down at the Yangon Division Preliminary Conference (2005). The preliminary conference

decided three matters, sought one approval, and put three matters on record.

Later, Col Tin Soe gave the concluding remarks, and the preliminary conference ended successfully with chanting of the slogans. — MNA

## Tatmadaw has not given any directions to Wa group or has any involvement in clashes between Wa and Shan groups

### Question and answer sector of Press Conference No 3/2005 of State Peace and Development Council

YANGON, 22 April — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan answered to questions raised by the journalists at the press conference today.

At the press meet, U Aung Shwe Oo (NTV) said he has learnt that so many organizations and groups have opposed the acts of the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa. Thanks to the clarification of the minister, he has also learnt the strength of some organizations, parties and groups. He said he would like to know the strength of the remaining organizations and groups. Secondly, he said the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa was formed at the instigation of neo-colonialists. As it is known to all, there is also a group led by fugitive Sein Win. He asked if there was interrelation between these two groups. And he would like to know the conditions of the two groups. Thirdly, he asked if there was any moral actual support of the BCP regarding

the forming of the group, and if there is, he would like to know the extent of the support.

The minister said with regard to the strength of parties and NGOs, the strength of the Union Solidarity and Development Association is more than 21 million. The nation's population is more than 54 million. So, it accounts for nearly half of the nation's population. The strength of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is over four million, and the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, around one million. So, the strength of the organizations that protest against the act of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa represents the majority of the nation's population. Like the entire national people opposed the Federal principle around 1960, now the people from states and divisions, and all the 33 Shan ethnic groups in Shan State do not accept the declaration of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa. The entire nation protests against the declaration.

To reply to the second question, the minister said it would be clear if the correspondent studies the broadcasts of the BBC and the VOA.

U Hla Htway of Antara said that he has heard from a foreign radio station that war broke out between Wa and SURA led by Ywet Sit in mid-March. He asked whether the news is true. He said that he would like to know the reasons behind the incident and the number of death and injury. He said he heard from some foreign radio stations that the government used chemical weapons against the Kayin insurgents and there were signs of chemical attack on the victims. He asked whether the nation has chemical weapons, and whether the government is launching chemical weapon or conventional weapon attack against Kayin insurgents.

The minister answered that it is true that battles broke out between SURA and Wa group. The Wa



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greets journalists. — MNA

group has already returned to the legal fold as it has already realized that in no way the armed opposition against the Government will produce benefit. On the other hand, the SURA has been a drug bandit till at present. It is obvious that SURA and Wa group have different opinions. So they are battling each other. But, the Tatmadaw has not given any directions to Wa group or has any involvement in the matter.

He said, KNPP has been taking foothold in a remote

border and launching armed struggle against the Government. Kayanni Nationalities People's Liberation Front (Ka-la-la-ta) led by U Tun Kyaw is a group that has returned to the legal fold as it has realized the truth. And the two groups are fighting each other.

The Tatmadaw is not attacking the KNPP. Concerning the chemical weapon attack, Myanmar has already signed the chemical weapon control convention. The nation and the government have never violated their commitment.

And the nation is not in a position to produce chemical weapons. Thus, the accusations concerning the use of chemical weapons and the existence of victims showing signs of chemical weapon attack on the skin are wrong. The two groups are using only conventional weapons.

Concerning the declaration of the unlawful association, U Khin Maung Myint of NHK asked

whether there are any arrests or investigations of the persons who has links with the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa. And if there are arrests, he would like to know the number. The groups that oppose the secession even include the NLD. But SNLD has not been found opposing the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa yet. He would like to know whether the SNLD has not issued its stance or the dailies have not featured their declaration yet.

The minister said that the Government declared the group unlawful association on 19 April because of the misdeeds of Sao Hkam Hpa. But there are not any arrest concerning the matter. The Government does not know whether or not the SNLD has issued a declaration as the matter is concerned only with the SNLD's opinion. It seems that SNLD will act according to its own stance.

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U Hla Htway of Antara News Agency — MNA



U Khin Maung Myint of NHK News Agency — MNA



U Aung Shwe Oo of Nippon Television — MNA

## Activities of groups...

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possibilities for the imminent disintegration of the Union."

Moreover, a political party named Pa-manya-ta said: "A review of federal principle shows that it is not a federation but a confederation. It means formation of a confederation including Bamar as one of the states, otherwise there is a threat of secession. If this federal issue is not handled properly the Union will be in danger like an innocent rabbit kneeling before the colonialists." Stable AFPFL also reviewed that if federal issue was not handled properly, the Union would disintegrate.

As regards federal issue, Ya-pa-la-pha (Shan

These events stand witnesses to the fact that the people, parties and organizations of that period did not accept the demands of Shan sawbwas for federal principle and their attempts to secede from the Union.

On review of history of Myanmar, it can be seen that patriotic Myanmar nationals repulsed colonialists with unyielding spirit in all the three aggressive wars of British colonialists. However, Nyaungshwe sawbwa and Hsipaw sawbwa, Sao Maung and Sao Khun were those who invited the colonialists to Shan State. It is mentioned in the "Major Blunder of Shan State" written by Sao Khun Kyi of Thaton.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the coord meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for ensuring smooth and secure transport on 22-4-2005. — MNA

sawbwa by the British government. So, dissatisfactions and complaints emerged at that time. When World War II broke out, he served as a commanding officer, major, of Shan territorial volunteer unit. He was a loy-

**palace or to visit Mandalay. He spent the taxes in his personal interest. His children were given extraordinary service by servants and courtiers. Grand ceremonies were held for putting his children onto cradle, for naming, for novitiation and for ear-boring. Nothing whatsoever was done in the interest of local people. It is documented in historical records.**

Now the descendants of sawbwa are pretending that they love the people and are trying to deceive the simple and honest national peoples. These acts are, in fact, committed as directed by the external elements.

The last Nyaungshwe sawbwa had five wives. His first wife Daw Nan Yi had two sons, and his second wife Daw Nan Sanda had one daughter. His third wife Daw Nyunt May had no children. He got married with the fourth wife Nam Hein Kham (Mahadevi) in June 1937 and they had four sons and two daughters. Of them, Sao Hkam Hpa is the eldest and he is also known as Sao Hso (alias) Winstone Thaike (alias) Sao Hkam Hpa (alias) Hse Hkam Hpa. Nyaungshwe sawbwa's second son Sao

Kyan (alias) Eugene Thaike (alias) Sao Hsay Waing passed away in Canada. The third offspring is a daughter Yieng Sita. The fourth offspring, Sao Mee, has also passed away. The fifth son Sao Pi (alias) Ham Yaung Wai is in Belgium and he is a director of Euro-Burma group. The sixth and youngest is a daughter Sao Lin and she is in Canada. Sao Shwe Thaike's fifth wife Daw Mya Win had one daughter and one son.

Eugene Thaike, the second son of Nyaungshwe sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaike and Nam Hein Kham, joined SSIA insurgent group in 1963 and took part in armed insurgency till 1972. After 1972, he fled to Chiangmai of Thailand and took refuge there. Then he joined CRDB (Committee for Reviving Democracy in Burma) of expatriate Sein Win and also took part in the activities of NCGUB. he passed away on 24-7-2004 in Canada.

The eldest son Sao Hkam Hpa now formed Shan State provisional governments and appointed himself as president.

History shows that on the basis of racism, the nation was unstable in the past and the people were confronted with hardships. Now again, descendants of expatriate Shan sawbwas are sticking to wrong-doings. Altogether 33 national races residing in 56 townships of Shan State do not accept the provisional Shan government and they condemn it. The remaining national people residing in other states and divisions do not accept nor recognize the Shan State provisional government either. In addition, the Union Solidarity and Development Association

with membership of over 21 million as well as the Myanmar War Veterans Organization, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association opposed and objected the wrongful act of expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and group. Likewise, political parties such as National League for Democracy and National Unity Party issued declarations that the wrongful act of Sao Hkam Hpa is totally opposed by them.

Similarly, 15 peace groups which have returned to legal fold in Shan State as well as 13 peace groups in other states and divisions have issued declarations that the wrongful act of Sao Hkam Hpa was unacceptable. The daily newspapers have also carried declarations of NGOs, political parties and peace groups to the effect that they do not accept and they oppose the wrongful act of Sao Hkam Hpa. These declarations are put on display on boards.

It can be seen that circa 1960 Shan sawbwas attempted to establish federal state and parties, organizations and the people of that time did not accept the plot. Now descendants of Shan sawbwa Sao Hkam Hpa's formation of Shan State provisional government, declaration of Shan State independence and announcing Shan State as a war zone are absolutely opposed by the national people, NGOs and peace groups which have returned to legal fold.

It shows that patriotism for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union as well as non-disintegration of national solidarity is the genuine and proper patriotism. However, while the entire national (See page 11)

**When Nyaungshwe sawbwa was in power, he collected taxes by allowing all kinds of gambling. Various taxes such as poll tax, farm tax, bamboo tax, banana tax, etc were collected. Other taxes were also collected for buying elephant, building Haw palace or to visit Mandalay. He spent the taxes in his personal interest. His children were given extraordinary service by servants and courtiers. Grand ceremonies were held for putting his children onto cradle, for naming, for novitiation and for ear-boring. Nothing whatsoever was done in the interest of local people. It is documented in historical records.**

Nationalities Unity Organization) also issued a declaration dated 13 July 1961. In the declaration, it is stated as follows:

"Today while relatives, servants and ex-officials of sawbwas who have relinquished power in Shan State are taking up arms and attempting to establish feudal state by seceding from the Union; while armed insurgents are on rampage in Shan State by relying on nationalist Kuomintang troops as their mentors; the Ya-pa-la-pha strongly object the "sawbwa principle" under cover of federal or genuine union."

Successive Nyaungshwesawbwas invited colonialists and they suppressed the local people in Shan State in collaboration with the colonialists. The local people were made poorer through various forms of gambling and no development project was implemented for the people.

Nyaungshwe sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaike who was the father of the self-styled president Sao Hkam Hpa, served as a private in the British army beginning 1917 during World War I. As he served till 1923, he was underservingly made as

alist of British government. This being the case, he took part in leading role of federal campaign and his fourth wife Nam Hein Kham (Mahadevi) fled the country and betrayed the nation. Their children took refuge in foreign countries and betrayed the nation and the people.

**When Nyaungshwe sawbwa was in power, he collected taxes by allowing all kinds of gambling. Various taxes such as poll tax, farm tax, bamboo tax, banana tax, etc were collected. Other taxes were also collected for buying elephant, building Haw**



Minister U Aung Thuang speaks at the meeting on review of work implementation for 2004 and implementation of targets of the Ministry of Industry-1 for 2005-2006 on 22-4-2005. — MNA



### Activities of groups...

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people and organizations are opposing and condemning Sao Hkam Hpa's wrongful act, western broadcasting stations such as BBC and VOA are encouraging Sao Hkam Hpa and daily broadcasting instigation. Thus, BBC and VOA will be held responsible for the consequences.

Since long long ago, Myanmar has been a Union where over 100 national races reside. The national people lived and migrated from one place to another in the Union. Now at every place in the Union, various national races are living together sharing weal and woe. For instance, about 50 national races are living in Yangon Division while 33 national races such as Shan, Wa, PaO, Palaung, Lahu, Akha, Bamar, etc are residing together unitedly in Shan State. No state or division is being inhabited solely by one race. Various national races are residing in all states and divisions unitedly. Hence, the Union of Myanmar is made up of 14 states and divisions and each state or division is home to various national races.

Circa 1988, the nation's economy was in

decline and politically it was near collapse. Unavoidably, the Tatmadaw had to take over State responsibilities. Emphasis was laid on national reconsolidation. At the same time, efforts have been made for developing border areas and national races. The Border Areas and National Races Development Central Committee was formed with the Head of State as Chairman. Development plans are implemented with might and main. So far, the State has spent over K 65,000 million in developing border areas and national races.

row down the development gap between urban and rural areas, the five rural development tasks are carried out throughout the country. Schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, dispensaries, roads, bridges, dams, reservoirs and electric power stations are built throughout the Union. The national people are now enjoying fruitful results of the development endeavours unprecedentedly. It shows that the genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government serving the interests of all the national people irrespective of race of location. As mentioned above, our country is a

the people will continue to uphold Our Three Main National Causes — Non-disintegration of the Union; Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty — without fail. And the Government will never let secession of any state or division from the Union.

The Minister for Information answered the queries raised by journalists, and the press conference ended at 4.45 pm.

Next, the journalists viewed declarations of NGOs, political parties and national race groups which had exchanged arms for peace in other States and Divisions op-

### ROK deputy minister calls on Minister for Mines

YANGON, 22 April— Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Vice Minister Mr Cho Hwan-Eik of Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Energy of the Republic of Korea and party at his office this afternoon. They discussed matters related to cooperation in mining sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and officials. —MNA

### KNPP destroys Tower No 130

YANGON, 22 April— Tower No 130 whose grid links Lawpita Power Station (Loikaw) and Toungoo was destroyed at around 2 am today due to the bomb explosion committed by a group of KNPP insurgents.

Officials from local station and departments, and Head of the power station U Tin Maung Win and staff inspected the site. All necessary measures are being taken for the grid to return to normal and the explosion did not hit the power station. — MNA

### Nepal unveils local tourism plan for poverty alleviation

KATHMANDU, 21 April — The Nepali Government's Tourism for Rural Poverty Alleviation Programme has formulated a five-year tourism development and management plan for Chitwan and Rupandehi districts in southern Nepal.

The objective of the plan is to help alleviate rural poverty by promoting eco-tourism and village tourism, Rabi Jung Pandey, manager of the government programme, told reporters on Wednesday.

"We are planning to develop the Royal Chitwan National Park and a Rio-diversity conservation, and impart training to the local people on tourism products like handicraft, medicinal herbs and naturopathy for developing Chitwan and Rupandehi into prime tourism destinations," Pandey said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Moreover, to develop the national races which lagged behind in development through various periods, 24 Special Regions development projects are also being carried out energetically. Of the 24 Special Development Regions, Panglong, Taunggyi, Kengtung and Lashio special development regions are located in Shan State. In addition, to nar-

Union where over 100 national races are living unitedly. Various national races are residing in all states and divisions all over the Union. So, secession is out of the question. Hence, all the national people are to remain united, cherish the motherland, endeavour for national development and safeguard the Union collectively. The Government joining hands with

posing and condemning acts and aims of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his group, cohorts, that endanger peace and law enforcement of the State and peace and tranquility of the entire people, facts about Shan State Joint Action Committee (SSJAC), biographies of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts and documentary photos.

MNA

### Officials, doctors sent to Chinese villages to fight AIDS

ZHENGZHOU, 21 April — Central China's Henan Province sent 114 government officials and doctors to AIDS-hit villages on Wednesday in its latest move to fight the deadly disease.

The team, comprising 76 officials and 38 doctors, will fan out in 38 villages in six cities across

Henan and will stay there for one year, said Wang Jumei, vice-governor of the province.

They will replace a 76-member team sent to these villages last year to help village authorities in offering free medication to HIV/AIDS victims, free and anonymous HIV/AIDS tests of villagers and

free education for children orphaned by AIDS, and will take care of the elderly who have been left childless by AIDS.

Prior to their departure, they had got training in AIDS prevention and application of technologies to help local farmers improve living conditions.

MNA/Xinhua

### S Korea to develop maritime observation satellite

SEOUL, 21 April — South Korea will embark on a plan this month to develop a maritime observation satellite capable of providing data on waters surrounding the Korean Peninsula, reported South Korean Yonhap news agency on Tuesday.

The envisioned geostationary satellite will be jointly designed and constructed by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute, the Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute and Astrium, a French satellite maker, Yonhap quoted the South Korean Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries as reporting.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese visitor views the Lexus concept luxury coupe LF-A during the opening of 2005 Auto Shanghai exhibition in China's financial capital Shanghai, on 22 April, 2005. — INTERNET

**အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကာကွယ်ရေးနိုးဆော်ချက်**

ယခုအခါတွင် နေရာသီဥတုပြောင်းလဲခြင်းကြောင့် ရာသီဥတု ပိုမိုပြင်းထန်လာခြင်း ဖြစ်ပေါ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပြီး ဓမ္မာကိုယ်အတွင်းရှိ ရေခဲခဲတံဆာများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်ဒင်ယားဖုများထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမော်ခြင်း၊ ကြွတ်တက်ခြင်း၊ ရွှေ့ခြောက်ခြင်းကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ်စိုးရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေအထိ ဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလုံလောက်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန်အောက်ပါ အချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီးခေါင်းဖြင့် မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေအိမ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အမြဲသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ငြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ငြင်းထန်စွာ ခဏခဏကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။
- (၅) နေခင်းတက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ် လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပွပျော့ချောင်း ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆာဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆာရည် သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နိုင်နိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါ အခါရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လည်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာချိုး၍ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖုယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန တွင် ပြသပါ။

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**2.5 tons of cocaine seized in Colombian-US joint action**

BOGOTA, 21 April — Colombian and US Coast Guards seized 2.5 tons of cocaine in a boat in the Caribbean Sea on Monday and arrested four Colombians and one Mexican, the Colombian military said Tuesday.

Admiral Alfonso Diaz, Commander of the Colombian Caribbean Naval Force, said the seizure was made some 200 kilometres off the coastal city of Cartagena, capital of Bolivar Department.

He said the cocaine was going to be loaded onto another vessel in high seas before being transported to Central America and the United States.

A total of 13.5 tons of drugs have been seized in Colombia so far this year.— MNA/Xinhua

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**Chubbier passengers add to weight of S African airline**

JOHANNESBURG, 21 April — Increasingly chubbier South Africans are adding to the weight South African Airways (SAA) are already carrying, a report revealed on Tuesday.

SAA, South Africa's flag carrier, on Tuesday announced it is to weigh 1,000 passengers and their luggage at random in a survey to calculate correct take-off weights.

The survey is held every five years but in the last one, in 2003, SAA found that passengers' weights were increasing.—MNA/Xinhua

**Russia plays "positive role" in Iran's nuke issues**

Moscow, 21 April — The United States believes that as Russia's involvement in Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant plays a "positive role" in dealing with Iran's nuclear issues, the US does not oppose it, visiting US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in an interview with the Ekho Moskvy radio station here on Wednesday.

Russia's Bushehr involvement helps in the process of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in the country, Rice said before meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

Rice softened her recent harsh tone against Moscow during the interview by calling Russia a "strategic partner" and urged cooperation on various areas.

MNA/Xinhua

**Nigeria destroys fake drugs worth \$60m**

LAGOS, 21 April — The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has seized and destroyed fake drugs worth 8 billion naira (about 60 million US dollars) in the last two years, the official News Agency of Nigeria reported on Wednesday.

NAFDAC Director-General Dora Akunyili was quoted as saying that the fake drugs were mainly smuggled into the country through Lagos and Port Harcourt sea ports in southern Nigeria.

She said the NAFDAC

officials had resolved to eliminate all counterfeit drugs from chemists' and patent medicine stores across the country.

According to Akunyili, the NAFDAC is Nigerian's food and drug production and

consumption regulatory agency with the sole responsibility of protecting Nigerians from consuming fake drugs that would send them early to their graves.

The director-general urged patent medicine store proprietors all over the country to sell only wholesome drugs and advised them not to encourage open drug hawkers to conduct their illegal business. Nigeria has been turned into a dumping ground for fake and sub-standard drugs from abroad by many unscrupulous traders both at home and abroad.

MNA/Xinhua

**US to provide \$3b loan guarantees to Israel**

WASHINGTON, 21 April — The US-Israel Joint Economic Development Group (JEDG) held a meeting here Monday and it was agreed that the United States would provide loan guarantees of 3 billion US dollars to Israel for 2005-2008, a JEDG joint statement said recently.

"Pursuant to Congressional decision to extend the period of the Loan Guarantee Programme for two additional years to 2008, the delegations agreed on a mechanism for implementing that decision," the statement said.— MNA/Xinhua



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US has nearly 100,000 "stay-at-home" dads

WASHINGTON, 21 April—There are an estimated 98,000 "stay-at-home" dads in the United States nowadays with children under 15 years old, statistics released by the Census Bureaus on Tuesday showed.

The stay-at-home dads are married fathers who have remained out of the labour force for more than one year primarily so they can care for the family while their wives work outside the home.

Across the country, the estimated number of fathers stands at 66.3 million, of whom 26.5 million are part of married-couple families with their own children under the

age of 18, and 2.3 million are single fathers. The number of single fathers was 393,000 in 1970.

The Census Bureau released the figures to observe this year's Father's Day, which falls on June 19. Father's Day has been celebrated annually in the United States since 1972, when the then President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.—MNA/Xinhua

UN convention to combat corruption under globalized background

BANGKOK, 21 April—A new anti-corruption convention is expected to enter into force after gaining enough minimal ratification at an ongoing United Nations crime prevention meeting, a senior UN official said here Wednesday.

The UN Convention against Corruption is "the first global instrument", which is expected to curb corruption and cut down related economic loss through international co-operation, said Dimitri Vlassis, substantive coordinator for the 11th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

The convention set new standards to guarantee recover and return of embezzled properties to

the country where the corruption occurred, Vlassis told a Press conference.

Up until now, embezzled assets confiscated in one country have to be shared with the other country that has involved in the investigation leading to the bust of the theft.

According to the new convention, the property in question will go back to the origin country without question if it is proved to be part of the country's public funds.

Describing the new standards as "groundbreaking", Vlassis noted that the convention will enter into force only when gaining ratification from 30 countries.

Opened for signature in December 2003, the convention has been signed by 118 states and ratified by 20 countries.

Ratification from ten more states are still needed to make the convention to enter into force.

While setting minimal 30 states' ratification as a goal, Vlassis hoped the congress would witness more ratification of the convention so as to strengthen the fight against corruption.

Corruption's threats and trends in the 21st Century are part of the major topics being discussed at UN crime prevention congress, which is being held in Bangkok from April 18 to 25.

MNA/Xinhua

Biotech companies hope to produce tender beef, pork, chicken

WASHINGTON, 21 April—Eating non-vegetarian fare might just be a new experience, thanks to biotechnology.

Biotech companies in the US are analysing DNA, betting on more tender beef, pork and chicken, the Washington Post has said in a report.

Thanks to biotech, it said "the potential exists to revolutionize how cows, pigs and chickens are culled and marketed—saving the industry millions of dollars in feed costs by specifying which animals should be given the best diet and pro-

viding a more rigorous system for grading meat quality than the current visual inspection allows".

"Feedlot operators can check the results on the Internet and plan what to do with each animal."

"I think that in the long term, over the next 20 years, this kind of technology will absolutely have a huge impact on the livestock industry," said Ronald D. Green, national programme

leader for food animal production at the Department of Agriculture.

The tests, which look at regions of the genome associated with tenderness, fat content and the ease with which an animal gains weight, set the stage for labelling and even product branding based on specific guarantees of tenderness and other qualities, say experts.

MNA/PTI



Wild rabbit. Farmers on the Greek island of Lemnos have declared war on a plague of wild rabbits which they say is destroying thousands of hectares of wheat and vines.—INTERNET

China faces severe occupational illness situation

BEIJING, 21 April—China is facing a severe occupational illness situation and efforts on the prevention and control of occupational diseases have lagged far behind the country's fast-growing economy, said a senior Chinese health official here.

"Occupational illness has become both a major public health and social problem in China," said Jiang Zuojun, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Health, at the ongoing 10th International Conference on Occupational Respiratory Diseases.

More than 200 million employees from more than 16 million Chinese enterprises are exposed to occupational health threats, according to statistics released by the ministry. In 2003, China reported 10,467 occupational disease cases, 80 per cent of which were

pneumoconiosis cases and the rest acute and chronic poisonings. The country has reported a total of 580,000 occupational pneumoconiosis cases, which are caused by long-term inhalation of dust, especially mineral or metallic dust, since the 1950s. More

than 140,000 have died from it.

Taking into account the low health examination rate among miners, experts would estimate the real pneumoconiosis cases in China during that time at no less than one million.

MNA/Xinhua

US researchers find new anti-cancer compounds

LOS ANGELES, 21 April—Novel anti-cancer compounds called Enigmols can suppress the growth of a wide range human tumour cells, US researchers announced at a meeting on Tuesday.

In three animal tests, the compounds restrained cancers of the prostate, breast, colon, ovary, pancreas, brain and blood, but did not show side effects at effective doses, according to the research conducted at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University and Wayne State University. The findings were presented at the annual meeting of American Association for Cancer Research in Anaheim, California. In coming weeks the researchers will submit the results to a scientific journal. However, human trials must still be done to determine safety and efficacy in people, they cautioned.

"Many agents suppress cancer cells in a Petri dish and then not in the whole

animal, or have unacceptably high toxicity for normal tissues," said Al Merrill, professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"Finding that Enigmols are effective in three animal models leads us to hope these may be a new approach to treat cancer."

Enigmols are synthetic analogues of sphingolipids, a group of cell-signalling molecules that help cells decide whether to grow or die via a controlled process called apoptosis. Cancer cells are usually defective in these regulatory pathways, so researchers hypothesized that structurally modified sphingolipid analogues might be even better at making cancer cells behave more normally.—MNA/Xinhua

"Spitzer Space Telescope" finds signs of extra-solar asteroid belt

LOS ANGELES, 21 April—The Spitzer Space Telescope has spotted possible signs of a dusty spray of asteroids in a belt orbiting a star like our Sun, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said on Wednesday.

If confirmed, the new asteroid belt would be the first detected around a star about the same age and size as our Sun. The star, called HD69830, is located 41 light-years away from Earth.

The discovery offers astronomers a rare glimpse at a distant star system that resembles our home, and

may represent a significant step toward learning if and where other earths form, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory based in Pasadena, California. "Asteroids are the leftover building blocks of rocky planets like Earth," said Charles Beichman, lead author of a paper that will appear in the

Astrophysical Journal. "We can't directly see other terrestrial planets, but now we can study their dusty fossils."

Asteroid belts are the junkyards of planetary systems. They are littered with the rocky scraps of failed planets, which occasionally crash into each other, kicking up plumes of dust.

In our own solar system, asteroids have collided with Earth, the moon and other planets.

Although this new belt is very similar to our own, it is thicker with 25 times as much material. If our solar system had a belt this dense, its dust would light up the night skies as a brilliant band.—MNA/Xinhua

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**Olympic champion Holmes plans to retire in 2006**

LONDON, 22 April — Britain's double Olympic gold medallist Kelly Holmes said on Thursday that this will be her last full season of competition.

The 35-year-old will make her last track appearance in Britain at the August 21 Grand Prix in Sheffield, and may continue until the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne next March.

"This will be my last track season on British soil and there will be no more indoors," Holmes confirmed.

"Sheffield will be my last race on the track in the UK," added the winner of the 800m and 1,500m at the Athens Games.

Holmes, appointed a Dame (the female equivalent of a knighthood) in the last Honours list, was forced to withdraw from the European Indoor Championships in Madrid in March with a hamstring injury.

MNA/Xinhua

**Susilo, Li win Singapore sports top honours**

SINGAPORE, 22 April— Singapore's badminton Olympian Ronald Susilo and his wife Li Jiawei, a table tennis player, have won the country's Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year titles.

According to the Channel NewsAsia reports on Thursday night, Susilo, who will earn 10,000 Singapore dollars (about 6,110 US dollars), was honoured the title as he brought Singapore badminton to a higher level when having competed in the Athens Olympics and

narrowly missed out winning a medal for himself.

His 26-year-old wife clinched the Sportswoman award for her exploits at the recent Olympics.

Meanwhile, the team sports award was given to the Singapore national football team, or Lions, for their victory in the Ti-

ger Cup.

Lions coach Raddy Avramovic was nominated for the Coach of the Year title, but he lost the title to badminton coach Zhang Qing Jin, a China-born-turned-Singaporean, who played a key role in promoting Susilo and other shuttlers to international standards.

The Sportsboy of the Year award went to Mohd Saifuddin Julaimi while the Sportsgirl of the Year title was clinched by Saiedah Said.

The annual Singapore sports awards are given to local athletes for their excellence performance in their respective fields. The winners will be honoured in a ceremony later next month. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Germany beats Canada 3-1 in women's soccer**

BERLIN, 22 April — Germany defeated Canada 3-1 with a pair of late goals in a women's soccer friendly in Osnabrueck, Germany on Thursday.

To tune up for this summer's European Championship, Germany found its net broken in the 14th minute by Amber Allen.

Sonja Fuss put the home side on the same level with an equalizer just before halftime before Birgit Prinz made it 2-1 for her record-tying 83rd German goal in the 79th minute.

Inka Grings secured the win in the 85th.

MNA/Xinhua



Canada's Randee Hermus, right, challenges for the ball with Germany's Birgit Prinz, left, during the women's national friendly soccer match between Germany and Canada in Osnabrueck, northern Germany, on 21 April, 2005. Germany won 3-1. The European Championships take place in England from 5 June up to 19 June, 2005.—INTERNET

**Charlton says Ferguson not to be sacked,**

LONDON, 22 April — Manchester United club director Bobby Charlton said on Thursday that team manager Alex Ferguson will not be sacked, though the Red Devils will finish the league empty-handed again.

United lost 1-0 to Everton on Wednesday and Ferguson's position has come under threat after another failed Premiership and Champions League quest.

"The only way we would ever be separated from Alex Ferguson is if he decides," said Charlton.

"He is the best manager that has ever been, certainly in England, and we have no reason to change."

"I think it's been an unusual season this year in as much as we've had Chelsea spend a lot of money," Charlton added.

"They've brought in really good players and been very successful. That's one of the reasons why we haven't maybe been successful.

"Without Chelsea, we might have been champions this year and there wouldn't be a problem," Charlton said.

United chief executive David Gill recently stated Ferguson was "sackable" but said his comment had been taken out of context.

The Red Devils may be through to an FA Cup final date with Arsenal but they suffered their second successive Pre-

iership defeat on Wednesday, at Everton, and surely must have to settle for a third place for the second season running.

A disappointing UEFA Champions League campaign was ended by Milan as United continued to fail to reach the latter stages of the competition they won in 1999. Ferguson, for the first time in years, has faced some criticism from sections of the club's support, despite retaining the backing of the majority of fans. —MNA/Xinhua



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson wants to get one over arch-rivals Arsenal even before the English giants meet for next month's FA Cup final here at the Millennium Stadium.—INTERNET

**Diouf to face court over spit charge**

LONDON, 22 April — Bolton striker El Hadji Diouf has been summoned to appear before magistrates over an alleged spitting incident involving fans at Middlesbrough.

The Senegalese international, on loan from Liverpool, is accused of disorderly conduct following an incident at the Riverside Stadium in November where he appeared to spit a mouthful of drink into the crowd after being substituted.

A spokeswoman for the CPS in Cleveland said: "Information has been laid and a summons is being sent out." Diouf will face magistrates on Teesside for disorderly conduct, although a date has yet to be set.

MNA/Xinhua

**Johansson set to stay as UEFA president until 2007**

KIEV, 22 April — Lennart Johansson is expected to remain as UEFA president at least until 2007 after new voting procedures were adopted at the UEFA Congress in Tallinn on Thursday.

In line with FIFA and the Asian, South American and African federations, UEFA has agreed to hold its presidential election in odd-numbered years to avoid clashing with the World Cup, continental championships and the Olympics.

MNA/Xinhua

**FA clears Blackburn skipper Todd**

LONDON, 22 April — Blackburn skipper Andy Todd has been cleared of violent conduct by the Football Association.

Todd, 30, was charged following a clash with Arsenal's Robin van Persie in Saturday's FA Cup semifinal.

Van Persie had just scored his second goal in Arsenal's 3-0 win in Cardiff when defender Todd appeared to elbow the striker in the face.

Todd denied it was "purely accidental" and that van Persie "ran into my shoulder".

MNA/Xinhua

**Int'l Wheel-Chair Tennis tournament inaugurated in Chile**

SANTIAGO, 22 April— The 8th International Wheel-Chair Tennis Open, which counts with the participation of players from Europe and Latin America, was inaugurated here on Thursday.

A total of 40 representatives from nine countries France, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Chile, take part in the contest which has a bourse of 6,000 US dollars in prizes for the winner.

Among the participants is defending champion Miroslav Brychta of Czech Republic, world number 10, Slovakian Jozef Felix, the world number 17, and the top Chilean wheelchair tennis Robinson Mendez, the world's number 34.

"Never has a Chilean won this tournament. Last year I reached the semifinals and now I have to defend the honour of Chile, and I will do what it takes to win," said Mendez, who is coached by Horacio de la Pena, the coach of distinguished Chilean professional tennis player and ex-

capitan of the country's Davis Cup team Fernando Gonzalez.

The meeting will be held until April 24 in the courts of Bank of Chile.

MNA/Xinhua



Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo (front) is brought down by Bolton's El-Hadji Diouf during a Premiership football match at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, on 26 Dec, 2004. Bolton chairman Phil Gartside is to open negotiations with Liverpool to sign Senegal striker Diouf.—INTERNET



# Japan, Russia hold ministerial talks on oil pipeline project

TOKYO, 22 April — Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Shoichi Nakagawa and Russian Industry and Energy Minister Viktor Khristenko held talks on Thursday in Tokyo on a pipeline project linking eastern Siberia and near Nakhodka in the Russian Far East to ship oil to Japan and other markets.

The meeting was held ahead of a Japan-Russia intergovernmental trade and economic meeting on Friday to be co-chaired by Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura and Khristenko.

During the talks, Nakagawa is believed to have asked Khristenko about remarks he made suggesting Russia will build a branch oil pipeline to China before com-

pleting the main pipeline that will cater to the Japanese market, according to *Kyodo News*.

The two ministers are also expected to talk about Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization and Japanese automaker Toyota Corp's plan to build an automobile assembly plant on the outskirts of St Petersburg, *Kyodo* said.

MNA/Xinhua

# UN official calls for more help for development of poor countries

UNITED NATIONS, 22 April — UN Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette on Wednesday called on the international community to do more to help poor countries meet internationally agreed target for clean water, basic sanitation and decent housing.

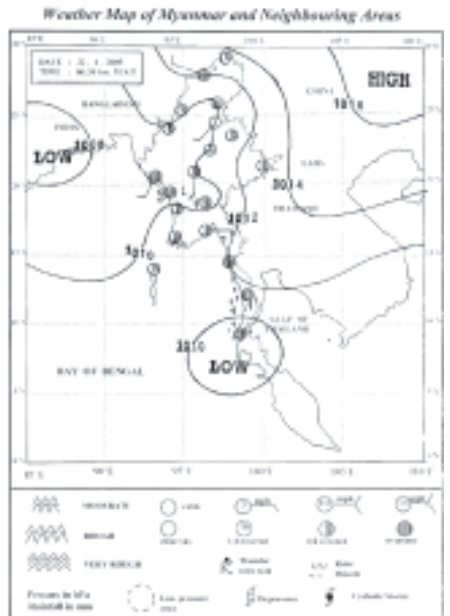
"It would be tragic and shameful if, come 2015, we find ourselves scrambling to explain our failure," she told the ministerial segment of the 13th UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

With millions of lives at stake, the international community has a responsibility to be bold and innovative—"do whatever we can"—to support governments in their efforts to meet these needs and build safe, health and prosperous communities, she stressed.

The commission is the key UN forum bringing together countries to consider ways to integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development — economic growth, social development and environmental protection.

Two years ago, the 53-member panel approved a multi-year work plan featuring different thematic clusters of issues for each cycle. This year's policy session is discussing water, sanitation and human settlements.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Friday, 22 April, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myaung Mya (2.52) inches, Heho (0.98) inch, Taunggyi (0.55) inch and Pyapon (0.08) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mandalay Division, Shan and Chin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, (6°C) below normal in Bago Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Minbu (42°C).

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 22-4-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-4-2005 was 58%. Total sunshine hours on 21-4-2005 was (7.0) hours approx. Rainfalls on 22-4-2005 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 (12) mph from Northwest at (13:15) hours MST on 21-4-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the West Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-4-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-4-2005:** Thundery conditions are likely in the afternoon/evening.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-4-2005:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Weather outlook for third weekend of April 2005:** During the coming weekend, weather will be cloudy in Yangon Division and isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Mandalay Division.

**Saturday, 23 April**  
View on today:

**7:00 am**

1. Recitation of Parittas by missionary Sayadaw U Oaktamathara

**7:15 am**

2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘူတာဂါရိက အဖွဲ့ကတော်တော်၊ ကာနန္ဒာသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အိမ်သော ဥပုသ်တော်

**7:25 am**

3. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**

4. Morning news

**7:40 am**

5. Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**

6. Cute little dancers

**8:05 am**

7. Musical programme

**8:15 am**

8. ဓလင်းရေလှောင်တံခွန်

**8:30 am**

9. International news

**8:45 am**

10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV

**11:00 am**

1. Martial song

**11:15 am**

2. Musical programme

**11:30 am**

3. News

**11:40 am**

4. Games for children

**12:05 pm**

5. Round up of the week's TV local news

**12:50 pm**

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

**1:30 pm**

7. စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းပုထိုးလှပတ်တော်

**1:40 pm**

8. "အမေ့ကုလိတမ်းခြင်းအကျိုး" (စော်ဘွား၊ သျှားညို၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ နွဲ့စံနိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)

**2:20 pm**

9. Dance of national races

**2:35 pm**

10. ရွာအောင်ရေလှောင်တံခွန်

**2:45 pm**

11. International news

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. English for Everyday Use

**4:45 pm**

4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**

5. အဝေးသင်တန်းအသစ်များ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရတနာအထူးပြု) (ရတနာ)

**5:15 pm**

6. အတူပိုင်ပွဲ

**5:30 pm**

7. Musical programme

**5:45 pm**

8. တေးဂြိုဟ်ဆိုင်ဖြူဖြူအောင် (မြင်းမြို) ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့၊ နေ့စဉ်အဖွဲ့

**6:00 pm**

9. "အသိစိတ်ကလေးအရင်" တည်ရှိ (မြင်းငွေရိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မိုးပြည်ပြည်စောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိန်)

**6:15 pm**

10. Musical programme

**6:25 pm**

11. Discovery

**6:30 pm**

12. Evening news

**7:00 pm**

13. Weather report

**7:05 pm**

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

**7:35 pm**

15. Musical programme

**7:45 pm**

16. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ ဗူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး အလှည့်စား တေးဂီတ ဖောင် ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးအဖွဲ့ အထိမ်းအမှတ် ဝန်းချိုပီတော၊ ကာကွယ်ရေး ဓာတ်ပုံပြပွဲ အကြောင်းသိကောင်းစရာ

**8:00 pm**

17. News

**8:05 pm**

18. International news

**8:10 pm**

19. Weather report

**8:15 pm**

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သမား" (အပိုင်း-၃၄)

**8:20 pm**

21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိမိတ္တာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဘူတာဝန်များ ဖွားဖွားခြင်း တေးဂီတ

**8:25 pm**

22. The next day's programme

**Saturday, 23 April**  
Tune in today:

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music: Have you ever

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music: -Forever young

**8:55 am** National news/Slogan

**9:05 am** Music: -Evergreen

**9:10 am** International news

**9:15 am** Music: -I never

**1:30 pm** News/Slogan

**1:40 pm** Request

-Over and over again

-Cherry pink and apple blossom white

-Alright good times

-Kiss me goodbye

**9:00 pm** ASEAN review

Songs

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20 pm** Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

-Myat Maw Tin Pagoda

**9:30 pm** Souvenirs

-The sweetest sound---Patti Page

**9:45 pm** News/Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL

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The police force will discharge duties as the firm foundation of the discipline-flourishing administrative machinery Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends work coordination meeting of MPF



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses the coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force.—MNA

YANGON, 22 April — The work coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the meeting hall of MPF at 1 pm today with an address by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the chief justice, the auditor-general,

the chairman of the Civil Service Selection of the Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the director-general of MPF, official at the SPDC Office, heads of department under the Ministry of Home Affairs, senior police officers, state/division Police Force commanders, commandants of Police Training Depots and responsible officials. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an ad-

dress. He said Myanmar Police Force has been operating to make reforms for the betterment of its form and essence since 1995 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State as it is an organization equipped with arms which always has to enforce community peace and prevalence of law and order and deal with the people, he said. (See page 8)

Activities of groups led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa are very dangerous to stability of the State, national solidarity and it could lead to disintegration of the Union

Information Committee of SPDC holds Press Conference 3/2005



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarifies the declaration of unlawful association led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and other related groups.—MNA

YANGON, 22 April — The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the press conference 3/2005 on points relating to the reason of redeclaring unlawful association the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and related groups which committed acts posing grave danger to the Union of Myanmar and the entire national people, at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street, here, this afternoon.

Present were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-

Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads, media and information offi-

cial, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa, Secretary U Nyunt Tin and members, editorial staff of local magazines and journals and guests. First, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan

clarified points relating to the reason of declaring unlawful association the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and related groups which committed acts posing grave danger to the Union of Myanmar and the entire national people. He said: (See page 8)

It can be found this has been an attempt of the descendants of some Shan sawbwas to secede from the Union in accordance with the wishes of colonialists and their lackeys designed to cause disintegration of the Union, which has been in existence in unity since the pre-historic times. The attempt may be seen as part of machinations perpetrated constantly following the dictates from outside the country and relying on the external elements.

