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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to South African President

YANGON, 27 April— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Thabo M Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa, on the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April 2005. —MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Serbia and Montenegro

YANGON, 27 April— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Svetozar Marovic, President of Serbia and Montenegro, on the occasion of the National Day of Serbia and Montenegro, which falls on 27 April 2005. —MNA



Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono cordially greets Senior General Than Shwe at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta. — MNA

In the world, small nations are now facing many difficulties. So, it is important for Asian and African nations to cooperate more
Senior General Than Shwe calls on Indonesian President

YANGON, 26 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe paid a courtesy call on President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta on 23 April morning.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the SPDC Maj-Gen Nay Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the Proto-

col Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of the Political Department U Thaug Tun, Coordination Minister of Politics, Law and Security Adm (Rtd) Widodo, AS, Minister of State Secretary Prof Dr Yusril Ihza Manhendra, and Cabinet Secretary Lt-Gen (Rtd) Sudhi Silalahi.

The Indonesian President in his speech expressed his pleasure, saying that the bilateral ties and cooperation have come into existence since the times of the independence struggles of the two nations.

The two nations also cooperated in the first

Bandung Conference held in 1955. At that time, Myanmar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India held discussions on development and cooperation of Asia and Africa and laid down Bandung principles.

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Myanmar has been actively participating in the global family while extending friendly relations with the world nations, especially, the neighbours.

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Senior General Than Shwe and Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta on 23 April. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 27 April, 2005

Asian-African Summit to promote friendship and forge strategic partnership

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, attended 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.

Myanmar was one of the 29 countries which attended the Bandung Conference in 1955. Present at the Asian-African Summit 2005 together with Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe were Heads of State and Government from 105 countries in Asia and Africa and others.

In his address on the first day of the Summit held at the Jakarta Convention Centre, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe said, "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."

Regional organizations such as the ASEAN, the African Union, the Asia Cooperation Dialogue and the East Asia Summit play a crucial role in promoting economic, social and cultural cooperation among nations. Growing people-to-people contacts will contribute to the success of the new partnership between our two continents. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar fully supports the call to reinvigorate the Bandung spirit and to forge a new strategic partnership.

The Union of Myanmar is essaying to further strengthen friendship and cooperation between nations, always adhering to the Bandung principles. The ten principles adopted in Bandung continue to be relevant and the spirit of Bandung remains a potent force for closer cooperation between the two regions. What needs to be done now is to galvanize our efforts by adopting an effective and sustainable mechanism for interregional dialogue and cooperation. We believe that attendance at the Asian-African Summit by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe will contribute a lot to promotion of friendship and cooperation and to reinvigorating the Bandung spirit and forging a new strategic partnership among the nations of the two continents.

Doe Kyeywa journal comes out

YANGON, 26 April— Volume II, Number 9 of Doe Kyeywa journal has come out today with variety of topics. It is published with the aim of turning out persons with high moral and calibre. Those interested may send manuscripts and advertisement to the journal at No (30-32)-10th Street in Lanmadaw Township and contact phone numbers



371342, 252452 and 379768. — MNA

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

Commander welcomes back health staff

YANGON, 26 April— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe together with Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thien Lin and officials this morning met with specialists, health staff and departmental officials who lent themselves to the tasks for providing health care services to local people and regional development tasks at Cocogyun Township at local battalion in Thanlyetsoon in Botataung Township.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe cordially greets a medical officer. — YGN COMMAND

Under the arrange-

ment of Yangon Division Health Committee, a group comprising nine

specialists and six health staff provided health care services to local people

in Cocogyun on 23 April and arrived back here this morning. — MNA

FM sends felicitations to Serbia and Montenegro

YANGON, 27 April— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vuk Draskovic, Min-

ister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro, on the occasion of the National Day of Serbia and Montenegro, which falls on 27 April 2005.

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Thai Trade Fair (2005) from 4 to 7 May

YANGON, 26 April— Under the Myanmar-Thai economic cooperation enhancing programme and with the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, Trade Division of Thai Embassy in Myanmar will conduct Thai Trade Fair (2005) from 4 to 7 May at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. Press conference on the trade fair was held this morning at Grand Plaza Park Royal hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road.

Present on the occasion were Charge d' Affaires of Thai Embassy Mr Opas Chantrasab, Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department, Director (News) U Win Tin of News and Periodicals Enterprise, the editors-in-chief and officials, President of Myanmar Correspondents Club U Sao Kai Hpa, Secretary U Nyunt Tin and club members, economic attaché Mr Matyawongse Amatyakul of Thailand and guests. First, the Charge d' Affaires of the com-

EC of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon to be re-organized

YANGON, 26 April— Executive Committee of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon will be reorganized under the supervision of the Ministry of Information at Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise at No 50 Shwetaunggya Street with the following programmes and members of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon from motion picture and video fields are invited to attend the ceremony:

Basic levels to be chosen and agenda

1. (a) Producer at basic level 29-4-2005 09:00-hour
- (b) Dramatists at basic level 29-4-2005 13:00-hour
2. (a) Edit and record at basic level 30-4-2005 09:00-hour
- (b) Administration, distribution and show man at basic level 30-4-2005 13:00-hour
3. (a) Play and script-writer at basic level 1-5-2005 09:00-hour
- (b) Mechanics at basic level 1-5-2005 13:00-hour
4. (a) Director at basic level 2-5-2005 09:00-hour
- (b) Video at basic level 2-5-2005 09:00-hour
5. (a) Supporting actor at basic level 3-5-2005 09:00-hour
- (b) Main actor at basic level 3-5-2005 13:00-hour

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mercial attaché explained matters on the trade fair and replied to queries raised by journalists. Myanmar traders and entrepreneurs who wish to take part in the trade fair may contact TTF (Yangon) Co Ltd at No 96 Bogalezay Road or Phone number 294006, 245137 and 245138 and Fax- 245092. — MNA



Mr Opas Chantrasab makes clarification at the press conference. — MNA

Malaysia, Singapore settle land reclamation dispute

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 April — Malaysia and Singapore have amicably agreed to sign an agreement on Tuesday to settle a dispute over land reclamation activities by Singapore, a Foreign Ministry statement said on Sunday.

The dispute arose in December 2002, when Singapore began reclamation activities along the eastern and western parts of the Straits of Johor, in close proximity to the Malaysian mainland.

Malaysia referred the dispute to the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea which, through an order on October 2003, directed both nations to conduct a joint study and proposed mitigating measures.

"Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi Abd Razak, agent of the government of Malaysia, and Professor Tommy Koh, agent of the government of Singapore, will sign the settlement agreement on behalf of their respective governments," the statement said.

The signing ceremony would be witnessed by Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar and his Singaporean counterpart, George Yeo, at the Singaporean Foreign Ministry on Tuesday.

Syed Hamid would also call on Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and hold a news conference later the same day, it added.

The agreement will include points that "the waters in the Straits of Johor constitute a shared water body" and "the two sides have a common interest in cooperating to ensure the safety of navigation in the Straits of Johor," according to earlier Press reports.

The two sides also recognize that they have a common interest in cooperating to protect the environment, including the monitoring of water quality to protect marine and estuarine environment, and monitoring ecology and morphology in the Straits of Johor and to address any adverse impacts, if necessary, the reports said.

Other thorny outstanding issues between the two countries include the price of raw water supplied from Johor to the republic, proposed construction of an elevated bridge to replace the existing Causeway over the Straits of Johor, Central Provident Fund (CPF) withdrawals by workers from Peninsular Malaysia in Singapore and the use of Malaysian airspace by low-flying Singapore Air Force jets.—MNA/Xinhua



Annan says next UNSG should come from Asia

JAKARTA, 25 April—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Saturday expressed his preference that his successor would be an Asian.

Although the succession issue is obviously for the member states to decide, "there is a general sense that it's now time for Asia and that the next secretary-general should come from this region," Annan said in a Press conference on the sidelines of the Asian-African Summit in Jakarta.

On the occasion, Annan underlined the need of reform in the UN Security Council. "I believe the time has come for us to really reform the Council and everybody agrees that the Council is in the need of reform, and I hope this time we will succeed," he said.

In its Press release distributed Saturday, the world body says the Security Council should be broadly representative of the "realities of power in today's world".—MNA/Xinhua



Tourists walk on a part of the Huanghuacheng section of China's Great Wall, which will soon be renovated, northwest of Chengguan town.

INTERNET

1,569 members of US military killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 26 April—As of Monday, 25 April, 2005, at least 1,569 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,192 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,431 US military members have died,

according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,083 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Bomb attacks kill US sailor, soldier in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 April—Separate bomb attacks killed two US service members in Iraq's western province of Anbar, the US military said on Sunday.

A US sailor assigned to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force was killed on Saturday when a US convoy was hit by a roadside bomb in Fallujah, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, the military said in a statement. A US soldier also assigned to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force was killed on Saturday by a roadside bomb blast near the town of al-Haswah, west of Baghdad, the military said.

Over 1,580 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

China becomes world's third largest film maker

HANGZHOU, 25 April — China has become the third largest film producer in the world following the United States and India, a film industry official said Saturday.

China shot a record number of 212 films in 2004, and cinemas nationwide reported a total box office income of 1.5 billion yuan (180 million US dollars), said Zhang Pimin, vice-director of the film bureau of State Administration of Radio, Film and Television.

Chinese films made 3.6 billion yuan (433 million US dollars) in overseas cinemas and the movie channel of China Central Television, Zhang said at an annual meeting on the Chinese cultural market, held Saturday in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province.

"But problems still exist in China's film industry," he said. "We have very few good films, for example."

According to Zhang, only three of the 212 Chinese movies produced in 2004 were really successful in terms of box office income, namely, "The House of Flying Daggers", "Kong Fu Hustle" and "A World Without Thieves".

These three blockbusters took up nearly 60 per cent of the country's total box office revenue for that year, he said.

Zhang said China also

needs to build more cinemas to entertain the growing number of moviegoers. "China's 1.3 billion people share only 1,200 cinemas, or 2,500 screens.

The United States, however, has 36,000 screens for its 200 million people."

That means the world's most populous nation needs also to renovate some old, single-hall movie theatres into multi-

hall complexes to screen more films and accommodate larger audiences, he said.

Earlier reports said Warner's China division has signed an agreement with the state-owned Shenzhen International Trust Investment Corp. to open eight new cinemas in China this year in Shenzhen, Nanchang, Changsha, Zhengzhou and Chongqing.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese performer pours tea into a cup during a tea culture festival in Beijing on 25 April, 2005.

INTERNET

China to improve navigable capacity of its longest waterway

WUHAN, 24 April— China will spend 10 billion yuan (1.2 billion US dollars) in improving the navigable capacity on the Yangtze River, the country's longest, in 17 years, an official said on Saturday.

The money will be spent in dredging of the river's lower reaches, expanding the middle reaches, and extending the navigable course on the upper reaches, said Huang Qiang, director of the Yangtze River Shipping Affairs Bureau with the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

According to Huang, the lower reaches downstream Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu Province in east China, will be dredged to facilitate navigation of 50,000 dead-weight-tonnage ocean-going ships on all weather conditions. "Study of the impact of the Three Gorges Project on the navigation course on the middle reaches will be intensified," said Huang, who emphasized river sections on the middle reaches that form barriers to navigation must be tackled and removed.

Efforts will be made to extend the navigable course to Shuifu of Yunnan Province in southwest China on the upper reaches.

Currently, only 15 per cent of the Yangtze's navigable capacity is being utilized, said Cai Qihua, director of the Yangtze River Committee with the Chinese Ministry of Water Resources.

According to Cai, shipping capacity of the mainstream of the Yangtze River will reach 800 million tons by the year of 2020, including eight million TEUs of containers, almost three times and five times the 2004 levels, respectively. —MNA/Xinhua

Japan reiterates support for Africa's development

JAKARTA, 24 April— Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi reiterated here Friday Japan's support for Africa's self efforts to establish an industrial foundation and develop human resources in order to facilitate trade and investment between Asia and Africa.

"At the Asia-Africa Summit today (Friday), I proposed to propagate to Africa 'the productivity movement,' which was one of the driving forces behind the growth in Asia," Koizumi told a gathering of prominent business people from the two continents in Jakarta.

He recalled that Japan has been promoting the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process for more than a decade. Koizumi said the lack of information is among the major obstacles to promoting trade and investment between Asia and Africa.

He said Japan along with the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) planned to establish the TICAD Exchange Network, which will provide relevant information on business in Asia and Africa via Internet.

"Japan will provide further support or the entrepreneurial spirit that contributed to initiating Asia-Africa cooperation," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Tourists walk under Merlion statue on Sentosa Island resort in Singapore on 25 April, 2005.

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Pollution, urbanization threaten health of East Asian people

BEIJING, 24 April — Pollution and environmental degradation increasingly threaten the health of East Asia and Pacific's rapidly urbanizing population, according to two new environmental reports from the World Bank.

Water-borne diseases now cause half a million infant deaths annually in the region and air pollution causes thousands of premature deaths. Each year in China 50,000 people die prematurely due to pollution just from coal burning, according to the World Bank's new Environment Strategy for the East Asia and Pacific region.

These trends are a growing concern as more people move to the region's already crowded cities. More than 39 per cent of the region's 1.8 billion people now live in cities, according to the World Bank's annual compendium of

environmental data, the *Little Green Data Book 2005*. By 2015, according to the Environment Strategy, urban areas will be home to more than 50 per cent of the region's population.

This growth presents huge environmental challenges, as migration to urban areas in many countries outpaces the ability of cities to provide clean water and sanitation infrastructure. For example, a quarter of the region's population does not have access to clean drinking water and more than half lack access to basic sanitation, according to the *Little Green Data Book 2005*. — MNA/Xinhua

Oppn parties attack Blair over Iraq war

LONDON, 25 April — With less than two weeks left in the national election campaign, opposition parties Monday attacked British Prime Minister Tony Blair over the Iraq war and questioned his integrity.

The Conservatives, who supported the war, accused Blair of lying to justify the US-led invasion. The Liberal Democrats, who opposed it, called for an official probe of its legality and said public trust in the Prime Minister was fatally wounded.

The Prime Minister, whose name is frequently spelled "Bliar" by anti-war campaigners, shrugged off the attacks.

Anger over the war simmered in the background during the first two weeks of the campaign while the focus was on health care, education and the economy. But with Blair's Labour Party still comfortably ahead in opinion polls, the opposition is turning up the heat.

Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy questioned whether Blair could be trusted when he promised there were no plans to attack Iran over its nuclear programme. Kennedy's party placed newspaper advertisements Monday showing Blair smiling beside President Bush, under the headline, "Never Again."

"Iraq deserves to be a central issue in this election, not only because of what has happened but of what may yet come to pass," he said.

Conservative leader Michael Howard said Blair had overstated flimsy British intelligence on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

Internet



A man attends to his daughter, injured in a car bomb explosion, at the al-Hakim Local Hospital in Baghdad, on 24 April, 2005. —INTERNET

Philippines to raise electricity rates

MANILA, 24 April — The Philippine Government has approved the raising electricity rates which could further strain social atmosphere following widespread transport strikes caused by soaring oil prices over the past two weeks.

The price of electricity in the Philippines capital Metro Manila is the third highest in Asian cities, after Tokyo and Hong Kong.

The official Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Friday approved the petition of the debt-ridden National Power Corporation (NAPOCOR) and Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp (PSALM) to increase power rates nationwide.

The ERC granted NAPOCOR a 0.0912-peso rate hike per kilowatts hour for Luzon, 0.1495 peso for the Visayas and 0.0330 peso

for Mindanao, in northern, central and southern Philippines respectively.

The local radio station DZMM reported that NAPOCOR and PSALM filed a joint petition to increase the power rate by an average of 1.87 pesos per kilowatts hour in June last year.

The ERC said that the increase is inevitable since there has been no increase in NAPOCOR's basic rate since 1996. The rate hike is meant to boost interest in generation and transmission assets of NAPOCOR, which the government put up for

privatization, said DZMM.

NAPOCOR generates electricity at an average cost of 3.52 pesos a kilowatt hour, but it has been forced, as a state utility, to sell at 2.25 pesos a kilowatt hour for a loss of 1.27 pesos for every kilowatts hour of electricity that it produces.

ERC said that the effects of the increase will not be felt much in Luzon, which is largely serviced by the Manila Electric Co since this area only draws 46 per cent of the power supply from NAPOCOR.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai earthquake warning system to be operational by year end

BANGKOK, 25 April — Thailand will have a preliminary earthquake warning system completed by the beginning of next month, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra confirmed Saturday.

Making the announcement on his weekly radio address to the nation, Thaksin said that the warning system would use seismic monitoring data, and would be fully up and running by the end of the year once monitoring buoys were in place, reported the *Thai News Agency*.

He also stressed that while the government was fully prepared to bear the costs of investment in the system, it would also welcome cooperation from outside sources, especially where this would provide links with other seis-

mic monitoring networks.

The early warning system was recently shown to the Danish Prime Minister who visited Thailand last week, when he led the relatives of Danish victims of the December tsunami to Phuket for a memorial event.

Thailand has expressed its intention of investing 10 million US dollars in a regional seismic warning system, and Denmark has said that it will consider matching this sum.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman looks at bolts of colourful textiles stacked up at a market in Shanghai on 25 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Senior Chinese leader vows to further ties with Nepal

BOAO, HAINAN, 25 April — Senior Chinese leader Jia Qinglin said here Sunday that China adheres to the good-neighbourly policy and will treat neighbouring countries as partners, vowing to further promote the relationship with Nepal, which borders China by the Himalayas.

Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), China's top advisory body, made the remarks when meeting with Nepali King Gyanendra, who is attending the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) annual conference 2005 in this Chinese southernmost island province of Hainan.

"All the Chinese and Nepali people enjoy their friendship," Jia said. "Despite the differences in each domestic situation, the two countries strictly adhere to the five principles of peaceful coexistence, treated each other equally, trusted and supported each other."

"The Sino-Nepali ties maintained a momentum of constant and sound development and our two countries forged a model of good relations between nations with different social systems," he said.

"The friendship is in line with the interests of both Chinese and Nepali people and beneficial for regional peace and stability."

Taking the opportunity of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of full diplomatic ties between the two countries this year, China will join Nepal to inject new

energy to China-Nepal good-neighbourliness and mutual-beneficial cooperation, Jia said.

Gyanendra, who met with Chinese President Hu Jintao in Jakarta on the sideline of a Asia-Africa summit on Friday and then came to this small coastal town of Boao to attend the forum, said the high-level exchange will help promote the Nepali-Chinese relations.

Expressing his appre-

ciation of China's constant support, the King said the Chinese people and government are trustworthy friends and Nepal will strictly abide by the one-China policy and support the anti-session law adopted by the Chinese National People's Congress in March.

After their meeting, the King and Jia visited a Buddhist temple in Boao where Nepal contributed an image of Buddha.— MNA/Xinhua



A couple of Singaporean bride and groom leave a bridal couturier for a photo session, in Singapore on 24 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Sino-ASEAN business park under construction

NANNING, 26 April — Construction began on the Sino-ASEAN business park last Friday in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Yang Rongcai, general manager of the Nanning Municipal Urban Construction, Investment and Development Corporation, said the Sino-ASEAN business park would house a 110-hectare central zone for international business, and buildings for liaison offices of ASEAN member states, covering an area of some 60 hectares.

Main infrastructure includes seven roads, the installation of pipelines for civilian use, afforestation and illumination, which all will be built during the first-phase construction. The total investment budget is set at 320 million yuan (approximately 38.55 million US dollars.)

The first phase construction of the business park, situated in Fengling New Area of Nanning, the regional capital, is expected to be finished by late this year.

Initiated by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in 2003, Sino-ASEAN fair is a regular trade event that is held in early November, with Nanning as the permanent venue. The first such fair was held in November last year.

The ASEAN membership comprise Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar and the Philippines.

MNA/Xinhua

Jordan's King to participate in Singapore's world economic forum

AMMAN, 25 April— Jordan will take part in World Economic Forum's Asia Round Table to be held in Singapore on 28-29 April, the state-run television reported Sunday.

King Abdullah II will lead a delegation of top political and business leaders for the event to highlight the Middle East's political and economic situations as well as Jordan's reform plans, said the report.

Abdullah will also hold talks with Asian business leaders on investment opportunities in Jordan and discuss means to boost bilateral relations with senior Singapore officials. The two countries are bound by a free trade agreement.

The WEF's web site said that more than 250 famous economic, political and academic figures from 34 countries will convene in Singapore to identify critical issues and generate insights necessary to develop the strategic response to Asia's growing global economic and political influence.

MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopian PM speaks highly of China-Africa Cooperation Forum

ADDIS ABABA, 24 April — Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said Saturday the third China-Africa Cooperation Forum, scheduled for 2006 in Beijing, will help African countries boost their multi-dimensional cooperation with China.

When meeting with China's Assistant Foreign Minister Lu Guozeng, Meles believed that the third forum in Beijing would further bring about various opportunities for African countries and China to enter into mutually beneficial investment and trade cooperation.

He said his government has ever been proud of hosting the forum for the first time in the African region, where some African leaders and most foreign ministers attended the forum.

The China-Africa Cooperation Forum was established in 2000 with the framework of collective dialogue between China and African countries to promote peace and development on the basis of equality.

The first conference was held in 2000 in Beijing, China, during which the Beijing Declaration was adopted. And the second forum, held in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa in late 2003, endorsed the Addis Ababa Action Plan after evaluating the Beijing Declaration.

MNA/Xinhua

NAM needs to acquire new direction

ON BOARD SPECIAL PLANE, 25 April — The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) needed to acquire a "new focus and direction" in the wake of changing times, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Friday as he prepared to address the summit of Asian and African countries in Jakarta.

"Times have changed. NAM needs to acquire a new focus and direction," Singh told reporters accompanying him on his three-day visit to Jakarta.

He expressed confidence that the two-day Asian-African Summit, which began on Friday and which he will attend on Saturday, will help India further strengthen its relations with the countries of Asia and Africa, particularly in the field of trade.

Noting that South-South cooperation had increased lately, he said there was still scope for tremendous opportunity to pro-

mote such ties at bilateral and multilateral fora.

He said India desired to be a partner of various processes in Asia, including ASEAN and East Asian Summit, as part of its "Look East" policy.

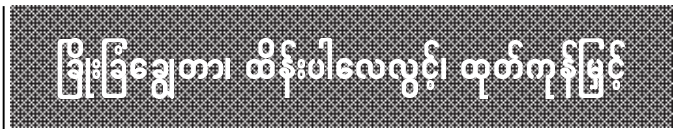
India has been invited to participate in the East Asian Summit later this year, Singh said.

Pointing out that Africa and West Asia had vast resources of energy, he said India, whose hydrocarbon needs were increasing, could benefit from stronger cooperation with the countries of these continents.

He, however, said there was a need for greater security and predictability of supplies of energy.

Singh said he would meet leaders of various countries, including Chinese President Hu Jintao and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, and convey India's eagerness to work with neighbours and other countries for South-South cooperation.

On terrorism, Singh described it as a "global phenomenon" and emphasized the need for collective wisdom, knowledge and experience to combat the menace. — MNA/PTI



A rat's memory is recorded by computer sensors connected to its head in a laboratory in East China Normal University in Shanghai on 25 April, 2005.

INTERNET

China committed to int'l cooperation against corruption

BANGKOK, 25 April — China has always been committed to international cooperation in fighting against corruption and is ready to push forward the efforts, Justice Minister Zhang Fusen said at a United Nations conference here.

"Chinese law enforcement authorities have long put the priority on anti-corruption and achieved remarkable results in recent years," said Zhang in a speech to the 11th United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Congress held in Bangkok.

In a bid to further crack down on corruption and other forms of crime, the Chinese Government also reached for international cooperation in related fields, said Zhang.

China has ratified the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and signed the UN Convention against Corruption, signed 71 bilateral justice cooperation instruments with 47 countries, had agreements on

extradition with 23 countries and been a member of more than 20 international justice cooperation conventions, according to Zhang. "We also called on UN member states to speed up their adoption and implementation of the anti-corruption convention and the convention against transnational organized crime," he said.

The Chinese Government is ready to use the two instruments as basis for international cooperation in fields of extradition, seeking and returning embezzled assets and cross-border sample collection, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Indian PM calls for removal of trade barriers to developing countries

JAKARTA, 25 April — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday said the countries of Asia and Africa must strive to phase out trade-distorting agricultural subsidies in developed countries and remove barriers to agricultural exports, while protecting the livelihood security of millions of farmers in these continents.

"We need a lowering of tariff and non-tariff barriers to our other exports," Singh told leaders from over 100 countries gathered here for the historic Asian African Conference.

The Prime Minister expressed concern over the rigid visa restrictions which continued to obstruct the free movement of people and services, depriving the people of Asia and Africa of full benefit from their main economic strength.

"We need greater protection for our biodiversity resources and fair recompense for their exploitation by others,"

he told the audience.

He said the international concern for the protection of the environment was fully appreciated by the countries of the two continents. "

However, this goal needs to be balanced with the development aspirations of the developing nations," he noted.

"We need assured access to environment-friendly technologies and the resources to induct them into our countries."

Singh called for urgent measures to generate additional financial resources for develop-

ment, especially for the least developed countries and the highly indebted poor countries.

The Prime Minister emphasized that new structures must be created of mutual support, solidarity and cooperation to benefit from the best practices and appropriate technologies among the people of Asia and Africa.

"This is required as urgently today as it was fifty years ago," he noted.

Singh outlined specific areas where such cooperation was vital including agriculture, technology, combatting terrorism and bringing out

democratization of the United Nations.

"We must ensure that access to both new and appropriate technologies, and to cutting edge areas of science are expanded greatly. Advances in biotechnology can promote revolutionary changes in agriculture and health," he said.

He noted that while Asia and Africa included both major producers and consumers of energy, the framework within which the two continents produced and consumed energy was determined elsewhere.

MNA/PTI

Insects plague French wood exported to China

CHANGCHUN, 24 April — More than 53,000 insects have been discovered by Chinese quarantine officers in four containers of oak imported from France, officials said Saturday.

The pests, more than 40 species, were found in about 115.7 cubic metres of oak shipped to northeast China's Jilin Province on 13 April. Qin Honghu, with the Jilin Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, said it was rare to find so many insects in imports. — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese perform Romantic Drum dance at the inauguration of a cultural festival to mark the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and China, in New Delhi, India, recently.

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2.7 tons of drugs seized in central Iran

TEHERAN, 25 April — Iranian anti-drug police seized over 2.7 tons of various narcotic drugs in the central province of Yazd during the past 48 hours, the official IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

Nabiollah Heidari, police chief of Yazd Province, was quoted as saying that the drugs were confiscated during several operations and 20 smugglers were also arrested.

The provincial police seized some 14 tons of illicit drugs and busted 41 gangs during the past Iranian calendar year from March 20, 2004 to March 20, 2005, showing a 200-per-cent increase compared to figures of the previous year, Heidari said.

Drug addiction and transportation has been a serious social problem in Iran, a country sitting in the crossroad linking drug producing Afghanistan and Pakistan and markets in Persian Gulf states, Central Asia, Western Europe and other regions.

According to official statistics, there are at least two million drug addicts in Iran.

MNA/Xinhua

State's electric power projects

Thiha Aung



Kyeewon Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project on Mone Creek in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Division.

(Continued from yesterday)

At that time, the plants were installed with the turbines, each of which could generate only 10 megawatts. However, each of the two turbines of the Tikiyt Coal-fired Power Plant can generate 60 megawatts. So, the operators had to undergo thorough training at home and abroad to be able to operate the plant smoothly.

Taking into account the environmental conservation, the Ministry installed in the plant the modern machinery and technologies that the developed nations and neighbouring countries are using, to establish the Tikiyt Coal-fired Power Plant. So, the emergence of the plant does not compromise the environmental conservation. The Government had to spend a large amount of cash including US\$ 42.9 million on the project.

The first turbine of the plant was put into service in 2004. And the other is targeted to start in the last week of April. The Tikiyt Coal-fired Power Plant has firmly stood as an infrastructure that makes significant contributions towards the electric power development of Pinlaung in Shan State. There have also emerged 12 other hydel-power plants in Shan State such as Namsaunggaung, Namhmyaw, Namwok, Melpanchaung and Namsaung hydel-power plants in addition to Zawgyi (1) and Zawgyi (2) hydel-power plants. Most of the plants do not connect with the grid and are just to supply power for respective regions.

Now, efforts are being exerted with added momentum for ensuring timely completion of the two projects — Shweli (400 megawatts) and Kengtung (54 megawatts) hydel-power projects. On completion, they will be connected with the grid.

In the time of the SPDC, the nation has enjoyed such a rapid development and that has resulted in extended construction of factories and mills, housing estates, a number of waterworks for

agricultural sector, higher living standard of the people, and the greater use of modern technologies and machinery in various sectors. So the nation's electricity consumption is greatly on the increase now.



Monechaung Hydel-power Plant that generates 75 megawatts.

In order to fulfil that requirement, the government is seeking all possible ways and means in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State. In addition to the hydropower projects being jointly implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power, there are also hydropower projects that are being implemented separately by respective ministries.

Now, the Ministry of Electric Power is putting into motion the Ahtet Paunglaung Hydel-power Project upstream the Paunglaung Hydel-power Project in Mandalay Division.

The project will be able to generate 140 mega-

watts and supply water to the Paunglaung Dam. The Ministry is also implementing Ye Ywa Hydel-power Project on Dokhtawady River. On completion, the plant will be able to generate 790 megawatts, and will be the largest of its kind in the nation.

Thanks to the endeavours of respective employees and the correct leadership of the government, without doubt, there will emerge hydel-power plants that will be larger than Paunglaung and Ye Ywa hydel-power plants. For instance, Tarhsan Hydropower Project being designed to be constructed on Thanlwin River will be able to generate 7,100 megawatts, and Htamanthi Hydropower Project on Chindwin River, 1,200 megawatts. They are the State's giant projects for electric power development of the nation to be translated into reality soon.

The government is implementing the hydel-power projects along the Sittoung Basin at the same time. The facilities will be put into services next year. Therefore, it will be able to fully fulfil the increasing electricity demand of the nation in the near future.

The State has to pour great investments into the hydel-power projects and it takes long time to

complete them. So, the people, on their part, are to make efforts collectively to enable the nation to be economically strong.

The electric power sector plays an indispensable role in the drive for the economic development of a nation. And only when a nation has enjoyed economic development, will it be able to build more hydel-power plants. The most important point is to ensure development of national economic life of the motherland. In the process, the people should exert their abilities and capabilities at the highest degree instead of placing reliance on foreign assistance. Only then, will it enhance the national prestige and integrity and national unity of the mother country.

In a nutshell, now is the time when the nation has to gather momentum in all spheres for its all-round development. It is therefore the bounden duty as well as the most crucial duty of the entire national people to apply the national solidarity effectively and thoroughly in order to achieve the national goal.

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Monechaung Dam in Magway Division. It generates 75 megawatts and benefits farmland.

In the world, small nations...

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The Indonesian President expressed his belief that the friendship and cooperation between the two countries will therefore continue to flourish. Indonesia will make continued efforts to adhere to its belief.

Senior General Than Shwe said that he thanked the Indonesian President for his invitation to the Summit and he was glad to have an opportunity to meet the latter. He said he would like to praise Indonesia for its ability to host such an important Summit. The arrangements for the meeting were specially fine. He expressed his belief that the Bandung spirit will continue to flourish and the two continents will cooperate as in the past.

It is heartening to witness the Indonesia's leading role to organize the historic Summit and its active participation in the interests of Asian nations. He said he believed that the Indonesian President will brilliantly lead the nation for its further development.

Bandung spirit will continue to flourish and the two continents will cooperate as in the past.

Senior General Than Shwe

In the world, small nations are now facing many difficulties. So, it is important for Asian and African nations to cooperate more.

He said he would like to give an account of Myanmar. The nation has regained her independence for more than 50 years. However, she lagged behind in development due to the internal armed insurgency. She has to strive for development up to now.

In the process, some nations understand her efforts, while some misunderstand hers. He also explained points about the development of Myanmar.

Next, the Indonesian President expressed his thanks for the Myanmar side's opinions of the Asian-African Summit and briefings about the development of Myanmar. Indonesia is a true friend of Myanmar. He and the Myanmar Prime Minister held discussions at the meetings held recently in the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Indonesia.



Senior General Than Shwe and Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono hold talks at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta on 23 April. — MNA

Such constant holding of meetings of the two nations contributes towards further cementing of bilateral relations, and enables State leaders of the two nations to cordially exchange views. He said he understands well that the national security is important. And he said he supports Myanmar's activities for democracy in the nation. Similar activities are being carried out in Indonesia.

Indonesia and Myanmar need to make their activities for democratic reforms known to the international community. In the past, Indonesia had to face difficulties like Myanmar. He said that when leaders of other nations asked him about the drive for democratic reform in Myanmar, he replied that it was needed to support the work programmes being implemented in Myanmar, and to deal with the nation.

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President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

Myanmar. Myanmar, Indonesia and the ASEAN have common interests. Indonesia and Myanmar need to continue to deal with each other and to make efforts to be able to catch up with other global nations.

It is unwise for a nation to interfere in other's internal affairs. Indonesia will never interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. In conclusion, he expressed his belief that the two nations will continue to cooperate cordially and closely. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe meets...

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U Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of Political Department U Thaug Tun, Special Envoy of UN Secretary-General Mr Brahimi, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Myanmar Mr Razali Ismail and senior officials. At the meeting Mr Kofi A Annan said he was pleased to meet Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.

He cordially extended greetings and invited open discussions.

Senior General Than Shwe said he was glad to see the UN Secretary-General as if he had met a close relative. He would like to clarify the developments of Myanmar. He said Myanmar is making democratic reforms and it laid down seven-point Road Map for democratic transition on 30 August 2003.

He said the National Convention is being held for drafting the State Constitution. Based on basic principles agreed at the National Convention the draft of the State Constitution would be drawn up. The referendum will be held for the approval of the draft. Free and fair elections would also be held and a government would

be formed, he said.

The first session of the National Convention was held from 17 May to 9 July 2004 and it was attended by over 1,000 delegates. Seventy per cent or the majority of the population in Myanmar are Bamar. However, only 40 per cent of the delegates to the National Convention are Bamar and the rest or 60 per cent are national races. Moreover, the delegates of 17 armed groups that made peace with the government are attending the National Convention.

Apart from seven states and seven divisions, there will be six self-administered areas for national races. At the first session of the National Convention legislature was discussed in detail. The delegates agreed to the legislative programmes in the central, state, division and self-administered areas and the delegates continued to discuss executive and judicial sectors. The second session of the National Convention was held from 17 February to 31 March 2005 and the third session will be held in the open season. As the majority of the population of Myanmar are farmers the National Convention is held at the break of their work.

He said he believed that basic principles for sharing of the executive and judicial powers would be laid down. There is still much to be done, he added.

The Senior General said he would like to explain the brief history of Myanmar. Armed opposition occurred three months after she regained independence and it lasted for 50 years.

The government laid emphasis on peace and unity among the national races. He said he would like to state the development works being carried. The government is endeavouring for development of political, economic, education and health sectors. Three projects are being implemented for equal development of the entire State.

The first project is a rural development project that aims at improving education, health, transport sectors in rural areas, supplying pure water and water for agriculture and improving rural economy.

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Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets United Nations Secretary-General Mr Kofi A Annan at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta, Indonesia. — MNA

Myanmar supports China's...

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relations have reached the 55th anniversary. The Senior General thanks China for her technological and other assistance to Myanmar, expressing belief that China will continue to help Myanmar in her all-round development drive. Concerning the seven-point Road Map, he said Myanmar has resumed the National Convention to draft a new constitution. The holding of the National Convention is the first and most important step of the Road Map. Of the over 1,000 delegates to the National Convention, 60 per cent represent national races. Moreover, nationalities of the 17 armed groups that have returned to the legal fold have also been

ensure equality between the interest of the national races and that of the entire nation. Thanks to the Government's relentless efforts, it is winning the understanding and cooperation of the nationalities. The results of the National Convention are satisfactory. The majority's wish to strive for successful materializing of the future policy programme has become obvious.

Concerning the economy, the Senior General said, Myanmar has been making many changes in her transition from centralized economy to market oriented economy. Myanmar now is in the process of implementing the five-year economic plan from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006.

China opposes outside interference in Myanmar's internal affairs. It will never change her stand concerning Myanmar.

attending the National Convention. It is important that the constitution should be the one all the nationalities can accept. The holding of the National Convention is a profound and delicate task. The most important thing for the nation is to

Myanmar enjoyed trade surplus for two consecutive years during the first three years of the plan. A large number of nations are making investments and doing business in Myanmar. Myanmar is now striving for progress of the agricultural and



Senior General Than Shwe meets Chinese President Mr Hu Jintao at Hotel Mulia in Jakarta, Indonesia.—MNA

industrial sectors. He said, at the same time it has been giving priority to the development of the trade, energy and electricity sectors, inviting cooperation in the sectors. The nation is also paying attention to improvement of the social, health and education standard of the people to face and address the challenges of the 21st Century.

Mr Hu in his discussions expressed satisfaction with the opportunity to exchange visits and views between leaders of both nations, and to extend bilateral political and economic coop-

Prime Minister sends felicitations to Serbia and Montenegro

YANGON, 27 April— Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Svetozar Marovic, President of Serbia and Montenegro, on the occasion of the National Day of Serbia and Montenegro, which falls on 27 April 2005. —MNA

eration in the international and regional fields. China thanks Myanmar for her adherence to One China Policy and her support for the Anti-secession Law. Sino-Myanmar friendly relations are important for China and must be further extended. He expressed satisfaction at witnessing developing

Sino-Myanmar cooperation in various fields. The PRC Government is urging Chinese companies to make more investments in Myanmar. Constant meetings should be held to promote bilateral cooperation. The PRC is making arrangements to build an international conference centre in Myanmar. Agreed documents for the matter should be exchanged. China will promote its assistance to Myanmar to the best of its ability. The Chinese Government and people support Myanmar's drive to restore internal peace. China accepts that Myanmar has the right to choose and practise the most suitable system. He said all must respect Myanmar sovereignty, adding that China opposes outside interference in Myanmar's internal affairs. China will never change her stand concerning Myanmar. He expresses belief that Myanmar Government and people will overcome the difficulties. China sees UN reforms are important and need coordination from all angles. There is a Chinese proverb, which goes, "Haste will face difficulties in marching to a goal."

After visiting Winthuza shop, he inspected landscaping of the Myakantha Park. He also paid obeisance to Thihoshin Pagoda.

He thanked the Senior General for inviting him to visit Myanmar. The goodwill visit to Myanmar is an

unforgettable one for him, he said. He said he accepts the invitation with pleasure and will visit Myanmar at an opportune time.

Also present were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Military Assistant to the State Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Nay Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia U Kyaw Myint, Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw of the Ministry of Defence, and Director-General of Political Department U Thauung Tun.

Member of the Secretariat of the Central Communist Party Mr Wang Gang, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Li Zhaoxing, Minister of Finance Mr Jin Renqing, Minister of Economics Mr Bo Xilai, Head of President's Office Mr Chen Shi Ju, Director-General of Asian Division of the Foreign Affairs Ministry Mr Cui Kan and high level officials were also present.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint discusses extension of paddy sown acreage in Pakokku District

YANGON, 26 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence discussed with members of Pakokku District Agricultural Supervisory Committee extension of paddy sown acreage at the regional battalion in Pakokku on 24 April.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that Pakokku District should apply the four methods to ensure regional food sufficiency. It should build dams and extend paddy cultivation. Collective efforts are required for realizing the aims.

Officials also explained efforts being made to ensure regional food sufficiency.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of

Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials were also present.

Accompanied by officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected tree plantation at the battalion, paddy cultivation and pumps and water tanks.

At the town water supply project, he heard a

report on salient points of the project, and building of reservoirs on Hnityaik Shithsu hill presented by officials. He spoke of the need to sink tube-wells and build reservoirs for water supply to Pakokku.

During the inspection of the main hall project of the Pakokku University, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on

academic matters, and progress in construction of the main hall presented by the rector and officials.

After visiting Winthuza shop, he inspected landscaping of the Myakantha Park. He also paid obeisance to Thihoshin Pagoda.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived back here in the evening. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Myakantha Park in Pakokku.—MNA

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The second project is the 24 special region development project based on experiences and lessons through which Myanmar passed. It is being undertaken for equality and development of the State.

In education sector, there were only 32 universities and colleges and now there are 156. Only when the people gain knowledge and technology will democratic practices be successful.

The third project is border area development project that aims at developing border areas that lagged behind development in the past. These three projects are being implemented for equal development in hilly and plain regions and border and rural areas.

He said he would like other peoples to come and

see efforts for development of border areas and national races in Myanmar. The Senior General said he was not saying about these efforts in words. He said he was not a hard-liner.

He said SPDC is rebuilding a nation that lagged behind in development. In doing so, there are some difficulties because of the pressures. The Senior General invited the UN Secretary-General to visit Myanmar at an opportune time.

In his discussions, Mr Kofi A Annan said he thanked the Senior General for full clarifications about developments in Myanmar. He was glad that it is obvious that the government is making concerted efforts for development of rural areas, 24 special regions and border areas.

He said he understood and was glad to learn the efforts to draft the State Constitution by holding the National Convention in political aspect. He said he believed that the government is exerting utmost efforts for all the citizens of Myanmar and national races and the UN praised the efforts.

There are comments and misunderstanding because of some foreign nations and news agencies. According to the statements, some assumed that the UN is the enemy of Myanmar. In fact, the UN is not an enemy of Myanmar but a friend. International communities should provide assistance for development of Myanmar, he said.

He thanked Senior General Than Shwe for inviting him to visit Myanmar and he hoped that he would visit Myanmar one day.

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects upgrading of Pathein-Mawtin Road

YANGON, 26 April—Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, on 23 April morning inspected roads and bridges along Pathein-Thalaphkwa-Seintaung-Ngayokaungtaung-Mawtin Road.

At the briefing hall of the 12-mile long road, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein heard reports presented by officials concerned on work being carried out and future tasks and construction of short-cuts.

After attending to the needs, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein gave instructions, calling for paving the road into all-weather gravel one, building of village-to-village roads as many as possible and development of the coastal region. Next, they inspected upgrading of roads and bridges along the road. At the briefing hall, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein met with departmental officials and local people and fulfilled the requirements. He then presented K 100,000 for regional development.

After that, they inspected village-to-village motor roads and measures being taken for beautifying the villages and proceeded to Kayukchaung Village where they viewed a self-reliance library.

At the library, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein met local authorities, social organizations and local people and

made cash donations to the library.

The road leading to Mawtinsun Pagoda was built by Pathein District Public Works with the aim of enabling the people to have access to the pagoda by car. After that, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein arrived at the pagoda and paid homage to it. He then gave instructions on all-round renovation of the pagoda to members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

In the evening, they arrived at Hainggyikyun and inspected construction of circular road and departmental offices.

On 24 April morning, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein

and party met officers and other ranks of Hainggyikyun Station and underscored the need for participation along with the people in rural development tasks and successful realization of the seven-point Road Map.

Later, they viewed round farming undertakings and regional development and gave instructions to officials concerned.

At the briefing hall of the road construction project site in Phaungdo Village on the other bank of Hainggyikyun, they heard a report presented by an official on work being carried out and future tasks and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maug Thein inspects a concrete bridge in Kayan Township. —MNA

Information Deputy Minister inspects departmental work in Mongphyat, Tale, Tachilek

YANGON, 26 April—Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, accompanied by Director of Information and Public Relations Department U Tun Min and Deputy Chief Engineer of Myanma Radio and Television U Win Thu, on 23 April morning inspected functions of Mongphyat Township.

In the afternoon,

the deputy minister met Local Tactical Operations Commander Col Kan Nyunt and departmental officials at the IPRD Office in Tale and explained measures being taken by the government for successful realization of the national objectives and gave instructions on regional development.

The deputy minister and party proceeded to

Tachilek where they inspected the IPRD office. At the office, the deputy minister met Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Zaw Moe Aye and departmental personnel and gave necessary instructions. They then looked into the TV retransmission station there.

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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspects TV retransmission station in Tachilek.—MNA

USDA CEC member inspects rural development tasks

YANGON, 26 April—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maug Thein made a tour of Kayan Township, Yangon South District, to inspect the five rural development tasks yesterday morning.

First, the USDA CEC member arrived at Sasanajotika Dhammayon in Kwanmodain village, Kayan Township and paid respects to the Kwanmodain Sayadaw. Next, he inspected progress of all-round renovation of

Tilokamahavijaya Pagoda and arrangements for upgrading of the bridge in Kyonmaye village and gave necessary instructions. Next, the minister met villageselders and health and education staff at the USDA office in Kayan. On the occasion, the CEC member called for taking part in five rural development tasks and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the CEC member proceeded to Kayinsu village where he inspected construction of a new BEPS building. Afterwards, he inspected Home for the Aged and bridges in

Kayan, Shwehlay village sluice gate, rural health care centre, the BEPS building and Peinkan bridge and Kayan People's Hospital and fulfilled the needs. The CEC member on his tour inspected the sinking of 30 tube-wells worth K 15 million in 30 villages, construction of 16 BEPS buildings worth K 135 million in 16 villages, installation of multi-media classrooms worth K 48 million of 8 BEHS, construction of 3 concrete bridges worth K 80 million with the assistance provided by Kayan Township USDAs.—MNA

Bomb goes off in Mandalay

YANGON, 26 April—A bomb in polythene bag near a dustbin between Ayekabar footwear shop and Rising Sun textiles shop on the ground floor of Zaygyo Market in Mandalay went off at about 4 pm today, leaving two people dead and 15 others injured.

The two dead were women and the 15 injured were two men and 13 women.

The subversive act was committed by a group of insurgent destructive elements who wanted to disturb and destroy stability of State, community peace and tranquillity and preva-

lence of law and order already in place in the nation.

The authorities concerned rushed to the scene and provided all the necessary assistance, and investigations are under way to expose those who perpetrated the inhumane act.

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The golden jubilee of the Asia-Africa Conference

Tekkatho Myat Thu

The Asia-Africa Conference held in Bandung, Indonesia, from 18 to 24 April 1955, has entered its golden jubilee this year. The conference is also known as Bandung Conference. It was sponsored by five Colombo nations. In 1954, leaders of the five countries — Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Pakistan — met in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and discussed the convening of an Asia-Africa conference to enhance friendship and mutual understanding and cooperation among the Afro-Asian nations as their role was becoming more important. The meeting continued in Kandy, Sri Lanka, on 1 and 2 May the same year. The five nations then met in Indonesia and made final arrangements to convene the Asia-Africa Conference in April 1955.

Twenty-nine nations — Cambodia, Gold Coast, Japan, Jordan, Syria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, People's Republic of China, Turkey, Thailand, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam), Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam), Myanmar, Yemen, Lebanon, Laos, Liberia, Libya, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Ethiopia, Indonesia and India — of the two continents attended the Conference.

At the conference, leaders of the Asian and African nations exchanged views on global problems, and issued the Bandung Declaration at the end of the conference as follows:

1. Respect for the fundamental rights of man, as also the aims and principles of the UN Charter.
2. Respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations.
3. Recognition of equality of all races and nationalities — big and small.
4. Abstention from intervention and interference in the internal affairs of other countries.
5. Respect for the right of every country for individual or collective defence in conformity with the UN Charter.
- 6 (a) Abstention of exerting pressure on other countries.
- (b) Abstention from exploiting agreements on collective defence for personal interests on the part of big powers.
7. Abstention from acts or threats of aggression and use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any country.
8. Settlement of all international disputes by peaceful means through talks, conciliation, arbitration, or judicial settlement as also through other peaceful means as the parties may choose in conformity with the UN Charter.
9. Assistance in mutual interests and cooperation.
10. Respect for justice and international obligations.

The principles sowed the seeds for emergence of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The first NAM conference was held in September 1961. Later many NAM countries regained independence and became UN members. NAM summits and ministerial meetings were then held. NAM now has over 100 member nations. In the previous centuries, about half a dozen European capitalist nations forcefully colonized and exploited 77 per cent of the global territory where 70 per cent of the world's population resided.

Peoples from colonized nations sacrificed blood, sweat and lives to regain independence. World War II broke out as the three Axis nations tried to grab the colonized countries with the use of force. The war ravaged the whole world and killed about 60 million lives. The west bloc joined hands with the former Axis countries to destroy the Soviet Union. After the end of WWII, the UN was founded with 51 nations on 24 October 1945 to prevent future world wars and ensure global peace and security. Now the UN has

191 members. Most of the UN member nations are former colonies. The UN nations should observe the aims and basic principles of the global body. The UN Charter matches with the 10 principles of Bandung Conference.

The colonialist nations including Britain, France and Holland faced financial problems because of the war and loss of colonial territories. America which never faced the war on its soil became richer and contributed 62 per cent to the industrial production of the capitalist nations and owned 70 per cent of the global gold reserves. It provided assistance to the West Europe and organized them to join the many organizations it formed.

After the fall of fascist group, the US-led group with three names — the west bloc, the capitalist bloc and rightist group — emerged. On the other hand, East European nations became socialist nations as the peoples of those nations cast votes for the revolutionaries (communists). The Soviet Union with 15 socialist republics also emerged. Socialist countries also emerged in Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Africa. Those socialist nations are called the east bloc, the socialist (communist) bloc or leftist group.

The countries that regained independence during the period from 1945 to 1950 decided to launch nation-building drive without participating in the two blocs as they had already faced the evil consequences of occupation and war.

The two groups were launching the cold war as they were deadlocked in the arms and ideological race. So the two are vying against each other to gain supremacy in organizing the newly independent nations.

During the 57 years after the regaining of independence, Myanmar has never wavered from the right course in exercising the non-aligned policy or independent and active foreign policy. It has discharged the global duties well under the banner of the UN. And it has been 50 years since the nation has been practising the principles of Bandung Declaration of the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference.

Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia made arrangements to hold the Asia Conference. So, the Asia Conference was held in New Delhi from 20 to 23 January 1949. At the meeting 18 nations discussed means to support and help one another in their independence drive and the observance of the neutrality as foreign policy. Afterwards, the Asia-Africa Conference was held in Bandung. The strict neutrality is different from the one designed by the powers and it won the international approval. In 1815, Switzerland adopted the policy of neutrality with the assurance of Vienna Convention. It was also exercised once by, Belgium, Sweden, Austria, Norway and Denmark. Their neutrality was approved by the powers. Now those countries have become NATO members.

The NAM was getting stronger, and two blocs willingly or unwillingly had to recognize it. There were attempts to form the group of third world nations in addition to the NAM. But the majority of nations including Myanmar were against the idea.

At the pre-meeting to hold the NAM Summit held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 1969, the Myanmar representative said that Myanmar government had no idea of forming a particular group or the group of third world countries; that the nation was against the formation of groups; that it was against any nation's involve-

ment in any group or staying under others' control; that such a situation was totally against its foreign policy.

As soon as Myanmar regained independence on 4 January 1948, she openly declared her non-aligned foreign policy, and since then she has been exercising it. The Revolutionary Council that took over the State duties on 2 March 1962 reiterated that Myanmar would continue to exercise her precise and correct foreign policy. The Revolutionary Council declared its foreign policy that was based on neutrality and peaceful co-existence and supported the UN Charter with heart and soul.

In his article which appeared in the Spectrum magazine issued in Yangon for the month of May 1968, Peter Lion wrote the benefits of non-aligned policy, saying that the foreign policy of newly independent nations has helped reduce or end conflicts between the world nations; that the policy is in accord with the human values; that it is the genuine and independent policy; and that it also opposes colonialism and neo-colonialism and helps the disarmament and international peace programmes.

In 1971, Myanmar proclaimed her foreign policy as independent foreign policy. Neutrality is not the policy of opportunists. Although a neutral country stays away from the cold war, it supports the means that benefit the world best within the framework of the Bandung Conference. It opposes the acts that may harm the world and makes decisions and assessments independently.

Myanmar has been practising the five principles of peaceful co-existence that are in accord with the Four Cardinal Values. The principles are:

- mutual respect for each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty;
- to abide by mutual non-aggression;
- non-interference in each other's internal affairs;
- respect for mutual equality and work for mutual benefit;
- peaceful co-existence.

Myanmar has been actively participating in the global family while extending friendly relations with the world nations, especially, the neighbours. Because of the unrest that was threatening the nation's very existence, the Tatmadaw took over the State duties on 18 September 1988. The State Law and Order Restoration Council issued the Announcement No 3/88 and reconfirmed the nation's independent and active foreign policy. The nation's foreign policy was stipulated in both the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution. Of the 104 basic principles laid down by the National Convention, those of the foreign affairs sector said as follows:

- (a) the State practises independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy, aims at world peace and friendly relations with nations, and upholds the principles of peaceful co-existence among nations;
- (b) the State never starts aggression against any nation;
- (c) no foreign troops are permitted to be deployed within the borders of the Union.

During the 57 years after the regaining of independence, Myanmar has never wavered from the right course in exercising the non-aligned policy or independent and active foreign policy. It has discharged the global duties well under the banner of the UN. And it has been 50 years since the nation has been practising the principles of Bandung Declaration of the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference.

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ရာထူး: ပညာအဆင့်အချင်း: လစ်လပ်
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 ၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

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- (ခ) ၁၈-၅၅-၂၀၀၅ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ်
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ဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (ဂ) မဟာဘွဲ့ ရရှိသူများနှင့် ပါရဂူဘွဲ့ (Doctorate) ရရှိ
သူများအတွက် အသက် (၄၀) နှစ်ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ ရုံးသို့
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 ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ပြင်ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော
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 လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ **ရန်ကင်းမြို့နှင့် မန္တလေးမြို့**များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ
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 ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။
 ၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မြန်မာ့လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတို့ဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့်
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 လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

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At least 37 dead, 239 injured in train derailment in Japan

Tokyo, 26 April — The death toll in Monday's train accident in western Japan has risen to 37, and at least 239 were injured, NHK reported.

The seven-carriage train with about 580 passengers aboard collided with a car at a junction at about 9:20 am (0020 GMT) Monday in Amagasaki, Hyogo Prefecture, with the first three carriages derailing.

The first carriage rammmed into a building after the derailment. A NHK TV report shows the first carriage was seriously mangled, curving in the middle around the corner of the building, and the other two carriages lying across the track. The car never happens," *Kyodo News* quoted him as saying at his office.

The Japanese Government has set up an emergent task force headed by Construction and Transport Minister Kazuo Kitagawan to conduct the rescue work.

This has been the most deadly train accident in Japan since 1991. A train tragedy occurred in western Japan on May 14, 1991, leading to 42 dead and 527 injured when two trains collided and derailed.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Aerial shot of the wreckage of train carriages near an apartment building in Amagasaki, Hyogo Prefecture. It was Japan's worst accident since November 1963 when 161 people died in Yokohama near Tokyo when a freight train collided with a truck and was then hit by two passenger trains from opposite directions.—INTERNET

China's early-warning system for risk control in commercial banks

BEIJING, 25 April — China's banking regulator said Thursday that it is establishing an early-warning system to control risks in the country's commercial banks.

The system will improve the regulator's sensitivity towards and effectiveness in dealing with the risks facing the banks, the China Banking Regulatory Commission said in a statement.

The commission has formulated pilot guidelines of operations on risks facing commercial banks and will launch the early-warning operations, according to the statement.

The guidelines include such quantitative indices as capital adequate ratio, credit risk, market risk, business operation risk and liquidity risk.

The guidelines also involve six types of qualitative indices, such as evaluation of management teams, business environment, corporate governance, risk management and internal control,

information disclosure and major events of crisis.

The system will send normal, blue, orange and red early-warning signals according to the values of the indices of the different categories.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Egypt sign agreement on establishing Chinese university

CAIRO, 25 April — China and Egypt on Sunday signed an agreement on establishing the Egyptian Chinese University (ECU) in Cairo, the first Chinese university to be set up in the Middle East region.

The agreement was signed by Chinese Ambassador to Egypt Wu Sike, President of China's Liaoning University Cheng Wei and Karima Abdullah Karim, the board chairwoman of Egypt's International Education Institution (IED).

"The agreement will further enrich the cooperative relations between China and Egypt, which have witnessed steady development in political, economic, cultural and educational fields," Ambassador Wu Sike said at the signing ceremony.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Lobbyists pay for US House leader's trip abroad

WASHINGTON, 25 April — Embattled US House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, under an ethical cloud in recent months, was found to have had his airfare for a trip abroad charged to a credit card issued to a Washington lobbyist at the centre of a federal criminal and tax probe, *The Washington Post* reported Sunday.

Documents showed that the airfare of DeLay's trip to London and Scotland in 2000, when he was House Majority Whip, was charged to an American Express card issued to lobbyist Jack Abramoff, the report said.

His expences during the same trip for food, phone calls and other items at a golf course hotel in Scotland were billed to a different credit card also used on the trip by a second registered Washington lobbyist, Edwin A. Buckham.

US House ethics rules bar lawmakers from accepting travel and related expences from registered lobbyists. DeLay, a Republican from Texas, has said that his expences on

this trip were paid by a non-profit organization and that the financial arrangements for it were proper. He has also said he had no way of knowing that any lobbyist might have financially supported the trip, either directly or through reimbursements to the non-profit organization.

MNA/Xinhua

New AU panel mulls tax on air travel to fund projects

NAIROBI, 25 April — A new African Union (AU) body aimed at bringing "people power" to Africans said Sunday they had proposed to place a tax on air travel to raise funds to support development projects in Africa.

Addressing a news conference on the outcome of their first meeting in Nairobi, the Economic Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) Deputy Presiding Officer

Maurice Tadadjeu said 440 million US dollars could be raised every year by charging a small levy on flights within Africa and on intercontinental flights.

"We have recommended to the AU to create an air ticket tax to fund the development projects. Studies have been done for three years on this issue.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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Leverkusen on course for European spot with win over Werder

BERLIN, 26 April— Bayer Leverkusen clinched a 2-1 home win over Bundesliga champions Werder Bremen on Sunday.

Victory kept Leverkusen in seventh place, within a point of fifth-placed Werder in the final UEFA Cup qualification slot.

Leverkusen took a 2-0 lead with goals from Jacek Krzynowek and Marko Babic and held off a determined fight back after Miroslav Klose had reduced the arrears.

Bayern Munich have the title all but secured after they beat Bochum 3-1 on Saturday to move nine points clear.

With four games left to play, Bayern have 65 points, followed by Schalke on 56 after they were beaten 4-1 at Hertha Berlin also on Saturday.

VfB Stuttgart are a point further back in third after a goalless draw at home to VfL Wolfsburg, with Hertha fourth on 53.

MNA/Xinhua

Roddick takes third clay court crown

WASHINGTON, 25 April— Andy Roddick of the United States beat Sebastien Grosjean of France 6-2, 6-2 easily for his 17th career title and third US Men's Clay Court Championship in five years on Sunday in Houston.

Roddick, playing his first tournament since a wrist injury forced him out of the ATP tournament at Key Biscayne three

weeks ago, needed just 70 minutes to complete a run through the tournament field without losing a set.

With his wrist in a splint for 10 days, Roddick used the time off the court to do extra training and footwork. It paid off against Grosjean.

It was Roddick's fifth straight appearance in the clay court final, the longest streak on the ATP tour since Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the title match at Moscow from 1996-01, winning the last five.

"I feel as good as I have," Roddick was quoted as saying. "I hit it (training) hard. A couple of weeks I couldn't do much. I was just focusing a lot on off-court stuff and I felt it paid dividends this week. I felt I was moving really well."

Roddick earned 52,000 US dollars, and Grosjean, who upset second-seeded Andre Agassi en route to the final, took 30,600 US dollars for his first final.

MNA/Xinhua



Top seed Andy Roddick leans up a perpetual trophy after defeating sixth seed Sebastien Grosjean, of France, 6-2, 6-2 in the finals of the US Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston, on 24 April, 2005.

INTERNET

Arsenal beat Hotspur to leave Chelsea waiting for glory

LONDON, 26 April— Jose Antonio Reyes scored a first-half winner to help Arsenal beat Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 on Monday, ensuring Champion-elect Chelsea having to wait until Saturday to clinch their first league title in fifty years.

Arsenal are now 11 points behind Chelsea and all eyes will be on the Blues in five days when a win at Bolton will hand them the Premiership crown.

With that margin now all but unbridgeable, Arsenal will take more satisfaction in that they pulled four points clear of Manchester United in the race for second.

Reyes started in attack with Robin van Persie and the pair linked for the first chance of the game after a mere 50 seconds.

The Dutchman played in Reyes, but

after rounding the keeper he found the angle too acute and his right-footed effort hit the side-netting.

It was a golden opportunity, but Reyes shrugged off the setback and made amends after 22 minutes.

A neat exchange in the middle of the park between Cesc Fabregas and Patrick Vieira finished with the young Spaniard releasing his compatriot.

This time Reyes made no mistake on his favoured left foot after racing on to the ball behind a static Spurs defence.

MNA/Xinhua

Benitez eyes upset against Chelsea

LONDON, 26 April— Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez is confident that his side will beat Chelsea to reach the UEFA Champions League final.

The Spanish coach has fared well in his first season at Anfield given the injury problems he has had to deal with.

The Reds have reached the Carling Cup final and the Champions League semis, but Benitez is more concerned with what looks will be a futile pursuit of Everton in fourth place.

Benitez says that his side's displays in Europe have not surprised him at all, and believes they can keep their run going by beating Chelsea.

"They are the favourites," Benitez

told Marca. "But they have their weaknesses and our mission is to find those."

"I am not surprised that Liverpool have played well in the Champions League. "I consider it to be more surprising that we are not in the top four in the Premiership. "We have let some incredible points slip away from us."

Benitez says he is determined to make Liverpool successful in the years to come, and will continue his rebuilding process with an assault on the summer transfer market. —MNA/Xinhua

Juve stay level with Milan after beating Lazio 1-0

ROME, 25 April— Juventus managed to stay level with AC Milan at the top of Italian first division with a 1-0 win at Lazio on Sunday. Pavel Nedved struck five minutes at his former club Lazio and the win leaves Juventus on 73 points with Milan, who beat Parma 3-0 on Saturday.

In the battle for the other two Champions League slots, third placed Inter Milan suffered a 2-1 defeat at Messina, ending their unbeaten away record this season.

Sampdoria take over from Udinese in fourth place after they defeated AS Roma 2-1 in Genoa.

The defeat leaves Roma, with just a single point from their last eight games, drifting dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Palermo's bid for Champions League football looks over after their 1-0 defeat by bottom club Atalanta.

MNA/Xinhua



Juventus' Pavel Nedved (L) celebrates with his teammate Fabio Cannavaro after scoring against Lazio during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the Olympic Stadium in Rome on 24 April, 2005. Juventus won the match 1-0.—INTERNET

Cameroon win final round berth in women's volleyball world championship

CAIRO, 26 April— Cameroon became the second African women's team to secure a 2006 world championship final round spot after defeating Tunisia 3-1 (25-13, 24-26, 25-21, 25-19) to win the 2006 women's world championship first round tournament (Africa Pool C) in Vacoas, Mauritius on Sunday.

Cameroon used the artistry of their star players Ondouna Messina, the top scorer in the match with 17 points, and the solid block of Rose Beleng to win the deciding match in 103 minutes of exciting volleyball.

After Cameroon won the first set following little Tunisian resistance, the Tunisian superstar Arbia Rafrafi led her team to win the most thrilling set of the tournament. However, Cameroon soon regained their rhythm in the second and third sets and used the solid block of Beleng and captain Mbeya Ambatta to penetrate the Tunisian defence and clinch the famous victory.

"We were confident even when we lost the second set," Cameroon head coach Lavoisier Yende said. "This victory today is for all this generation of players who are so talented. Now we can focus on Japan in 2006".

"We got beaten by a more experience side," Tunisia coach Lofti Ben Slimane said. "My girls are still learning. I hope now that we can participate in these tournaments more often so we

can progress and build on this performance."

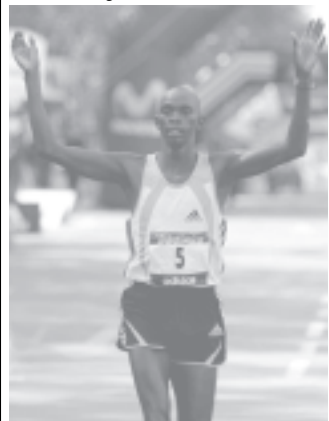
Hosts Mauritius claimed the other victory on the final day of the tournament after beating Uganda 3-0 (25-22, 25-14, 25-21) to leave them in third position in the final standings and winless Uganda in fourth.

Cameroon's victory means they now join Egypt, who won a first round tournament in March, and the automatic qualifiers — hosts Japan and defending champions Italy — in the prestigious final round. There are now 20 of the 24 vacancies left to be determined in the 2006 world championship final round including the third and final CAVB ticket (Africa Pool B) which will be held in Kenya in June.

The next tournament to feature in the world championship is a first round event (CAVB Pool C) in France from April 27 - May 1, 2005 featuring the hosts, Finland, Norway, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belgium where the top two place getters will advance to the second round.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya's Rono wins Madrid Marathon



Daniel Rono of Kenya celebrates as he wins the Madrid Marathon in a time of 2 hours 12 minutes and 29 seconds, in Madrid on 24 April, 2005.—INTERNET

MADRID, 25 April— In his marathon debut, Kenyan Daniel Rono won the men's event in Madrid on Sunday, while Larissa Malikova of Russia took the women's title with a race record.

Rono completed the course in two hours 12 minutes and 29 seconds, just 10 seconds behind the Madrid men's record of 2:12:39 set 14 years ago by John Burra of Tanzania.

Malikova, who ran 2:32:16 in Hamburg last year, set the women's record in 2:33:27, the third year in a row that the record has been broken.

Seven of Rono's countrymen followed him to across the finish line as African runners took the first 10 places in the men's race. Spain's Jose Antonio Casajus was 11th.

Race organizers said a record number of 12,999 entries had been accepted, although only 9,000 were able to meet the requirements for starting.—MNA/Xinhua

Melted snow helps curb sandstorms in N-W China

MANGYA (Qinghai Province), 26 April — Northwest China's Qinghai Province has for two years diverted melting snow from Kunlun Mountains to irrigate arid land and curb sandstorms, local officials said Monday.

The Mangya area of the Mongolian-Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Haixi, the notorious Gobi desert origin of sandstorms that hit north China in spring, is now covered with some 1,000 hectares of trees and grass since it began to divert melted snow in 2003, said Liu Bajin, an official in Mangya.

Liu said the local government decided in 2003 to irrigate more than 3,300 hectares of forests with snow water for 10 years at the cost of 70 million yuan (8.4 million US dollars).

"We've spent 20 million yuan (sine 2.4 million US dollars) digging canals, and have diverted snow water from two rivers on the eastern and western sides of Kunlun Mountains to run small hydropower projects," he said. He said the project also involves building of a 2,000-hectare ecologi-

cal zone and betterment of some 6,000 hectares of grassland.

The State Meteorological Bureau said that sandy land extends 700,000 square kilometres in Qinghai, Gansu and the southern part of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The Mangya area in the western part of the Qaidam Basin is at the centre of this dusty belt.

"Mangya area reports an annual rainfall of less than 40 millimetres and is ravaged by strong winds at least 180 days a year," said Lu Guoxiang, a local meteorologist. "The area has about 10 strong sandstorms yearly, the worst of which could affect north and east China." Melted snow has helped greatly in easing sandstorms, said Lu. "Plus the intensified forestation efforts in Gansu and Xinjiang, we're having fewer sandstorms this spring." —MNA/Xinhua

Afghanistan to upgrade national airliner company

KABUL, 26 April — Afghan Government is seeking support of the United States to upgrade Afghanistan's national airliner company Ariana, Minister for Transport said on Sunday.

"In our bid to upgrade Ariana, we have requested the US civil aviation organization to become our partner," Anayatullah Qasimi told journalists at a Press conference after a foreign tour including the United States.

He avoided commenting on the response of US side but acknowledged that a group of US advisers are working with his ministry to study the possibility of partnership with Ariana. "We want to buy new aircraft and increase Ariana's capacity," Qasimi added.

Ariana, the Afghan national carrier with a batch of eight serving old passenger aircraft including three Boeings like other Afghan infra-

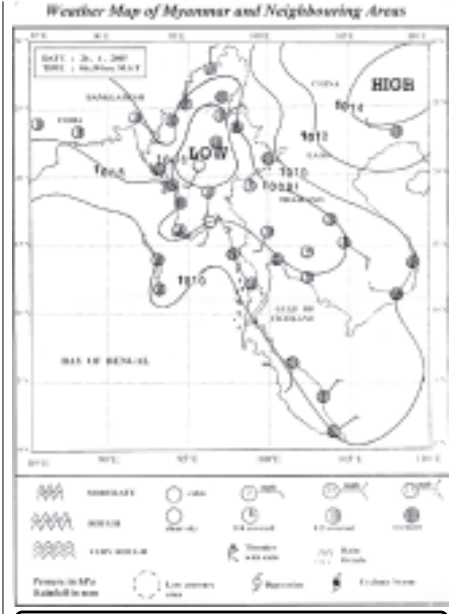
structures, has been badly damaged due to over two decades of war.

The Afghan national carrier, having flights to few countries including neighbouring nations, has been the victim of Mafia over the past three years, but no more details can be known.

Five advisers from German aviation firm Lufthansa have also been cooperating with the Afghan airline company to renovate and upgrade it, the minister added.

With the capital of over 20 million US dollars and running 24 hotels inside the country, Ariana is among Afghanistan's top national firms in the post-war nation.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 26 April, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw, Hkamti and Mandalay (0.12) inch each. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Magway and Aungmye (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 25-4-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 26-4-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-4-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 25-4-2005 was (10.6) hours approx. Rainfalls on 26-4-2005 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 (6) mph from West at (19:15) hours MST on 25-4-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-4-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and northern Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-4-2005:** Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-4-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Donate blood

TV Myanmar
Wednesday, 27 April
View on today:
7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မတာတာဝါရိတ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ရိက္ခာတိပိဋသ (ဓယာဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပုသ်တရားပြောဆိုခြင်း
7:25 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
 4. Morning news
7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
 6. မြေမြေကြွေကြွေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအတ
8:05 am
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:15 am
 8. သုံးဆယ်ရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:30 am
 9. International news
8:45 am
 10. Let's Go
4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
 3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
 5. အဆားသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်လာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
5:15 pm
 6. Song of national races
5:30 pm
 7. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:40 pm
 8. Classical song
5:55 pm
 9. ရွယ်လုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
6:10 pm
 10. Discovery

6:15 pm
 11. မုဟန့်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြပေမည်
6:30 pm
 12. Evening news
7:00 pm
 13. Weather report
7:05 pm
 14. Musical programme
7:20 pm
 15. Strong and healthy Myanmar
7:30 pm
 16. Musical programme
 7:45 pm
 17. တက္ကသိုလ်ပြင်ပ မြန်မာသစ်ခွ
8:00 pm
 18. News
 19. International news
 20. Weather report
 21. ဒါရိုက်တာအဖြစ် (၁၂) ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရာဇဝေဇာတိတော်ကြီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ) (ဝေဇာတိ) (တတိယဆင့်) (ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း) (ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း)
 22. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar
Wednesday, 27 April
Tune in today:
8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: I can wait forever
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Forever and ever
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: -Together forever
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: I'm gonna miss you forever
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
 -Red red wine
 -Mr post man
 -Because of you
 -Run to you
9.00 pm Variations on a tune "From a distance"
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request
 -I miss you
 -Yes you do
 -Big boy don't cry
 -Pretty boy
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Asleep in Jesus
Dr. Tun Min (Ben)
Rector (Retd):
Institute of Medicine (1), Yangon
Age (80) years
 Son of (U Yi)-(Daw Aye May), beloved husband of Daw Aye Khin (Amy Khin), brother of (John Tun Yi)-Daw May May Lwin, (Peter Tun Aye)-Daw Khin Sein, Margaret May May Yi, beloved father of Dr. Aung Min B.D.S(UHC)-Daw May Si Sein, Daw Win Win Min-U Kyaw Htike 2nd mate (Hanseatic), Captain Aye Min-Daw Khin San Lwin, Dr. Myoe Minn M.B.B.S, M.D(USA), beloved grandfather of Dr. Okka Aye Min, Myat Htet Aung Min, Thuwun, Su, Khine Moe Aung Min, May Wai Thi Aye Min, of 138-D, New University Avenue, Bahan passed away at NYGH on 26 April 2005, at 5:00 pm. Funeral service will be held at Judson Church on 28 April 2005, Thursday at 8:30 am and thence to Yay Way Baptist cemetery for entombment.
Bereaved Family

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

Myanmar supports China's ratification of Anti-secession Law

Senior General Than Shwe

PRC Government urging Chinese companies to make more investments in Myanmar

President Mr Hu Jintao

Senior General Than Shwe and President Mr Hu Jintao holds talks

YANGON, 26 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe held talks with President Mr Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China in Ballroom 3 of Hotel Mulia in Jakarta on 23 April.

President Mr Hu Jintao said that since ancient times the two countries have extended fraternal relationships. Exchange of views between the leaders is a task important for both nations.

Senior General Than Shwe expressed wish to perpetuate and further strengthen the existing fraternal relationship. He said, Myanmar was glad to see China's rapid economic development which has been achieved since adoption of the open-door economic policy in 1978. As the people of China and the people of Myanmar have wit-

nessed China's developments under her own leadership with great pleasure. He said, Myanmar was proud of China's success as China has become one of the top nations of the world, thanking China for her support for Myanmar in international affairs. Myanmar will continue to accept the One China Policy. Myanmar supports China's ratification of the Anti-secession Law. Both nations have the tradition of always paying attention to the exchange of goodwill visits between the Sino-Myanmar leaders and further strengthening the existing cordial ties. The Senior General said that he always remembered and thanked the warm welcome accorded to him by Chinese leaders during his visit to the country in 2003, inviting Mr Hu, who had visited Myanmar in 2000, to visit Myanmar again. Sino-Myanmar
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Senior General Than Shwe and Chinese President Mr Hu Jintao shake hands at the Hotel Mulia in Jakarta on 23 April. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe meets UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan

YANGON, 26 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe met Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Kofi A Annan at Room 4 of Jakarta Convention

Centre, in Jakarta at 12.10 pm on 23 April.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Mili-

tary Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia
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Senior General Than Shwe holds a cordial meeting with UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi A Annan at Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta, Indonesia. — MNA