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Senior General Than Shwe returns from Indonesia after attending Asian-African Summit 2005, Commemoration of Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference

YANGON, 25 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe arrived back here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International this afternoon after attending the Asian-African Summit 2005 and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Asia-Africa Conference held in Jakarta and Bandung from 22 to 24 April 2005 at the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

The Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Com-



Senior General Than Shwe being welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport after attending the Asian-African Summit 2005 and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Asia-Africa Conference held in Jakarta and Bandung.—MNA

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Maung Aye and wife	Peace and Development	Daw Khin Lay Thet,	Than Than Nwe, Daw	(See page 6)

Political freedom without commensurate economic development and human security does not meet fully the aspirations of our peoples for a fairer and more equitable world

YANGON, 25 April—The following is the full text of the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe at the first day session of the Asian-African Summit 2005 held at Jakarta Convention Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia on 22-4-2005.

Distinguished Co-Chairs, Your Excellencies President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to begin by congratulating Your Excellencies, the Co-Chairs, for convening this important Summit. I am confident that under your able guidance our deliberations will be fruitful and contribute to inter-regional cooperation in the years ahead.

I am especially delighted to be here in Indonesia, a close friend and neighbour of Myanmar. Our two countries are bound by strong ties of friendship and cooperation that go back to the time of our strug-

gle for independence. I wish to express our deep appreciation to the government and people of Indonesia for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to us and for the excellent arrangements made for the summit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express again our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the peoples of Aceh and Sumatra in Indonesia as well as to the peoples of the affected countries of the Indian Ocean rim for the unprecedented loss of life and property due to the tsunami of 26 December 2004 and subsequent earthquakes that followed in its wake. We share the grief of our brethren for their irreplaceable loss.

Mr. Co-Chairmen,

We are gathered in this summit to celebrate the golden jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference of 1955. Myanmar is proud to have been among the 29 countries at the Bandung conference and among the Colombo Five that co-sponsored and initiated the historic conference. The ten principles adopted in Bandung remain sacrosanct for developing countries like ours. I would like to urge that we always uphold those principles. The world today is vastly different from that of 1955. At the time the focus was on decolonization. It is a matter of deep satisfaction that all countries in Asia and Africa have regained

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In view of the common challenges we face, the creation of strong linkages between Asia and Africa is an imperative of the times. Although the countries of our two regions have made progress in the political field, the vast majority of our peoples still remain mired in abject poverty due to the adverse external environment.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for industrial development

The industrial sector is the largest sector of the national economy after the agriculture sector. The agriculture sector contributes 40.7 per cent to the gross domestic product (GDP), the meat and fish sector 9.2 per cent and the industrial sector 10.7 per cent.

As the government is striving hard for development of the industrial sector through the formation of the Industrial Development Committee, the growth of the industrial sector is quite remarkable. And the industrial sector has potential for further growth and promising future.

The coordination meeting No. 2/2005 of the Industrial Development Committee was held at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on 24 April and it was attended by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that, in striving for the development of the industrial sector, it was specially necessary to encourage private small and medium enterprises which had greater quantity as well as larger production value, and that the entire private sector will develop only with the growth of its small and medium enterprises.

As small and medium enterprises play a pivotal role in the development of the industrial sector, measures are being taken to put small and medium enterprises on the right track for development and strengthen them.

Development of all industrial zones is necessary for the growth of private industries, preparations are being made to put into commission foundries, forging shops and forging machines at Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya Industrial Zones after May. Later, all these machines will also be introduced at other industrial zones. While efforts are being made for private enterprises of national entrepreneurs to be on the right track for development, private industrialists should be invited.

We would like to call on national private industrialists to take advantage of the assistance rendered by the government and fully cooperate with it for industrial development.



Eighth respect paying ceremony of Dagon BEHS-1 in progress on 23-4-2005. — H

All this needs to be known

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

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

Concrete frame installed

YANGON, 25 April— A ceremony to install concrete frame at the Kyaukyedwin overpass was held this morning attended by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Also present were Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, Managing Director of Myanmar Railways U Min Swe and officials.

First, the minister, the mayor, the managing director and officials sprinkled scented water on Pier Nos 4 and 5.

At the auspicious time, the piers were erected.



Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects progress of Kyaukyedwin overpass.—MNA

U Myint Swe accredited to Israel

YANGON, 26 April— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Swe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Nepal, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Israel. — MNA

Next, the minister and the mayor inspected the worksite and gave instructions. —MNA

Lucky draw programme of Follow Me & Secret products

YANGON, 24 April — The Lucky Draw Opening ceremony for Follow Me & Secret beauty products was held at the Hotel Royal Lake here this morning.

Present on the occasion were journalists, agents and guests. Managing Director U Kyin Sein of Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd extended greetings.

Next, new items of products of Follow Me were introduced followed



by lucky draw programme. Prizes will be presented to winners on 7 May at Sedona Hotel. MNA

Managing Director of Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd U Kyin Sein extends greetings at lucky draw opening ceremony.

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Deputy F&R Minister returns from PRC

YANGON, 25 April — Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attended Asia-Europe Deputy Finance Ministers' Meeting held in Xi'an, the People Republic of China from 21 to 22 April, 2005.

The opening ceremony of the meeting was held at the Sofitel Convention Centre on 22 April morning. It was attended by Deputy Minister of Finance Mr Li Yong of the PRC, Deputy Finance Ministers from Asia and Europe and the delegates from int'l monetary institutions. They exchanged views on prospects of economy, economic reforms, review on tsunami and response on it in future. Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe attended dinner hosted by Shaanxi provincial government at Imperial Banquet Hall, Tang Paradise.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back on yesterday afternoon. They were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, departmental heads of Ministry of Finance and Revenue and officials.—MNA

President of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint received Asia and Oceania Managing Director of Maruberi-Itochu Steel Pte Ltd of Singapore Mr Yasu-shiko Kokie who had completed his tour of duty here and his successor Mr Hiroku Some and Managing Director Mr Shigeru Mura Kari of Myanmar Steel Industries Co Ltd on 20 April and discussed matters on producing corrugated iron sheet. — H



China says globalization needs quicker opening pace

BOAO (Hainan), 25 April — It is inevitable that all countries will quicken the pace at which they open to fit into economic globalization, said Chinese Vice-Minister of Commerce Liao Xiaoqi here Saturday at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2005.

Liao made these remarks while addressing the Minister's Dialogue on Challenges for World Economic Growth of the conference.

World Bank reports show that the global economy grew by 5.1 per cent in 2004, a record high in the past 30 years.

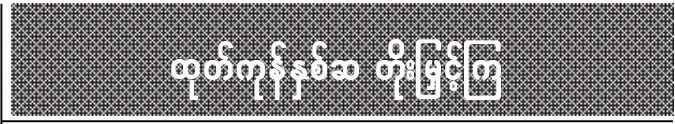
Yet Liao said what hides behind the statistics is a grievous imbalance in economic development. He said the imbalance not only exists between developed countries and developing countries, but are also seen within the two groups.

The official said the imbalance is caused by various factors. The most important one is that many countries failed to take effective measures to cope with the trend of economic globalization.

"Economic globalization means opportunities as well as challenges," said Liao. The successful experiences of some nations show that anyone who wants to benefit from economic globalization must stick to and quicken its pace of opening to the outside, namely to participate in globalization with an active attitude.

Liao said a fair and free global economic system with huge resource flows and sufficiently open markets can take shape only after nations, as many as possible, open themselves to the world market to the largest extent.

China has made great achievements since it put forward its opening policy in 1978. Its average GDP growth rate reached 9.4 per cent during the past 26 years. — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers assemble a Honda car at the Honda plant in the southern city of Guangzhou, on 23 April, 2005.—INTENET

Four top US Army officers cleared in prisoner abuses

WASHINGTON, 24 April — A US Army inspector-general's report has cleared four of five senior Army officers overseeing prison policies and operations in Iraq of responsibilities for the abuse of military prisoners there, newspaper reports said Saturday.

The investigations essentially found no culpability on the part of Lieutenant-General Ricardo S Sanchez, who was the top US commander in Iraq from June 2003 to July 2004, and three of his senior deputies, ruling that allegations they failed to prevent or stop abuses were "unsubstantiated".

Sanchez was the highest ranking officer to face allegations of leadership failure in connection with the abuse scandal, but the inquiry, barring new evidence, effectively closes the Army's book on whether the highest-ranking officers should be held accountable for command failings described in past reviews.

The only Army general officer recommended for punishment for the failure that led to abuses at the

Abu Ghraib Prison and other facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan was Brigadier-General Janis L Karpinski, who was in charge of US prison facilities in Iraq as commander of the 800th Military Police Brigade in late 2003 and early 2004.

Karpinski was relieved of her command and reportedly has received an administrative reprimand for dereliction of duty. She has repeatedly said she was made the scapegoat for the failures of superiors.

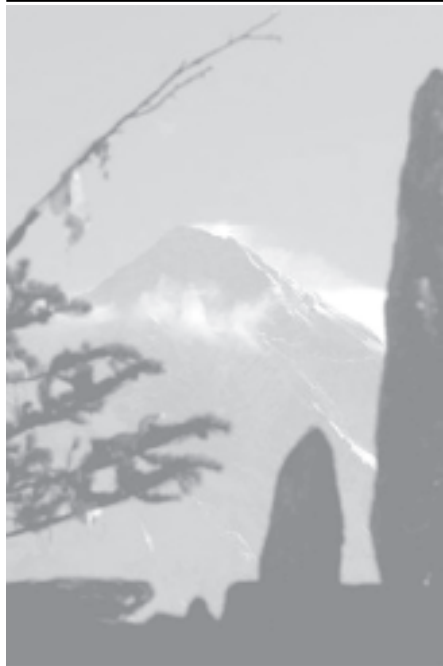
The findings came nearly a year after shocking photographs of US military police officers stacking naked Iraqi prisoners in a human pyramid and of other abuses first surfaced.

A 10-member team began the investigation in October and based its conclusions on the 10 major defence inquiries into abuse and interviews with 37 senior officials, including L Paul Bremer, who led the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. The report has not

been released.

Army officials were quoted as saying that they have identified 125 soldiers and officers who were either tried at courts-martial or issued administrative punishments for detainee abuses. So far, seven low-ranking soldiers have faced the most serious charges in abuse cases arising out of Abu Ghraib. Five have pleaded guilty or have been found guilty, and two have courts-martial scheduled for next month.

MNA/Xinhua



Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, is seen from Lukla in eastern Nepal on 25 April, 2005.—INTENET

Asia, Africa to forge strategic partnership

JAKARTA, 24 April — Leaders and officials from Asian and African countries have decided to build a new strategic partnership between the two continents at a meeting here hailed as historic.

The partnership is not directed against anyone but designed to serve the peoples of the two continents, they said.

Leaders have signed on a declaration on the New Asia-African Strategic Partnership, which will be officially endorsed as they visit Bandung, the venue of the first Asian-African Summit in 1955, on Sunday.

The partnership between Asia and Africa, which have a total population of 4.7 billion, will feature economic and socio-cultural relations apart from political solidarity, the focus of the Bandung conference.

Co-chairman Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono expressed confidence with

the partnership, saying "we will create in the years ahead a legacy of socio-economic and cultural development to future generations of Asians and Africans". He hailed the declaration on the partnership as "a milestone in history and such a relationship will serve as a bridge between Asia and Africa for the betterment of their peoples' interests in meeting various challenges in today's world."

At a Press conference at the end of the two-day meeting, both Susilo and another co-chairman Thabo Mbeki, President of South Africa, stressed that the partnership is not against anyone.

Asked if the

multilateralism advocated by the leaders is targeted against unilateralism by the United States, Susilo said "the spirit of the summit is not to confront, but to connect", adding that the partnership will serve to facilitate exchanges and cooperation within the two continents and with other parts of the world for the benefit of Asians and Africans.

Mbeki said the partnership is not directed against anyone, although multilateralism is very important in the context of unilateralism. He said the conference was a success as reflected by the massive attendance and the high level of representation in the gathering.

MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka Development Forum to be held next month

COLOMBO, 24 April — The Sri Lankan Government has invited all multilateral, bilateral and donor country representatives for the Sri Lanka Development Forum meeting scheduled for 16 and 17 May in its central city of Kandy, the official Daily News said Saturday.

The newspaper quoted official sources from the Finance Ministry as saying that this annual meeting will review future donor assistance for development projects in Sri Lanka and discuss its way forward with regard to peace initiative.

Nearly 40 bilateral and multilateral donor agencies including the World Bank, IMF and

the Asian Development Bank and around 100 foreign government representatives will attend this meeting, organized as a platform for Sri Lanka to present its future development strategies for donor review.

Former US President Bill Clinton, the UN special envoy for tsunami reconstruction, is also scheduled to attend this

aid group meeting which was previously held in Paris or Washington.

The donors will review overall development assistance to Sri Lanka at this meeting, and relief assistance for reconstruction in tsunami devastated areas will be one of the main topics in the meeting, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

SSNA abandons destructive acts, armed insurgency

Article & Photos by *Thaung Win Bo*



SSNA Brigade (11) Commander U Kan Na.

The 12th of April 2005 (Tuesday), was an auspicious day, on which local people in Hsenwi Township, Lashio District, Shan State (North) found unprecedented happiness, as a total of 176 members of Brigade (11) of the Shan State National Army (SSNA) led by U Kan Na unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. In fact, the SSNA has returned to the legal fold since 1995.

The unconditional exchange of arms for peace took place at Se-U village in Hsenwi Township on 12 April morning, attended by more than 3,000 local residents.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, and Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presided over the ceremony.

Present on the occasion were Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, senior military officers, departmental heads of the region, and personnel of social organizations.

It was also attended by 176 SSNA members including Commander of Brigade (11) of the SSNA U Kan Na, Deputy Commander U Einda, Commanding Officer of Battalion (19) under Brigade (11) U Sai Phone, Commanding Officer of Battalion (25) U Kham Mon, and Commanding Officer of Battalion (27) U Pwan Wan.

In addition, U Kyan Te Wan and members of Kokang group of Shan State (North) Special Region-1, U Lwai Maung and members of SSA from Special Region-3, U Zaw Yaw and members of KDA from Special Region-5, U Aik Mone and members of PSLA from Special Region-7, and U Zaw Goon and member of KIA from Kachin Special Region-2, who returned to the legal fold, attended the ceremony.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing delivered a speech. Next, Commander U Kan Na, Deputy Commander U Einda, Commanding Officer U Pwan Wan, Commanding Officer U Kham Mon and Commanding Officer U Sai Phone handed over their weapons to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe. The arms and ammunition were four 60 mm mortars, nine different sorts of medium machineguns, five rocket launchers, 116 assorted small arms, 9,332 rounds of ammunition, 158 bombs, 28 hand grenades, 64 mines, 141 TNT cartridges, 194 magazines, 22 belts of rounds of ammunition for medium machineguns, and 18 walkie-talkies.

After the ceremony, we held an interview with U Kan Na at his residence in Kunkauk village, Hsenwi Township.

Q: I would like to know who urged you to unconditionally exchange arms for peace.



Dr Phyu Phyu of Hsenwi People's Hospital.

A: No one urged me to do so. That is our own decision. We have got this idea since long ago. Frankly, we are no longer suspicious of the government. We did in the past. But, the government does not have any discrimination against national races at all. Every day, I have witnessed that the government has been shouldering nation-building tasks for equitable development of hill regions and the plains. It made my suspicions melt away.



Se-U Village, in which SSNA Brigade (11) was active.

I have also witnessed the government engaged in efforts day in, day out, in education, health, social and transport sectors for the development of Shan State. We have followed armed struggle line and risen against the government for 29 years. But, we did nothing in the interests of the people. Then, we came to realize that it was no use sticking to the armed insurgency. Our armed struggle line had adverse effects on the people, and it did create a great hindrance to regional development. Local people disliked us holding arms. We did nothing for them but collected taxes and extortion money for our armed group members to survive. We came to realize the undesirable consequences of our wrongdoings and the genuine goodwill of the government and therefore, we decided to unconditionally exchange arms for peace.

Q: May I know your opinion on the ongoing National Convention.

A: The principles that the National Convention is adopting are the very ones we have been looking forward to since long ago. And we are going to enjoy the rights irrespective of race and religion. So, we support it.

Q: I would also like to know your experiences and feelings on the day you exchanged arms for peace.

A: I was greatly delighted with it. The people extended warm welcome to us. They are very very pleased with our abandonment of armed insurgency. We are no longer a burden to them. So, they garlanded us as a gesture of welcoming us. It was the sort of feeling that I had never experienced before.

Q: When did you start to take up arms? Why?

A: We did it in 1976 and rose against the successive governments. In reality, it was due to the evil legacy of the colonialists. We stuck to insurgency and committed wrongful acts because of the divide-and-rule policy and feudalism and racism. Now, we trust the government, and we have committed to making combined efforts for regional development.



Commanding Officer U Pwan Wan.

Q: I would like to know what assistance the government would provide you, and so far what kinds of assistance you have received.

A: We will do businesses, especially agriculture. We will reclaim vacant and virgin land. I have learnt that the State will give encouragement and all necessary assistance including heavy machinery and fuel to us. On 12 April, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing provided us with 160 bags of rice, 60 viss of edible oil, 250 sets of clothes, 20 heads of cattle and K 2 million.

Moreover, entrepreneurs in Shan State (North) presented K 22 million to us for regional development tasks. They are: Kanbawza Bank Ltd, K 5 million; Asia World Co Ltd, K 3 million; Silver Co, K 3 million, Tiger Head Co, K 2 million, Triple A Co, K 2 million; So So Pyay Pyay Co, K 2 million; Ngweyi Pearl Co, K 2 million, entrepreneurs in Lashio, K 1 million; Ruby Garden Co, K 1 million; and Manpan Htarnay People's Militias, K 1 million.

Q: What are your future plans?

A: We'll take part in regional development tasks in cooperation with the government. We'll serve the interests of the local people who have understood and forgiven us. We'll also help them enjoy the fruits of peace fully. I thank all very much for their warm welcome. Here, I'd like to exhort the national brethren who haven't given up armed insurgency yet, to try to remove the suspicions and return to normal life.

Next, we interviewed Commanding Officer of Battalion (27) of SSNA Brigade (11) U Pwan Wan.

Q: I would like to know your attitude to the exchange of arms for peace.

A: That is the correct decision of our leader. We SSNA members

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State's electric power projects

Thiha Aung

(Continued from yesterday)

The government is implementing Shweli Hydel-power project on Shweli River near Mantet Village, 17 miles south-west of Namkham, Shan State (North). On completion, it will be able to generate 400 megawatts. In addition, it is implementing Buywa and Kye-own-Kyeewa hydel-power projects in Magway Division.

With the completion of almost the economic and social infrastructures across the nation in 16 years, the electricity consumption of the nation is on the increase year by year. So, the government is making all-out efforts to fulfil the growing electricity demand of the nation in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State.

Thaphanseik Power Station in Sagaing Division generates 30 megawatts; Mone power station in Magway Division, 75 megawatts; and Paunglaung power station in Mandalay Division, 280 megawatts. Including Tikyit power station, these recently-inaugurated four power stations generate

watts).

The project started to store water one year ahead of schedule for the people to enjoy the fruitful results earlier. Half of the turbines began to be operated with the use of the water stored to generate power. The facility will be filled with water to its brim in the coming rainy sea-

The coal-fired power plant put into commission on 12 April in Pinlaung Township, Shan State, has a strong point that it can generate all-year round as it is supplied with coal without interruption.

more than 400 megawatts.

The Paunglaung Hydel-power Station on Paunglaung River in Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division, opened on 25 March, generates 280 megawatts. So, it generates more than famous Lawpita Hydel-power Station (196 mega-

son and it will be able to generate at full capacity then. And the electricity will be distributed to the people through the grid.

A hydel-power station can operate at full capacity only in the rainy season, but in summer, its turbines have to be operated in turn according to



Kunkauk Village where U Kan Na and members reside.

the volume of the water left in the dam. So it is impossible for all the hydel-power stations to be operated at full capacity all-year round.

However, the coal-fired power plant put into commission on 12 April in Pinlaung Township, Shan State, has a strong point that it can generate all-year

round as it is supplied with coal without interruption.

The Ministry of Electric Power constructed a coal-fired power plant, which is able to generate 120 megawatts, with the effective use of coal produced in Tikyit, Pinlaung Township, Shan State (North).

Myanmar launched the first-ever drive to distrib-

ute electricity to the people in the post-independence period with the use of two coal-fired power plants — a coal-fired power plant (30 megawatts) in Yangon, and the other in Ywama.

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exchanged arms for peace in 1995, but kept on holding arms. We collected taxes and extorted money from the people to earn our living. As it was the confidence-building period we continued to hold arms. As a consequence, however, the local people had to live in fear of our arms. It could not yield any positive results for the region and the people. We decided not to commit similar acts again and in the end, we unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

Q: Please tell me your experiences on the day you unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

A: It was beyond words. I felt very pleased when the local people warmly welcomed us, and I will never be able to forget that scene. When I saw the people welcoming us, I came to realize the sympathy and understanding that I owed to the people. I learnt that our exchanging arms for peace was what they had desired very long. I thank the government for its genuine goodwill and assistance for us.

Q: Do you know what the government is doing in the interests of the entire national people? Tell me the government's efforts as much as you know, please.

A: To my knowledge, the entire national people are looking forward to flourishing of discipline and genuine democracy in the nation. I have learnt the government is taking measures systematically to lay down principles for ensuring the hill regions and the plains to enjoy equal rights. For instance, the government is holding the National Convention, and discussions are being held to adopt basic principles to bring equal rights to the people. Now, we completely trust the government's acts and goodwill to the people.

Q: What would you like to say to remaining national brethren still holding arms?

A: I'm very proud of the fact that we SSNA Brigade (11) unconditionally exchanged arms for peace before other members of the SSNA. I

wholeheartedly urge the remaining national brethren to abandon unconditionally exchange arms for peace. I simply believe exchanging arms for peace will certainly satisfy the desire of the national people.

We also interviewed Dr Phyu Phyu, a local resident as well as an assistant surgeon of Hsenwi People's Hospital.

Q: As a member of the public, what is your opinion about the SSNA's decision to unconditionally exchange arms for peace?

A: I'm a Shan national. My full name is Nan Phyu Phyu. I'm now 31. Even before I was born, there broke out armed conflicts among the national brethren in Hsenwi, Shan State, due to the colonialists' divide-and-rule policy and evil legacy of feudalism. In my childhood days, I encountered all kinds of sufferings. The local people also experienced difficulties and hardships and had to live in fear. I had not even dreamt of the ending of such hardships. We lived without peace and stability. I was greatly blessed when I learnt that the armed groups had unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

Q: Tell me some of your bitter experiences.

A: At that time, suppose, a family member did not return home till his or her arrival was due, the remaining family members were very concerned about him or her. If so, there might be a fatal case. I stayed safely in Mandalay to attend the medical institute, but was daily worried about my family members and relatives living in an insecure region. When I became a doctor, I learnt that no medical officer wanted to serve in a hospital in an unstable region. So, I requested my superiors to post me to my native town.

Q: I would like to know your delight for peaceful conditions of the region.

A: Yes, I feel very happy. I'm going to enjoy peace and true secure life that our grandparents did not enjoy. I believe our region will develop in a short time because U Kan Na and members will be joining hands with the government in carrying out regional development tasks. Now, I have a good opportunity

to enjoy real peace and tranquillity, so I'd say I'm incomparably happy for that.

When asked about the event, U Sai Kham Ti, a local farmer of Se-U village, said when the insurgents returned to the legal fold, I though peace was restored in the region. But, not fully because they continued to hold arms. Now, U Kan Na and members have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, so we will be able to enjoy peace and stability fully.

A local national Daw Aye Man, 60, said "I'm happy. Very very happy. We are going to enjoy the fruits of peace and stability. I thank U Kan Na and members very much".

Daw Nang Sai Paung, 32, a Shan national, of the same village holding a baby in her arm said that she was happy since there would be life security and peace. She added that she was relieved nothing bad could happen to the child as it grew up. As the future of the children were safe then they would enjoy the taste of peace fully.

U Sai Khaing Win, a farmer, 45, of Banna village, said "I've been brought up here. In the past, we had to pay taxes and extortion money to national races armed groups. Now, they have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, and we farmers are very happy because we can now spend our earnings by ourselves and we're going to carry on our businesses. I thank the government (Tatmadaw Government). We warmly welcomed SSNA of Shan State (North)".

At the ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing said that he honoured and thanked U Kan Na and his commanding officers for their efforts to organize their followers in pulling back on the right track. His speech reflected that the government always welcomes those who have realized their misdeeds. In conclusion, I wish those who are still on the wrong path would manage to remove misunderstanding and suspicions and to return back to their normal life.

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Senior General Than Shwe being welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport.—MNA

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State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Chairman of

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers, senior military officers, Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso

Prodjowarsito and embassy staff, military and civilian officers. Members of the delegation Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Af-

airs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services Brig-

Gen Than Aung, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Prime Minister's Office, Director-General Thura U

Aung Htet of the Protocol Department, Director-General U Thaug Tun of Political Department, senior military officers and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe being welcomed back by Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito and Embassy staff on his return from Indonesia — MNA



Information Deputy Minister inspects departmental work in Kengtung, Mongyaung, Mongyu

YANGON, 25 April—Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, accompanied by officials concerned, on 21 April, arrived in Kengtung where they inspected the office of Kengtung District Information and Public Relations Department and gave instructions.

Next, the deputy minister looked into Kengtung Sub-Printing House and called for systematic arrangements for spare parts, maintenance of machinery and distribution of quality newspapers.

In meeting with staff of the ministry in Kengtung, the deputy minister underscored the need for them to make field trips right down to villages for increasing the number of readers and keeping spare parts for output power that had often been out of order.

On 22 April afternoon, the deputy minister

arrived at Mongyaung where he met with departmental officials and attended to their needs. After inspecting the Township IPRD Office there, the deputy minister and party arrived in Mongyu in the evening.

After inspecting the libraries of IPRD and TV retransmission stations, the deputy minister met Lt-Col Win Thein of Mongyou Station and departmental officials and fulfilled the requirements.

The deputy minister and party arrived back in Mongyoung in the evening.

In meeting with departmental personnel in Mongyou, the deputy minister stressed the need for them to discharge duties with goodwill, to cooperate with one another and to present difficulties to local authorities if any.

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Information Department of Myanmar Women Federation gives talk

YANGON, 25 April—With the sponsorship of the Information Department of Myanmar Women Federation, a talk was given at the meeting hall of the office of the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were heads of department under the MWF, working group leaders, members of Yangon Division Women Affairs Committee, women affairs committee members under the Ministry of Information and others numbering about 500. Head of the Information Department of MWF Daw Kyi Kyi Win extended greetings on the occasion. Next, Professor (Retd) of the Institute of Education National Literary Award Winner Dr Ma Tin Win gave a talk on *Nanyanthawyinkwinmya*.

Later, Head of the Information Department of MWF Daw Kyi Kyi Win presented a gift to Dr Ma Tin Win.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe on his way to the second day session of Asian-African Summit.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe signs the communiqué.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe attends...

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 President Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono delivered the opening address. President Mr Thabo Mbeki also delivered an address.
 The opening ceremony concluded after UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan delivered an address. The heads of State/Government and representatives of organizations posed for souvenir photos and cordially greeted one another. Members of the Myanmar delegation Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Director-General of the Political Department U Thaug Tun also attended the summit.
 Military Assistant to State Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Kyaw Myint, SPDC Office Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein and departmental heads of

the delegation attended the opening ceremony as observers at Cendrawasih Room.
 The sessions of the summit were held in Plenary Hall at 10 am. Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Hassan Wirajuda explained the results of the 2005 Asian-African Ministerial Meeting.
 Concerning the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership, President Mr Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria, King of Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, President Mr Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China, President of Algeria Mr Abdelaziz Bouteflika, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Junichiro Koizumi, and Prime Minister of Malaysia Mr Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi delivered addresses.
 When the summit took a recess for a luncheon at noon, Prime Minister for Republic of Korea Mr Lee Hae-chan and Prime Minister of Japan Mr Junichiro Koizumi called on Senior General Than Shwe. The luncheon was held at Assembly

Hall 2 of the centre.
 In the afternoon session, President of Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf, Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, President of Ghana Mr John Agyekum Kufuor, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen and President of Vietnam Mr Tran Duc Luong gave

speeches.
 In the evening session, President of Madagascar Mr Ravalomanana, President of Afghanistan Mr Hamid Karzai, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of Botswana Mr Fetusa Mogae, President of Comoros Mr Monsieur Azali Assoumani, Prime Minister of ROK Lee Hae-chan, Prime Minister of Tunisia Mr Mohamed Ghannouchi, President of the Presidency of the Supreme People's Assembly of

As there was no opposition to the communiqué of the summit, the meeting chairperson approved it. The summit was adjourned at 6.45 pm. Together with heads of state/government of other nations, the Senior General signed the communiqué.
 The Indonesian President hosted a dinner



Senior General Than Shwe and party on their way to attend the Summit.—MNA

speeches.
 Then, the Senior General delivered an address (reported separately).
 Afterwards, President of Zimbabwe Mr RG

Lee Hsien Loong, President of Sudan Mr Omer Hassan Ahmed, His Majesty Gyanendra King of Nepal, President of the Philippines Madame

Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr Kim Yong Nam, and Prime Minister of Morocco Mr Driss Jettou delivered addresses.

in honour of the Senior General and other heads of state/government and representatives of organizations at Istana Negara in Jakarta.—MNA



UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan delivers an address at the Summit.— MNA



South African President Thabo Mbeki delivers an address at the Summit.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and heads of State/Government of the nations of Asia and Africa and representatives of organizations pose for a documentary photo in Main Lobby of Jakarta Convention Centre. — MNA

Political freedom without...

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the successful outcome of the First and Second Asian-African Sub-Regional Conference in Bandung in July 2003 and in Durban in August 2004. The process reaffirms the commitment of Asian and

In view of the common challenges we face, the creation of strong linkages between Asia and Africa is an imperative of the times. Although the countries of our two regions have made progress in the political field, the vast majority of our peoples still remain mired in abject poverty due to the ad-

conomic, social and cultural cooperation. I am also convinced that growing people to people contacts will contribute to the success of the new partnership between our two continents. Let us rededicate ourselves to the Bandung principles and strengthen the ties that bind us. Myanmar fully supports the call to reinvigorate the Bandung spirit and to forge a new strategic partnership.

Mr. Co-Chairmen,

Our nations are blessed with vast human and natural resources. We must seek ways to complement each other's strength, and develop workable political, economic and social-cultural programmes to achieve our full potential.

With regard to natural disasters, the unmitigated impacts of the tsunami disaster of 26 December should serve to remind us that our two continents are bound together. It is therefore appropriate that we establish an integrated strategy for the development of a multi-nodal early warning system.

In this connection, we must encourage closer interaction among our experts in sharing best practices and experience. We must empower those at risk to be able to protect themselves by way of capacity building and promoting education and awareness.

Myanmar therefore welcome the joint statement on tsunami, earthquake and other natural disasters to be adopted at this summit. We must work together to ensure that a human catastrophe of the magnitude we experienced recently will never occur again.

Distinguished Co-Chairs, Excellencies, I thank you for your kind indulgence.—MNA



Asian-African Summit 2005 in progress in Plenary Hall of Jakarta Convention Centre. — MNA

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We live in an era of rapid change. In recent years we have witnessed significant transformations in many fields. However, the challenges we face are complex and can only be overcome with vision and fortitude.

I am confident that the new strategic partnership we have agreed to launch at this summit will serve as an effective means to enhance solidarity of the two regions.

verse external environment. Our nations are blessed with vast human and natural resources. We must seek ways to complement each other's strength, and develop workable political, economic and social-cultural programmes to achieve our full potential.

In this regard, we recognize the crucial role that regional organizations such as the ASEAN, the African Union, the Asia Cooperation Dialogue and the East Asia Summit can make in promoting eco-



South African President Mr Thabo Mbeki delivers a speech at the opening of Asian-African Summit 2005. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe attends Commemoration of Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference

YANGON, 25 April— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, together with Heads of State/Heads of Government of Asia and Africa, attended the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Asian-African Conference 1955 in Bandung, Indonesia on 24 April.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, Heads of State/Heads of Governments of Asian and African countries, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and the ministers of Asian and African countries, arrived at Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport at 6.30 am.

Heads of State/Government left for Bandung by special flight and arrived there and went to Savoy Himann Hotel. At 9 am, they had a historical walk along Asia-Africa Street to the Merdeka building where the commemoration of the golden jubilee would be held. They arrived at the building and they had taken documentary photos.

Next, the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Asian-African Conference was held. Students of Padjadjaran University in Bandung sang a song "Halo Halo Bandung".

Afterwards, President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono delivered an opening address. On behalf of African countries, President of the Republic of Nigeria Mr Olusegun Obasanjo delivered a speech, on behalf of Asian countries, Prime



Senior General Than Shwe plants a tree in commemoration of the golden jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference. — MNA

Bambang Yudhoyono and President of the Republic of South Africa Mr Thabo Mbeki signed the statement of the Asian-African Summit. The students of Padjadjaran University in Bandung sang songs.

After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe and

from Jarkata Hilton Hotel by motorcade.

They were seen off at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia U Kyaw Myint and wife, Military Attache Brig-Gen Khin Maung Soe and wife and embassy staff and families. Senior



Senior General Than Shwe and heads of State/Government of the nations of Asia and Africa pose for a documentary photo at the Merdeka Building in Bandung. —MNA

Minister of the Republic of India, Dr Manmohan Singh and on behalf of other invited guests, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo

the Heads of State/Government went to Tegalle Garden and grew commemorative plants from Asia and Africa. This morning, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport

General Than Shwe bids farewell to officials from Indonesia.

Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived back here in the afternoon. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe bids farewell to officials from Indonesia at Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport in Jarkata. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe bids farewell to Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Kyaw Myint and wife and Embassy officials at Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport in Jarkata. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe attends second day session of Asian-African Summit



Senior General Than Shwe attends the second day session of the Asian-African Summit. — MNA

YANGON, 25 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe attended the second day session of the Asian-African Summit held at the Plenary Hall of Jakarta Convention Centre in the Republic of Indonesia on 23 April 2005.

The summit was attended by heads of State / Government from the nations of Asia and Africa and other nations and representatives of organizations.

At the start of the second day session, heads of State / Government from the nations of Asia and Africa delivered speeches on a New Asian-African Strategic Partnership.

Together with the Senior General at the summit were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Kyaw Myint, Military Assistant to the State Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-

Gen Than Aung, the Director General of the SPDC Office and heads of department observed the holding of the second day session of the summit at Cendrawasih Room.

During the recess of the summit, Senior General Than Shwe cordially met Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong at the recreation center.

When the summit resumed, leaders of representative groups and observers of respective nations delivered speeches. Next, the chairman of the Indonesian Traders Association presented matters related to the Asian-African Economic Summit to the summit.

Afterwards, the summit approved the declaration of the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership and the declaration of tsunami disaster.

Later, the summit concluded at 6.30 pm after the speeches delivered by South African President Mr Thabo Mbeki and Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who jointly presided over the summit. — MNA



Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono delivers address at the closing ceremony of the Summit. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks in Kyaukhtu, Pauk, Myaing Townships

YANGON, 25 April—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on 23 April morning inspected measures being taken for construction of ThanU Chauk Dam in Kyaukhtu.

Accompanied by officials concerned, Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived at ThanU Chauk Dam construction project site and heard a report presented by Director U Tin Win of Irrigation Department on work being carried out and future tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the site for construction of the dam and gave instructions to officials.

After that, they arrived at Chauk People's Hospital where they inspected women's medical ward, operation theatre, X-ray unit and others and gave instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Winthuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Kyaukhtu and inspected items being sold there.

Later, they arrived at the nurseries of the Forest Department where they inspected Manawhari

strain summer paddy plantations, irrigated summer paddy plantations, Thitseint and shade tree plantations and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Minledaw Diversion Dam near Pansan Village where an official reported on the salient points of the diversion dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted local people and gave instructions to them.

On arrival at Pauk, Pakokku Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Winthuza Shop where he heard a report presented by General Manager U Maung Ni on sale of items.

Afterwards, they looked into Pauk People's Hospital and gave instructions to officials.

At the office of Pauk Township Peace and Development Council, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental officials, social organizations and townsmen and gave instructions on regional development and fulfilled the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Pauk Bridge No 1 construction project site in

Pauk Township and inspected progress of work and gave instructions.

On arrival at Pauk Bridge No 2 construction project site, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected work being carried out and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, they arrived at Yepyar River Water Pumping project of Water Resources Utilization Department where they gave necessary instructions.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived in Myaing, Pakokku District and inspected Winthuza Shop and the People's Hospital and gave instructions.

At the office of Myaing Township PDC, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental officials, social organizations and townsmen and gave necessary instructions.

Next, they arrived at Pakokku where they stopped over for the night.

This morning, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met officers and other ranks of the local battalion in Kyaukhtu and gave instructions on regional development. — MNA

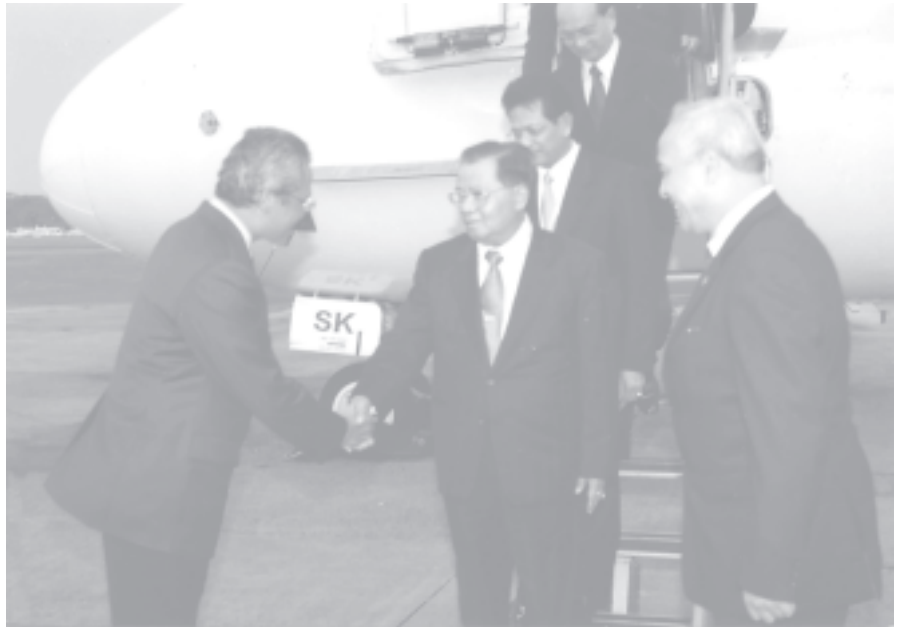
Senior General Than Shwe arrives Jakarta to attend Asian-African Summit 2005 and Commemoration of Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference

YANGON, 25 April — At the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Secretary-I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Aung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of departments, left here by spe-

cial flight of Myanma Airways International at noon on 21 April to attend the Asian-African Summit 2005 and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Asia-Africa Conference to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The special aircraft carrying Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport in Jakarta at 4.25 pm local time. Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia U Kyaw Myint and Head of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Mr Djoko Hardomo boarded the plane and welcomed them.

Senior General Than Shwe was also welcomed by State Minister of Research and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Kusmayanto Kadiman.



Senior General Than Shwe being welcomed by State Minister of Research and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Kusmayanto Kadiman at the airport. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receiving a bouquet from a young Myanmar woman of Myanmar Embassy. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe greeting members of the welcoming party. — MNA

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A young Indonesian girl presented a garland to Senior General Than Shwe. Members of the welcom-

ing party welcomed Senior General Than Shwe and party. A young girl of Myanmar Embassy pre-

sented a bouquet to Senior General Than Shwe who was welcomed by Daw Win Win Nyunt, wife of Myanmar Am-

bassador, Military Attache Brig-Gen Khin Maung Soe and wife Daw Kyi Kyi San, embassy staff and families.

Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Jakarta Hilton Hotel where they would be staying.—MNA



A young Indonesian girl garlanding Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA

CNG filling Station No 009 commences functioning

YANGON, 25 April— The CNG filling station No-009 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy was opened at the station on Yangon-Pathein Road, in Hlaingthaya Township this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint

Swe, the ministers, Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, departmental officials, members of USDA and social organizations..

First, Director U Myint Htay of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise reported on the matters concerning the station. Next, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin for-

mally opened the filling station.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the station.

Next, the commander, ministers and guests inspected the station. The director conducted them round the station.

Next, they viewed filling of CNG to vehicles. — MNA

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Chilean President accepts resignation of Labour Minister

SANTIAGO, 24 April — Chilean President Ricardo Lagos has accepted the resignation of Labour Minister Ricardo Solari and appointed his deputy Yerko Ljubetic as the successor, local media reported Saturday.
 Solari said in his resignation letter that he gave up his responsibilities of a Cabinet Minister to command the campaign of former defence minister Michelle Bachelet, who is seeking the presidential candidacy of the ruling coalition, the reports said.
 Ljubetic will be sworn in Monday as new labour minister and name his deputy minister.
 Last Tuesday, Deputy Education Minister Maria Ariadna Hornkohl resigned to join the campaigning team of another presidential candidate Soledad Alvear.
 Alvear, a former foreign minister, and Bachelet are both seeking the presidential candidacy of the ruling Coalition of Parties for Democracy for December elections.
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Canada to bolster marine security

OTTAWA, 24 April — The Canadian Government is bolstering security along Canada's waterways and maritime borders, it is reported here Friday.
 Details of the 300-million-dollar plan, promised in the recent federal budget, were outlined Friday at a southern Ontario marine centre by several members of Parliament, including Roy Cullen, parliamentary secretary to Public Safety Minister Anne McLellan.
 "This funding for marine security allows us to address a key element of the National Security Policy and helps fulfil our commitment to work with the United States on collective security issues at our borders," Cullen said.
 The five-year plan includes expanding the use of radiation detection equipment to screen marine containers entering Canadian ports. Four new patrol vessels will also be added to improve immigration screening of crews and passengers on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway system.
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Latam urged to strengthen cooperation against C-arms

BOGOTA, 24 April — Experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Friday urged the governments and firms of Latin American and the Caribbean countries to step up their cooperation against chemical arms.
 "A good opportunity to contribute to world peace and security is to get rid of chemical arms," said Guillermo Fernandez de Soto, a member of the OPCW peace council and Colombia's Ambassador to The Netherlands.
 Noting that Latin America spearheads the worldwide campaign for non-proliferation of chemical arms, Fernandez de Soto, speaking at the 6th meeting of National Authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean in Cartagena, Colombia, also asked the governments and firms of those countries to intensify measures against substances possibly to be used in making chemical arms.
 OPCW Director-General Rogelio Pflitzer also warned that no country in the world could consider itself free from the possibility that terrorist groups may secretly enter their territories with chemical arms for evil use.—MNA/Xinhua

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Two killed in train-truck crash in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 24 April — At least two people were killed Friday after the explosion of a truck carrying gas hit by a train in Santiago Teyahualco, Mexico state.
 Local authorities confirmed the death of two people Friday, but did not say whether there were more fatalities.
 An ensuing fire was brought under control but local residents close to the scene had been evacuated as firemen feared the 8,000 litres of LP gas carried by the burned out truck could cause any immediate damage to lives or property.
 MNA/Xinhua

Bush nominates Marine General as head of Joint Chiefs of Staff

WASHINGTON, 24 April — US President George W Bush on Friday nominated Marine General Peter Pace, who has played a key role in shaping the US strategy on the war against terrorism, to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
 If approved by the Parliament, the 59-year-old Pace would succeed Air Force General Richard B Myers, who is scheduled to retire on 30 September after four years on the job. "He knows the job well," Bush said in a ceremony at the White House. If confirmed by the Senate, Bush noted, Pace would become the first US Marine General to be promoted to the top military post. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Pace graduated from the US Naval Academy before serving in the Vietnam War, where he led a rifle platoon. He was put in charge of the US Southern Command in September 2000, and was promoted a year later to serve as vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
 As vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pace has been involved in defining strategy for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is widely seen as closely aligned with Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld.—MNA/Xinhua

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Thailand to deport 49 Nigerian prisoners

LAGOS, 24 April — Forty-nine Nigerian prisoners who have spent two-thirds of their terms at the Central Maximum Security Prisons in Thailand's capital Bangkok are to be deported to Nigeria next month.
 Local newspaper *The Guardian* on Saturday quoted Nigeria's Federal Attorney General Akinlolu Charles Olujimi as reporting that the decision was made by Nigeria and Thailand after a consultative meeting between him and his Thai counterpart Kampree Kaocharen.
 "Both countries have agreed to work out a pact on mutual assistance on criminal matters between the two governments," he said.
 According to Olujimi, also Nigerian Minister of Justice, there are a total of 88 Nigerian prisoners serving various terms at Thailand's Central Maximum Security Prison.
 During his visit to Thailand, Olujimi said he paid a visit to the Bangkok Central Prisons and held a two-hour parley with the Nigerian prisoners who told him their experiences and pleaded with the government to assist them to go home.
 According to Thai Attorney General Kaocharen, the Thai Government would continue providing the best kind of reformatory services and facilities to all the prisoners, including the Nigerian prisoners.
 Kaocharen urged the Nigerian Government to speed up the process of signing the act on mutual assistance in criminal matters so that the financial burdens imposed on the prisoners during their sentencing can be mitigated accordingly.—MNA/Xinhua

Crude oil prices rise amid fuel-supply concern

NEW YORK, 24 April — Crude oil futures rose Friday, ending the biggest rally week in three months, as traders worried about gasoline supplies in the summer.
 On the New York Mercantile Exchange, oil futures for June delivery rose 1.19 dollars to end at 55.39 dollars a barrel. Meanwhile, on London's International Petroleum Exchange, the June Brent crude-oil futures contract added 96 cents to settle at 54.97 dollars per barrel.
 A number of American largest refineries reported shutdowns after maintenance. This development threatened to curb gasoline supplies.
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Prolonged use of computer can lead to hand disorder

HONG KONG, 25 April — Prolonged use of computer and incorrect postures can lead to hand disorder, researchers from the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Medicine said on Saturday at the second international forum on occupational diseases.

The latest studies on occupational hand problems by the medical faculty showed that non-physical work in the offices can also lead to occupational hand disorder, though serious hand injuries occur frequently in physical-related industries, such as construction.

Researchers said many office jobs require prolonged use of computer. Incorrect sitting postures and repetitive work may lead to disorders in hands and wrists, or called Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS). It is estimated that there are about 4,000-6,000 new CTS

cases in Hong Kong annually.

The research findings revealed that when conducting daily activities, frequent flexion would increase the risk of CTS by 4 times and frequent extension and sustained force of the wrist would increase the risk of CTS by 2.5 times.

The researchers hope the public would gradually realize the risks of occupational hand diseases through their studies and prevent repetitive stress injuries by taking correct postures and healthy lifestyle.

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Pope Benedict XVI formally installed

ROME, 25 April — Pope Benedict XVI was formally installed in a high-profile ceremony in the St Peter's Square in the Vatican Sunday to officially start the ministry of the 265th leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

The open-air ceremony, known as Ceremony of Investiture, included an inaugural Mass to provide the new pope a major platform to set the tone for his pontificate.

Attending the ceremony were an estimated 350,000 people, including a large number of pilgrims from the new pope's native Germany, political leaders and ceremonial dignitaries.

The 78-year-old Benedict XVI was elected the 265th pope on April 19, 11 days after the death of Pope John Paul II on April 8. The new pope began the ceremony by processing into the area under St. Peter's Basilica where St. Peter is believed to be buried.

In a symbolic moment of the inaugural Mass, Benedict was given a Fisherman's Ring and a woolen pallium or shawl — symbols of the papal authority.

Benedict ended the inaugural Mass by riding in a white open-topped white jeep surrounded by plain-clothed guards.

MNA/Xinhua

"Soyuz" carrying "ISS" crew lands in Kazakhstan

Moscow, 25 April — Russia's Soyuz spaceship carrying a three-man crew from the International Space Station (ISS) landed on the Kazakh steppe early Monday morning, Moscow-based Mission Control officials said.

The Soyuz TMA-5 capsule landed about 90 kilometres north of the Kazakh town of Arkalyk at 02:08 a.m. Moscow Time (2208 GMT), bringing Russian Salizhan Sharipov, American Leroy Chiao and Italian Roberto Vittori safely back to Earth, Mission Control officials were quoted by *Interfax* as saying.

"All proceeded as planned," a Mission Control spokesman told *ITAR-*

TASS. Helicopters spotted the capsule as it made a soft landing on the Kazakh steppe two hours before daybreak.

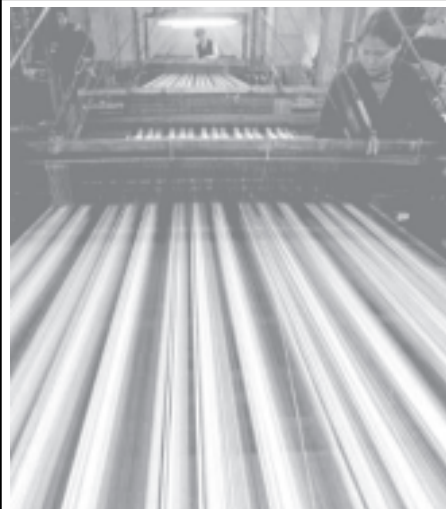
The Soyuz capsule unfurled a large parachute after it entered the atmosphere and fired a final burst of rockets to cushion its landing on the steppe.

Engineers followed the descent of the capsule on a large screen at the Mission Control Centre

outside Moscow. Mission Control officials said the three astronauts reported by a satellite link that they were feeling fine.

Sharipov and Chiao, who completed their 192-day mission as the 10th crew on the orbiting laboratory, left the station at 22:45 Moscow Time (1845 GMT) along with Vittori, who spent eight days onboard the ISS conducting scientific experiments.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese woman works at a textile workshop in Ran yi town, Chengdu, in southwest China's Sichuan Province on 25 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Medicare change in US to limit access to claim hearing

WASHINGTON, 25 April — A new US federal policy will make it significantly more difficult for Medicare beneficiaries to obtain hearings in person before a judge when the government denies their claims for home care, nursing home services, prescription drugs and other treatments, officials said.

For years, hearings have been held at more than 140 Social Security offices around the United States. In July, the Department of Health and Human Services will take over the responsibility, and department officials said all judges would then be located at just four sites, *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

Under the new policy, Medicare officials said, most hearings will be held with video conference equipment or by telephone. A beneficiary who wants to appear in person before a judge must show that "special or extraordinary circumstances exist", the rules say.

But a beneficiary who insists on a face-to-face hearing will lose the right to receive a decision

within 90 days, the deadline set by statute.

The policy change comes as officials of US President George W. Bush's government are predicting an increase in the volume of cases, with the creation of a Medicare drug benefit expected to generate large numbers of claims and appeals.

All beneficiaries of the Medicare are 65 or older or disabled. About 5 million of the 41 million beneficiaries are 85 or older, and some are so sick that they die while pursuing appeals.

When claims are denied, beneficiaries and their health care providers can challenge the decisions in an appeal process that has several levels of review.

MNA/Xinhua

Heavy use of BlackBerry causes thumb pain

WASHINGTON, 25 April — Heavy use of the BlackBerry, a small electronic device with a tiny keyboard to send and receive messages, causes pain leading the wrist to throb in some cases, doctors said.

The device is becoming increasingly popular with executives and students, who regard it as almost indispensable.

Orthopaedicians said they were seeing an in-

creasing number of patients with similar symptoms, a condition known as "overuse syndrome" or "BlackBerry thumb" as most users prefer to use the thumb instead of the

index finger to hit the tiny keyboard, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

In some patients, the disability has become severe.

Bette R. Keltner, Dean of the Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies has been forced to put her BlackBerry down, it said.

After two years of constant use, her hands were in so much pain, she had to stop typing. She remembers the trigger-point: It was a 10-hour conference on Saturday where she answered about 150 e-mails. "Days later, I was in excruciating pain," she said.

The American Society of Hand Therapists issued a consumer alert in January saying that handheld electronic devices are causing an increasing amount of carpal tunnel syndrome and tendinitis. — MNA/PTI



Vendors wait for customers in a market in Kelantan, Malaysia, on 24 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Turkey marks 90th anniversary of Canakkale Wars

ANKARA, 25 April — Turkey held a ceremony on Sunday to mark the 90th anniversary of Canakkale Wars during World War I, semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Addressing the ceremony which was held in Gelibolu Town of Turkey's northwestern province of Canakkale, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, "we should exert more efforts to prevent wars and act with co-operation and determination against elements threatening peace in any place of the world".

"Within that scope, instead of struggle based on military methods, we should take measures to remove real reasons of disagreements," he added.

"We lost well-educated youths of that generation during the war. Certainly, we commemorate with respect the soldiers of Australia,

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Mourinho issues Robben warning

LONDON, 25 April— Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho is sure that winger Arjen Robben will perform better to torment Liverpool in the Champions League semifinal, first leg.

Robben returned from an ankle injury in the win over Fulham and Mourinho said: "Arjen will be better for Wednesday.

"He can train from now through to the day before the game, so he has three more days to get his confidence back and be more comfortable on the pitch. "Of course, he is a very important option as he is a special player."

The 21-year-old Dutchman had been out since the end of March when he damaged an ankle tendon in his country's 2-0 win over Romania.

He played the whole of the second half against Fulham at Stamford Bridge and Mourinho was buoyed by his performance.

"I think that without Arjen Robben we wouldn't have won this game," added Mourinho. "He was sharp and, because of that, he brought a different pace and intensity to the game." —MNA/Xinhua



Manchester United's Roy Keane (L) runs for the ball with Newcastle's Andy O'Brien during their Premier League match at Old Trafford in Manchester. Manchester United won 2-1.—INTERNET

Manchester United beat Newcastle

LONDON, 25 April— Wayne Rooney scored a stunning second-half equalizer and Wes Brown hit in a rare goal on Sunday when Manchester United beat Newcastle United 2-1 to keep pressure on Arsenal in the race for second-spot.

As Chelsea are virtually assured of the title on 85 points, what is up for grabs in the second place for the Red Devils. The win moved them to 70 points, one point adrift of Arsenal who are to face Tottenham Hotspur in the north London derby on Monday.

On the other game of Sunday, Portsmouth thumped Harry Redknapp's bottom-placed Southampton 4-1, with the latter remaining the prime candidates for relegation after 27 consecutive seasons in the top flight.

Newcastle — thumped 4-1 by United in Cardiff just seven days ago — turned in a thoroughly improved display, but it was still not good enough.

Despite being without a host of first teamers, Newcastle started positively and although defending deeply were not solely intent on sitting back in their own half.

The Red Devils gradually warmed up to the pace of the game as Ryan Giggs began to stretch his legs and he could have easily opened the scoring on 11 minutes but he fired straight at Shay Given after Rooney's run dragged most of the visiting defence with him.

Rooney, a constant threat, should have put his side ahead after a great run saw him surge into the area. He beat Jean-Alain Boumsong with his pull back but his left footed effort was parried bril-

liantly wide by Given. Newcastle scored first Darren through Ambrose just before the half hour — but it was little surprise that the goal came through a Howard error.

The American fluffed a straight-forward clearance as he found Ambrose 25 yards out, the midfielder played a one-two of sorts with Ameobi before continuing his run into the area and firing coolly past Howard.

Just before the interval and the home side were denied a penalty as Smith tangled with Andy O'Brien, the United players were insistent that a spot kick should have been awarded but referee Neale Barry waved away the protests.

United pushed forward at the beginning of the second half, but they lacked any sort of spark and it was evident why they had not scored in over six hours of Premiership football.

However, just before the hour — Rooney, who had been looking sluggish after picking up a knock in the first half, then registered a real candidate for goal of the season as he fired home from 25 yards.

It was a defensive error from young Ramage as he looked to head clear, but the ball fell straight for Rooney who lashed home a wicked curling effort into the top corner leaving Given with no chance at all.—MNA/Xinhua

Leading scorers of England Premier League

LONDON, 25 April— Following are the leading goal scorers of the Premier League on Saturday:

- 25 — Thierry Henry (Arsenal)
- 20 — Andy Johnson (Crystal Palace)
- 13 — Jermain Defoe (Tottenham Hotspur)
- 12 — Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Middlesbrough)
- 11 — Yakubu Aiyegbeni (Portsmouth), Robbie Keane (Tottenham Hotspur), Andy Cole (Fulham), Robert Pires (Arsenal), Eidur Gudjohnsen (Chelsea)
- 10 — Frank Lampard (Chelsea), Fredrik Ljungberg (Arsenal), Didier Drogba (Chelsea), Kevin Phillips (Southampton), Peter Crouch (Southampton), Rob Earnshaw (West Bromwich Albion)
- 9 — Wayne Rooney (Manchester United), Paul Dickov (Blackburn Rovers), Milan Baros (Liverpool), Robbie Fowler (Manchester City), Shaun Wright-Phillips (Manchester City), Tim Cahill (Everton)
- 8 — Paul Scholes (Manchester United), Luis Boa Morte (Fulham), Emile Heskey (Birmingham City), Nolberto Solano (Aston Villa), El Hadji Diouf (Bolton Wanderers), Luis Garcia (Liverpool)

MNA/Xinhua

Lyon beat Auxerre in run for French league title

PARIS, 25 April— French First Division leaders Olympique Lyon grabbed a 3-0 victory at AJ Auxerre on their course to a fourth consecutive title on Sunday.

Defending champions Lyon, with four matches to play, are now 11 points clear in the standings where Lille stand in second place on 58 points and Monaco are third on 54. Lille and Monaco both have five matches remaining. Lyon need five points to seal the title.

Midfielder Juninho beat Auxerre goalkeeper Fabien Cool from 16 metres in the 27th minute to put Lyon on course for their first victory in three outings. —MNA/Xinhua

Italian Serie A top scorers

ROME, 25 April— Following are the top scorers of the Italian Serie A on Sunday:

- 21 — Vincenzo Montella (AS Roma)
- 17 — Alberto Gilardino (Parma)
- 16 — Luca Toni (Palermo)
- Cristiano Lucarelli (Livorno)
- 15 — Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Juventus)
- Adriano (Inter Milan)
- Mauro Esposito (Cagliari)
- 14 — David Di Michele (Udinese)
- Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
- 13 — Francesco Flachi (Sampdoria)
- 12 — Francesco Totti (AS Roma)
- Mirko Vucinic (Lecce)
- Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
- Valeri Bojinov (Fiorentina)
- 11 — Hernan Crespo (AC Milan)
- Andrea Caracciolo (Brescia)
- 10 — Fabrizio Miccoli (Fiorentina)
- Vincenzo Iaquinta (Udinese)
- Christian Vieri (Inter Milan)
- 9 — Enrico Chiesa (Siena)
- Tommaso Rocchi (Lazio)
- Arturo Di Napoli (Messina)
- Franco Brienza (Palermo)
- Obafemi Martins (Inter Milan)

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German Bundesliga top scorers

BERLIN, 25 April— Following are the top scorers of the German Bundesliga after matches on Saturday:

- 22 — Marek Mintal (Nuremberg)
- 17 — Marcelinho (Hertha Berlin)
- 15 — Delron Buckley (Arminia Bielefeld)
- 14 — Dimitar Berbatov (Bayer Leverkusen)
- 13 — Jan Koller (Borussia Dortmund)
- Ailton (Schalke 04) Miroslav Klose (Werder Bremen)
- Roy Makaay (Bayern Munich)
- 12 — Andriy Voronin (Bayer Leverkusen) Kevin Kuranyi (VfB Stuttgart) Cacau (VfB Stuttgart)
- 11 — Sergei Barabaz (Hamburg SV)
- 10 — Oliver Neuville (Borussia Moenchengladbach) Thomas Brdaric (VfL Wolfsburg) Ivan Klasnic (Werder Bremen) Claudio Pizarro (Bayern Munich)
- 9 — Michael Ballack (Bayern Munich) Lincoln (Schalke 04) Martin Petrov (VfL Wolfsburg) Silvio Meissner (VfB Stuttgart) Ewerthon (Borussia Dortmund)

MNA/Xinhua

Terry named English PFA player of the year

LONDON, 25 April— Chelsea captain and defender John Terry beat teammates Frank Lampard and Petr Cech to win the English Professional Footballers' Association player of the year award on Sunday.

Among the nominees also included Arsenal striker and last year's winner Thierry Henry, Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard and Crystal Palace striker Andrew Johnson for the prestigious award. Terry is the first Chelsea player to receive the award and the first defender to win since Paul McGrath in 1993.

The England defender has been in imperious form this season as Chelsea head for their first league title in 50 years and he has also been instrumental in leading his side to the Champions league semifinals.

He also has eight goals to his name this season. —MNA/Xinhua



Chelsea and England defender John Terry

Study says GM tissue alleviates Alzheimer's disease

LOS ANGELES, 25 April— Inserting genetically modified tissue directly into brain will significantly alleviate the Alzheimer's disease, US researchers said on Sunday.

Tests showed that the surgery reduces the rate of patients' cognitive decline and increases their brains' metabolic activity, according to a study published in the 24 April online issue of the journal Nature Medicine by researchers at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine.

In this first-ever gene therapy for Alzheimer's disease, the researchers took skin cells from eight patients diagnosed with early Alzheimer's disease. The tissue was modified in the lab to express nerve growth factor (NGF), a naturally occurring protein that prevents cell death and stimulates cell function.

In surgeries that took place in 2001 and 2002, the genetically modified tissue was im-

planted deep within the brains of the eight patients who had volunteered for the study.

This human clinical trial was undertaken following extensive studies in primates, which showed that grafting NGF-producing tissue into the brains of aged monkeys restored atrophied brain cells to near-normal size and quantity, and also restored axons connecting the brain cells, essential for communication between cells.

In the study, two patients moved as the cells were being injected, resulting in bleeding in the brain. One of these patients died five weeks later.

Cognitive outcomes were assessed in the six patients who completed the procedure safely. The Mini Mental Status Examination, which

evaluates cognitive function, was administered.

Over an average post-treatment follow-up period of 22 months, the tests showed the rate of cognitive function decline of the patients was reduced by 36 to 51 per cent. An additional test also showed improvements in rates of cognitive function decline.

The researchers scanned the patients' brains with positron emission tomography (PET) finding significant increases in the brains' metabolic activity.

They also examined the brain tissue of a study participant who had died, finding robust growth of extensions from the dying cholinergic cells near the site of growth factor gene delivery. Cholinergic neuron loss is a cardinal feature of Alzheimer's disease.

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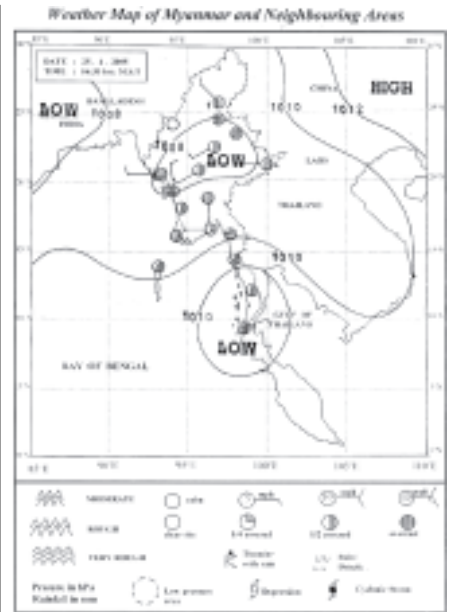
Iran denies missile equipment deal with Germany

TEHRAN, 25 April— Iran on Sunday rejected a report by German media that it had bought parts from Germany for its missile programme, the official IRNA news agency reported. "This is a baseless claim and theory. It is unclear how crane equipment can be used in Shahab missiles," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi was quoted as saying.

Germany weekly Der Spiegel, in an issue due to be published on Monday, has quoted German prosecutors as reporting that a firm in Teheran was under investigation because it was suspected of buying a crane from Germany to help manufacture Iran's Shahab missiles.

Rejecting the report as "unwarranted", Asefi said that Iran enjoyed industrial cooperation with all countries and Germany was among Iran's economic partners.

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WEATHER

Monday, 25 April, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was (0.24) inch in Kyauk Se. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Southern Shan, Kayin States, Yangon, Magway, Mandalay, Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Chin State and Ayeayawady Division, (7°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was (43°C) in Magway.

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 25-4-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-4-2005 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 24-4-2005 was (10.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 25-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.63) inch at Yangon Airport, (1.69) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.32) inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (01:10) hours MST on 25-4-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-4-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, northern Rakhine, northern Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of the likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-4-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-4-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Asleep in Jesus Saw Dee Sho

Saw Dee Sho (Senior Engineer, Yangon Airways), age 58 years of 14D1, Mahathukita Road, East Gyogone, Insein, beloved son of U Saw Ray Po+(Daw B San Hla), beloved husband of Naw Loolua, beloved father of Naw Mu Lar Wah (Mount Alvernia Hospital, Singapore), Naw Mu Lar Hset (IFRC), Naw Mu Lar Bwe+Saw J Mya Nyo Lay (MBL), Saw Dee Boe, beloved grandfather of Naw Debra Mya Nyo Lay and Saw J Junior Mya Nyo Lay, beloved brother of (Naw Dee Na)+U Soe Thein, Saw Dee Noe+Naw Tulip San Kyaw, Naw Dee Sha+U Chit Aye, Saw Dee Ler+Naw Paleh Shee, Saw Dee Eh+Naw Coral Jeanne Tin Cho, was called to his heavenly home on 24th of April, 2005 at 02:10. Funeral service at Phu Tha Byu Memorial Hall on 26-04-2005 at 10 am and thence to Yay Way Kayin Baptist cemetery for entombment.



Tuesday, 26 April

View on today:

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဏ္ဍာဂါရိတ အဗ္ဗဟာယဗ္ဗိတာ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ဓယာဆရာတော်) ဓလာကြား၊ တော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါဒ်တော်
- 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. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:05 am
 7. အကကြိမ်ပွဲ

- 8:10 am
 8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am
 9. ရဲဉှင်းတန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Musical programme
- 4:40 pm
 4. အစားသင့်တော်သူလိုလိပ်ညာရေ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ခါတုပေး အထူးပြု) (ခါတုပေး)
- 4:50 pm
 5. Dance of national races
- 5:05 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာပြန့်ပွားရေး

- 5:20 pm
 7. ဓားစာဆင်စားစာတံတော်
- 5:35pm
 8. ဆိုကြမယ်၊ ပျော်ကြမယ်
- 6:15 pm
 9. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မာတိစင်္ဂူနန်း" (အပိုင်း-၈၈)
- 6:30 pm
 10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 12. Musical programme
- 7:20 pm
 13. သားငါးရွှေ့ပြုပြည့်အတိုင်း
- 7:35 pm
 14. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မာတိစင်္ဂူနန်း" (အပိုင်း-၈၅)
- 19. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 26 April Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
 - You light up my life
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music:
 - Sealed with a kiss
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music
 - Cassablanca
- 9.15 am News/Slogan
- 9.25 pm Lunch time music
 - Hit by love
 - Celebrate our love
 - Don't hate me
 - Good sign
- 9.00 pm English Speaking Course Level-II Unit (26)
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
 - Something like you
 - Walking on the water
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Senior General Than Shwe delivers a speech at the first day session of Asian-African Summit 2005 in Jakarta. — MNA

Political freedom without...

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independence and have moved forward. We have indeed come a long way. However, political free-

dom without commensurate economic development and human security does not meet fully the aspirations of our peoples for a fairer and more equitable world.

I am therefore pleased to note that the spirit of friendship and cooperation which prevailed between Asia and Africa in past decades has been revived by (See page 8)

Senior General Than Shwe attends Asian-African Summit 2005 in Jakarta

YANGON, 25 April — Asian-African Summit 2005 was opened in Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 22 April. Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the summit.

The opening ceremony

was attended by Senior General Than Shwe and 41 heads of State/Government, six vice-presidents and 58 special envoys of 105 Asian and African nations and other countries and representatives of 18 organizations.

Indonesian President

Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono cordially greeted the heads of state/government and representatives of the respective organizations at the Jakarta Convention Centre.

President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and President of South Africa

Mr Thabo Mbeki jointly chaired the meeting.

The summit held a

one-minute silence in memory of the earthquake victims of Ache, northern

Sumatra and surrounding areas of Sumatra.

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Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono cordially greets Senior General Than Shwe.

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Declaration of KIO

YANGON, 25 April — The social organizations, political parties and peace groups that had returned to the legal fold issued declarations condemning and opposing the acts disturbing and endangering peace and stability and law enforcement of the State and peace and tranquillity of the entire people of the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts. The following is a translation of the declaration made by KIO:

1. The Union of Myanmar is home to such national races as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan who have been living in the country through thick and thin. With the united strength of the national brethren, fascism and colonialism were warded off successfully and independence was regained.
2. National race leaders believed that it was better to live unitedly than living separately and living in unity could safeguard the nation from colonial subjugation and thus they, in pre-independence period, unanimously decided to establish the Union of Myanmar at Panglong Conference. Therefore, as soon as independence was regained, the Union of Myanmar was established based on the principle of equality of all the national races.
3. Since yore, Kachin national race preferred to the union system in which all national races from hilly and the plain regions living peacefully. Therefore, they have participated in the drive for forming the Union and history shows the fact that they have done their best for perpetuation of the Union.
4. The declaration of independence of Shan state by renegade Sao Khum Hpa and cohorts on 17-4-2005 is not in conformity with the Union System which we of Kachin Independence Organization of Kachin Special Region-2 accept and so we oppose it. Such act could harm national unity and lead to disintegration of the Union and thus, we disapprove of the declaration on seceding from the Union to form a separate state.

Lamon Tu Jai
Chairman
Central Committee

Kachin Special Region(2), Kachin Independence Organization.
Dated: 21 April 2005.