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Prime Minister tours Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects tasks of Ma Mya Dam Project near Hmyinwataung Village of Myanaung Township.—MNA

YANGON, 28 April—Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein, officials of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, left here on 26 April morning by air and arrived at Kyangin Cement Plant of the Myanma Ceramics Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1, in Kyangin Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Ayeyawady Division PDC Chairman South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, senior military officers, local au-

thorities, members of social organizations, departmental heads and officials.

Minister U Aung Thaung gave an account of brief background history of the plant, investments, production capacity, arrival of raw materials, use of machinery, and requirements.

Managing Director of

the MCI Col Soe Ye reported on manufacturing process, machines and spare parts, production and distribution of cement in 2004-2005, spare parts produced at the plant, requirements for major repair to the parts of the plant, production target for 2005-2006, production capacity, realization of the targets,

and staff affairs.

In response, the Prime Minister in his speech said that the nation has enjoyed development with momentum thanks to the government's unremitting efforts to carry out construction tasks in various sectors.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on exert-

ing greater endeavour to further promote the production, trade, electric power, and energy sectors.

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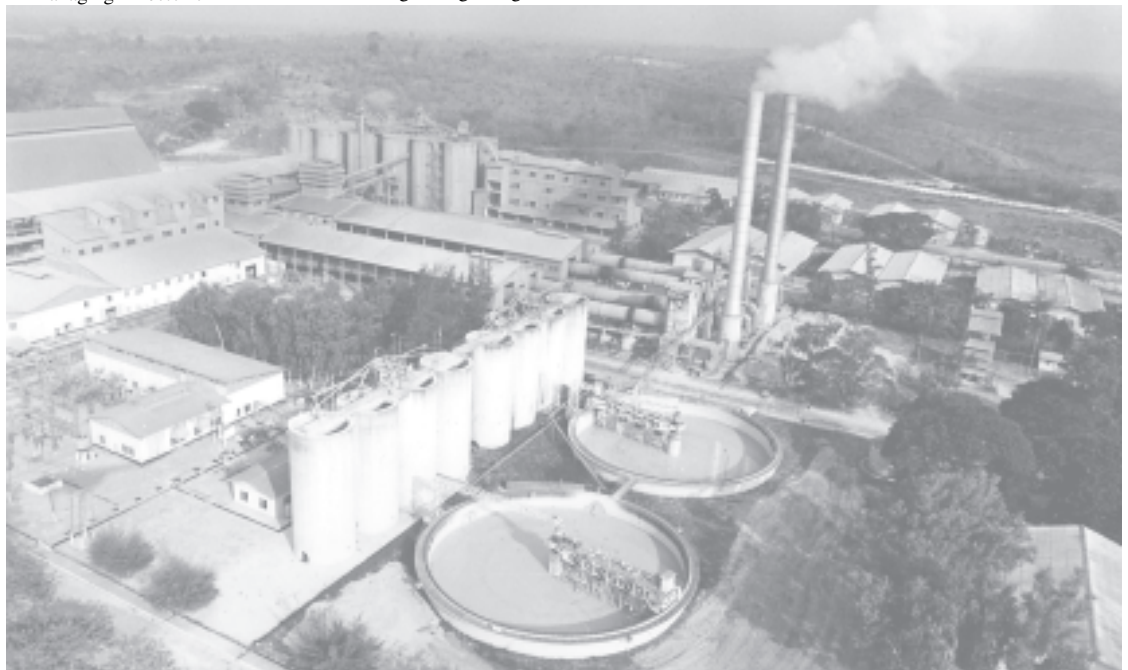
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Because of the Government's systematic projects, 192 new State-owned industries emerged and the total number has reached 833.

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Aerial view of Kyangin Cement Plant of Myanma Ceramics Industries.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 29 April, 2005

Sino-Myanmar friendship and relationship further strengthened

The Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China have enjoyed fraternal friendship from time immemorial. Successive leaders of both nations often meet with each other and exchange views and this leads to further strengthening of existing bilateral relations. Chinese and Myanmar leaders have always paid heed to returning goodwill visits and further cementing mutual friendship.

President Mr Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar in 2000 and Myanmar leaders and people accorded him a warm welcome and hospitality. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe also paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China in 2003 and he received a warm welcome from Chinese leaders.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe met with President Mr Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 23 April, while they were in attendance at the Asian-African Summit 2005.

At their meeting, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe expressed his thanks to China for rendering assistance and providing technologies for Myanmar in her development projects and his hope that China would continue to do so. Chinese President Mr Hu Jintao said that China was convinced that Myanmar had the right to practise any system suitable to her, that other nations would have to respect her sovereignty, that China was opposed to any outside interference in her internal affairs and that China would never change her stand concerning Myanmar.

Establishment of Sino-Myanmar diplomatic relations is going to reach the 55th anniversary. The People's Republic of China has always stood by Myanmar in the international arena. Bilateral cooperation in agriculture, human resource development and other fields has borne fruits. Frequent contacts and exchange of views between the leaders of the two nations promote mutual friendship and enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields. Myanmar has all along supported the One China Policy and the Anti-secession Law of China.

We believe that the meeting between Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and President Mr Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China will be a shot in the arm for Sino-Myanmar friendship and relationship.

Lecture on intellectual property rights on information services given

YANGON, 28 April— Under the supervision of the Ministry of Science and Technology and with the support of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Engineering Society, Myanmar Industrialists Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association, lecture on Intellectual Property Rights on Information Services was given yesterday at MICT Park.

Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of UMFCFI made an opening address. Next, Dr Jose Luis Herce of Industrial Property Information Services for Developing Countries under World Intellectual Property Organization gave a speech. Afterwards, Deputy Director Dr Moe Moe Thwe of the Ministry of Science and Technology explained matters on intellectual property rights followed by lecture on intellectual property rights on information services by Dr Jose Luis Herce. Altogether 150 entrepreneurs attended the course. — 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

Deputy FM signs Book of Condolences



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint signs Book of Condolences for the late former Israeli President Mr Ezer Weizman.— MNA

YANGON, 28 April— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint signed the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of Israel at 11.30 am today, in memory of the late Mr Ezer Weizman, former President of the State of Israel. — MNA

MWJA CEC meeting held



MWJA Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepts K 50,000 presented by family of Phado Saw Mill No 91 through CEC member U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit).— MNA

YANGON, 28 April— The meeting No 4/2005 of the Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the Sarpay Beikman building on Merchant Street here at 1 pm today.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay), joint-secretaries and CEC members.

First, on behalf of the family of No 91 saw-mill (Phado), MWJA CEC member U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) presented K 50,000 to Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha).

Afterwards, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presiding over the meeting delivered an address. Next, MWJA secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) submitted matters on implementation of the decisions of the previous meeting. All-round discussions were then held. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.— MNA

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 28 April— The State Peace and Development Council has transferred the following persons to the service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Department
(a) Dr Myo Myint	Director-General
Director-General	Department for Religious Affairs
Department	Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana
Ministry of Religious Affairs	Ministry of Religious Affairs
(b) Lt-Col Myo Kyaw	Director-General
Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana	Department of Religious Affairs
Ministry of Religious Affairs	Ministry of Religious Affairs

The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) Dr Tun Naing Oo	Director-General
	Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar)
	Ministry of Health
(b) Dr Aung Mon	Rector
	Institute of Pharmacy (Yangon)
	Ministry of Health

MNA

Language course opened

YANGON, 28 April— First Year Koeki Japanese Language Course Batch-2 organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was opened today at UMFCFI Training Centre on Bo Sunpet Street here.

Present on the occasion were Adviser Dr Kyaw Htin, President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung, CEC members, executives, Chairman of Koeki Shoji Co.Ltd Mr Masumato Suchino, Director Mr Kinoshita, guests, instructors and trainees.

President U Win Myint and Mr Suchino gave speeches. Next, Chairman of Education Working Committee U Sein Win Hlaing explained matters on the course which is being attended by 195 trainees.— MNA



The opening ceremony of Koeki Japanese Language Course for First Year Batch-2 in progress.— UMFCFI



ASEAN eyes stronger regional eco integration, external cooperation

HA LONG CITY (Vietnam), 27 April — During the 11th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Retreat Meeting, the delegates affirmed strong determination to accelerate economic integration toward the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community in 2020 and free trade areas with its major partners.

Economic ministers and vice ministers from the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretary General Ong Keng Yong agreed that working groups and coordinator countries should be more active in holding consultations and seeking ways to facilitate the implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors, which include agro-based products, air travel, automotive, e-ASEAN, electronics, fisheries, healthcare, rubber-based products, textile and apparels,

tourism, and wood-based products.

"We highly appreciate direct contributions of enterprises to the realization of integration roadmaps in the 11 priority sectors," Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu said at a Press briefing after the one-day meeting which concluded in Vietnam's northern Ha Long City on Tuesday afternoon.

More economically advanced countries can fulfill economic integration stated in the framework agreement signed in 2004 in Laos first, while remaining ASEAN members could

do so after 2006, she noted.

ASEAN will also conduct a pilot project on applying "single-window for Customs" in the Philippines some time this year, she said, noting that the mechanism, under which Customs procedures are simplified considerably, can be applied to all bloc members in the next one or two years.

However, ASEAN will not touch upon the possibility of issuing a common currency in the coming time, Ong Keng Yong said at the briefing, noting that it is unfeasible now, even in the next 10 or 15 years.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese performers, dressed in traditional Chinese costumes, display pouring tea into cups during an event to mark the opening of an international tea culture festival in Chongqing, southwest China, on 27 April, 2005. China has a tea history of about 5,000 years. —INTERNET

S Korean Govt to build up maritime fisheries sector

SEOUL, 27 April — The South Korean Government said on Monday that it will inject 5.6 trillion won (5.6 billion US dollars) over the next five years to develop the country's maritime fisheries sector in preparation for greater market opening.

The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries said the funds will be allocated in the forms of investments and loans from this year to 2009.

It added that instead of "giving" the funds to help small-time fishing boat operators and related industries as was the case with government initiatives in the past, the new policy aims to strengthen the sector's competitiveness.

The ministry said it will work hard at multilateral trade meetings like the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Agenda to halt any moves toward a complete reduction of state subsidies in the fishing sector. It said negotiators will try to maintain a waiver on granting operators of fishing vessels access to cheaper fuel and tax breaks for people engaged in maritime activities.

It also said that Seoul

will move to lower the number of registered coastal fishing vessels by 10 per cent to 6,300 boats by 2008.

The ministry said it will assist efforts to increase the number of employees in the fishing industry utilizing modern fishing methods from the current 16,000 to 20,000 by 2011.

The South Korean industry has voiced its opposition to cutting subsidies or tax breaks that it claims would mean a deterioration of its ability to engage in commercial fishing. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore, Malaysia sign agreement to settle land reclamation dispute

SINGAPORE, 27 April — Singapore and Malaysia signed a Settlement Agreement at Singapore's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday as the overall resolution of their land reclamation dispute.

The agreement stipulated the payment of 374,000 Malaysian ringgit (about 100,000 US dollars) by Singapore to Malaysia as compensation for the fishermen's losses caused by the reclamation works.

Singapore may continue its works at Tuas and Pulau Tekong, as declared by the International Tribunal of the Law of the Seas in October 2003, but will abide by the agreement to modify the design of Pulau Tekong shoreline as well as ensure that the project will not obstruct the safe and smooth passage of ships.

Signed at the witness of foreign ministers of the two neighbouring countries, George Yeo and Syed Hamid Albar, the agreement came as a fair and balanced outcome reached through a series of negotiations, Channel NewsAsia quoted the two governments as saying.

The two parties will resort to the arbitration tribunal for the final award of the issue after concluding this agreement.

Claiming that the reclamation works had violated its territorial waters, damaged its beaches and harmed its fishery in July 2003, Malaysia referred to the International Tribunal on the Law of the Seas for a stop work order and arbitration.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts discuss South Asian free trade in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 April — The eighth meeting of the Committee of Experts on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) represented by senior trade and economic officials of South Asian countries is under way here on Tuesday.

The three-day meeting on April 25-27 is focusing on building consensus on basic issues of rules of origin, sensitive list, revenue compensation mechanism and technical assistance to least developed countries for implementation of the SAFTA in the region.

Inaugurating the meeting on Monday, Nepali Finance Minister Madhukar Shumsher Rana said the SAFTA is going to be one of the largest free trade area in the world, representing one-fifth of the humanity.

The meeting is likely to be the final round of talks between the seven South Asian countries for adopting the SAFTA on time.

Representatives from all the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) member countries — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, are taking part in the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



A Kashmiri man carries flowers as he walks past a tulip flower bed in Srinagar, on 27 April, 2005. Tulips are cultivated in Kashmir which is the only place in India where they bloom right from March till May in natural climatic conditions, officials said. —INTERNET

Families of Iraq war dead prepare to do battle in court

BAGHDAD, 28 April — The families of British soldiers and Iraqi civilians killed during the Iraq conflict will seize upon the publication of the Attorney General's advice to support their claim for a full judicial inquiry into the war.

Lawyers representing 40 Iraqi families, who have already brought legal actions in the UK courts, said the revelation that the government knew the war might be illegal radically changed the

complexion of their case.

Phil Shiner, the human rights lawyer taking the landmark case, said that it would also be possible for the families of the soldiers killed in the conflict to show that they too were victims under the European Convention of Human Rights and were entitled to a proper investigation.

Last year, the High Court ruled that the human rights legislation extended to Iraqi territory that was under the control of British

forces. Mr Shiner said that both British and Iraqi families, might want the terms of a judicial inquiry to include whether ministers were responsible for prosecuting an aggressive war. "Quite simply, the publication means we have a much stronger case when we go to the Court of Appeal in July to ask for a full inquiry into the deaths of Iraqi civilians killed by British troops," Mr Shiner said.

Internet

Hu Jintao calls for closer China-ASEAN economic cooperation

JAKARTA, 27 April — Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao urged here on Tuesday for closer economic cooperation between China and ASEAN countries, setting the goal of bringing China-ASEAN trade to 200 billion US dollars before 2010.

He made the call while addressing a banquet with personalities from various sectors in Indonesia. The Chinese President said the rapid growth of China's economy has presented new opportunities for all countries in the world, its neighbours in particular.

In recent years, trade between China and ASEAN has maintained a growth rate of nearly 30 per cent, reaching 105.9 billion US dollars in 2004 with ASEAN enjoying a surplus of over 20 billion dollars.

Millions of Chinese citizens travel to ASEAN countries every year, for business or for sightseeing. An increasing number of Chinese enterprises look

to ASEAN countries as favoured destinations for investment, he noted.

He added that China's investment in Indonesia's energy sector alone has topped 1.2 billion dollars. "This year, China-ASEAN Free Trade Area has been formally set in motion, which is bound to further broaden the prospects in our economic and business cooperation. We have full confidence in realizing the goal of bringing China-ASEAN trade to 200 billion before 2010," said the Chinese President.

As a neighbour of ASEAN countries, China has all along valued its relations with ASEAN. "China will stay on the

path of peaceful development, follow the principle of developing friendship and partnerships with neighbours and the policy of working for an amicable, tranquil and prosperous neighbourhood and press ahead with the friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation with all ASEAN countries, including Indonesia, so as to make its due contribution to greater peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the world at large," said the Chinese President in his speech.

On China's economic development, the Chinese President said since China launched its reform and

opening-up policy 27 years ago, immense achievements have been scored in its economic and social development.

MNA/Xinhua

Mortar attack hits US military base in Iraq's Samarra

TIKRIT (Iraq), 27 April — Guerillas lobbed mortar rounds on a US military base in the Iraqi city of Samarra on Tuesday morning, local police said.

"A mortar attack at about 7:30 am (0330 GMT) on a US military base stationed in the education directorate in Samarra," a local police source told *Xinhua*. The source said "guerillas traded fire with the US soldiers after the blast at the base, where thick and black smoke was seen rising over the area". Shortly after, the US troops surrounded the Hadi District in central Sammara, where the US base was situated. The US soldiers searched the house and detained several individuals, according to the source.

MNA/Xinhua

US competitors blamed for Iraq wheat woes

BAGHDAD, 28 April — The Western Australian Farmers Federation (WAFF) is blaming market competitors for a stand-off over a wheat shipment being blocked from unloading in Iraq.

Iraqi authorities have prevented five Australian wheat shipments from unloading, claiming they are contaminated with iron ore.

The Australian Wheat Board (AWB) denies the claims.

WA farmers export almost \$60 million of wheat to Iraq annually and there are concerns the trade could be in jeopardy because of the dispute.

However, the WAFF's Trevor De Landgraft is blaming the dispute on

commercial interference by US competitors seeking access to the Iraqi market.

He says Australia's reputation as a quality supplier to Iraq is strong and there is unlikely to be a long-term effect.

"Markets are never without their problems and they're never without competition and I don't believe we're going to suffer greatly in this case," he said. The AWB says negotiations are continuing with Iraqi authorities. — *Internet*



A South Korean woman uses a mobile phone in front of a currency exchange sign at a bank in Seoul, on 26 April, 2005.

INTERNET

S Korea, Yemen agree to enhance cooperation

SEOUL, 27 April — South Korea and Yemen agreed on Tuesday to expand cooperation in the construction industry and to ensure the stable provision of oil, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and other natural resources, according to the South Korean *Yonhap* news agency.

President Roh Moo-hyun and Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh also concurred in a meeting here that a peaceful resolution of the nuclear issue on the Korea Peninsular is essential for maintaining peace and stability in the global community as well as in Northeast Asia, presidential spokesman Kim Man-soo said.

The Yemeni President also supported the South Korean Government's Peace and Prosperity Policy of engaging North Korea, according to the spokesman.

Saleh flew here Monday for a three-day visit, becoming the first Yemeni President to make an official visit to South Korea since the normalization of ties between the two countries in 1985.

"President Roh expressed satisfaction with the fact that bilateral relations have developed continuously since the normalization of bilateral ties," the spokesman said, noting that Roh also praised Saleh's role in democratization as well as political and economic

reforms since the reunification of Yemen in 1990.

The Yemeni President expressed hope that the two sides would substantially enhance cooperation in the information technology and cultural industries.

In a dinner party for the Yemeni leader, Roh said South Korea would increase its investment in developing oil wells in Marib and other regions in Yemen, noting that South Korea planned to import 1.3 million tons of natural gas from Yemen from 2008, the news agency reported. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Malaysia hopes to settle all issues with Singapore

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 April — Malaysia is hopeful that all outstanding issues with neighbouring Singapore will be resolved, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Tuesday.

When commenting on the signing of the settlement agreement on Singapore's land reclamation in and around Johor Straits which divide the two neighbours, Abdullah said that there are quite a number of them, which should be best tackled at a time.

"This is our hope. This is what we are working for," he added.

Malaysia and Singapore on Tuesday inked the agreement to put to rest a dispute arising from Singapore's land reclamation activities along the eastern and western parts of the Straits of Johor.

Under the agreement, Singapore will revise its reclamation plans to protect sea currents and will pay funds for maintenance works at Tanjung Belungkor Jetty in Johor as well as compensation for loss of Malaysian fishermen due to the reclamation works.

The deal also allows Singapore to continue reclamation works in the straits, while cooperating with Malaysia to ensure navigational safety and environmental protection.

Expanding on the matter further, Abdullah said Malaysia has always preferred to patch up differences with other countries through diplomatic means as far as possible rather than letting things to be settled by the international court of law. "This is the best approach. When diplomacy fails, then only we'll have to find other approaches," he added. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Picture released by the US Army on 27 April, 2005 shows a dust storm across the western desert of Iraq on 26 April, 2005. The storm spawned near the border of Syria and Jordan, leaving a heavy sheet of dust in its wake. — *INTERNET*

India test-fires home grown surface-to-air missile

NEW DELHI, 27 April— India successfully test-fired its home grown *Trishul* short-range surface-to-air missile on Tuesday from a military base in India's eastern coast state of Orissa.

The missile was fired at 1:50 pm from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur-on-sea, *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted ITR officials as saying.

An ITR official described the test as a routine one and said it was intended to gauge the missile's accuracy and various other parameters.

The Defence Research and Development Organization has developed the solid fuel propellant missile, which is three metres long and 200 centimetres in diameter. The missile can deliver a 15-kilo warhead over a nine-kilometre range.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Philippine Senate majority leader urges stronger ties with China

MANILA, 27 April— Philippine Senate majority leader Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan on Tuesday called for strengthening the country's ties with China during the state visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to the Philippines on 26-28 April.

Senator Pangilinan, who had authored the resolution that invited President Hu to address the Joint Session of Congress on Wednesday, expressed his hope that the 30-year-old diplomatic relations between the two countries remain strong and will promote greater political understanding and mutual trust.

The resolution had also noted that President Hu's state visit symbolizes that the two countries are united in their commitment to promote peace, understanding and stability in the Asia-Pacific Region, and to undertake initiatives that will strengthen their cooperation in trade, defence and security.

Pangilinan also hopes that Wednesday's meeting with President Hu will rejuvenate support for

China's more meaningful engagement with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"Chinese President Hu Jintao's state visit serves as a fitting commemoration of Philippine-Chinese 30th year as diplomatic allies and reliable partners in the Asia-Pacific Region. I understand that it was on 30 June, 1975, that the Philippines and China signed a Joint Communique that formally established diplomatic relations between our countries. The Joint Communique contained a Philippine declaration recognizing the People's Republic of China as the sole government of China. This was the beginning of the Philippines' One-China Policy in our diplomatic relations," Pangilinan said.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers from the 1st Battalion 5th Infantry stop an Iraqi man to check his documents in a street in the Palestine district in the restive city of Mosul, 400 kilometres north of Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

Malaysia, Indonesia agree to reduce tension

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 April— A Malaysian leader on Tuesday clarified that Malaysian and Indonesian Navy commanders had agreed to reduce tension in the disputed oil field in the Sulawesi Sea.

They had also agreed to ensure that the incident where their vessels "brushed" against each other would not recur again, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak told reporters in Seremban, central Malaysia. On 8 April, a Malaysian Navy vessel brushed against an Indonesian warship in the disputed area prompting the governments of both countries to exchange protest notes.

Following that, Malaysian Navy Chief Mohamed Anwar Mohamed Nor and his Indonesian counterpart, Vice-Admiral Slamet Subidyanto, met in Batam recently in order to prevent simi-

lar incident.

"But there is no specific understanding that only one ship is to be deployed there at any one time," he said when asked to comment on an international media report which quoted Indonesia as denying the existence of an agreement on the matter. He said although there was no specific accord, the Indonesian Navy was seen to have deployed only one patrol vessel in the area off late in tandem with the spirit to reduce tension.

The Malaysian Navy would reciprocate in a similar manner, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Dutchman arrested for illegal drugs in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 April — Indonesian authorities have arrested a Dutch citizen, Marcus Aizal, for allegedly involvement in importing illegal drug, media report said on Tuesday.

The Dutch citizen was captured for carrying 35,000 amphetamine. He was arrested after the Indonesian police and intelligence found out the amphetamine sent from Netherlands to an address in Central Jakarta, where Aizal was living, the Kompas Cyber Media said.

Indonesia has implemented a fierce war on drugs. Former Indonesian president Megawati Sukarnoputri announced a fierce war on drugs in 2002. She called for the execution of all drug dealers. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono supports her determination.—*MNA/Xinhua*

S Korean exports to world hit record

SEOUL, 27 April— South Korean exports made up a record share of total global exports in 2004, helped by a pickup in the world economy, a local trade association said on Tuesday, according to *Yonhap*.

The country's overseas shipments accounted for 2.78 per cent of total world exports last year, the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) said. South Korea was the world's 12th-largest exporter.

South Korean imports

accounted for 2.37 per cent of the world's total while its trade volume made up 2.57 per cent, it said, citing data by the World Trade Organization.

South Korea was the 13th-biggest importer and had the world's 12th-larg-

est trade volume last year, according to the association.

Global trade in goods posted a strong annual growth rate of 20.7 per cent last year, pointing to a rebound in the global economy.

MNA/Xinhua



Vice-Chairman of MTV Networks Bill Roedy (R) and Vice-General Manager of China Mobile Lu Xiangdong press a button to mark the start of the cooperation between Viacom and China Mobile, in Beijing on 27April, 2005. —INTERNET

US, Italy yet to agree on report over Italian agent's death

WASHINGTON, 27 April— The United States and Italy have not reached a final agreement on an investigation report over the killing of an Italian intelligence agent last month by American troops, US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on Tuesday.

"My latest information is they have not come to a final agreement on a joint report," Rumsfeld said at a regular Pentagon briefing. "It was done together, intimately, and I think that we'll just have to wait and see what they come out with."

Local media reports quoted an unnamed US Army official as saying Monday that investigation would clear the American soldiers who fired on the car carrying Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari on 4 March.

The investigation concluded American soldiers generally followed instructions and "not culpable," the official said, noting that Italy disagrees with the findings in the preliminary report.

General Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also said at the Pentagon briefing that the report was not final yet. "We haven't seen the report," he said.

Calipari was escorting Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena to Baghdad Airport after she was released by Iraqi militants when his car was fired upon by American soldiers at a checkpoint. He was killed while trying to shield Sgrena from the bullets.

MNA/Xinhua

Prevalence of peace, ...

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quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his visit in Kachin State in April 1995, as saying, "Kachin State lacked development due to absence of regional peace for many years. Efforts should be made with might and main for development of the state. As peace is prevailing in the region at present, it is time officials and locals strove for increased production with the use of natural resources." Thus, Shwebo-Myitkyina road has been upgraded to all-weather road. Since 1996, it has become a strategic road on the west bank of Ayeyawady River. Completion of new bridges—Kyundaw, Hopin, Mogaung and Mohnyin bridges—have helped facilitate transport on the road. In addition, the commissioning of the new Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Shwegu-Bhamo-Myitkyina road on the east bank has opened one more gateway to the state. And the upgraded Bhamo-Namhkam, Bhamo-Ciu, and Mabein-Momeik roads have improved the transport between Kachin and Shan states. In addition to the roads linking the state with other parts of the nation, Myitkyina-Somprabum-Putao, Namti-Tanai-Nanyun, Mogaung-Pakhant, and Palamon-Hkamti roads have been upgraded into all-weather roads to facilitate transport within the Kachin State. Tatmadawmen are taking part in the task together with



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water on stone plaque of Kyundaw Bridge (Mogaung) in Mogaung Township.— MNA



verance and energetic efforts of the locals, Kachin State has been achieving sustainable development every year. Prevalence of peace and stability and the rule of law in the state have paved the way for the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw to develop multi sectors that are now bearing fruits being enjoyed by the local nationalities including Kachin, Shan, Bamar, Jainphaw. As the government is building development infrastructures in every part of the nation, and the locals of the respective regions are working hard, all the states and divisions are achieving harmo-

nious development.

Based on the sound foundations, the Government laid down and is materializing the seven-point Road Map for smooth transition to democracy and transferring the sovereign power to the people, who are the rightful owners. All the nationalities living in seven states and seven divisions should make harmonious efforts for national development and modernization, emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic state, and perpetuation of the Union.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening ceremony of Kyundaw Bridge (Mogaung) in Mogaung Township.— MNA

employees of Public Works. Kachin state now has 13 major bridges. In the past the main roads are running only from the north to the south of the nation. But the Government has built a network of motor roads and railroads including bridges on them. The newly built roads have become Union Highways facilitating the transport of the nationalities and strengthening their unity.

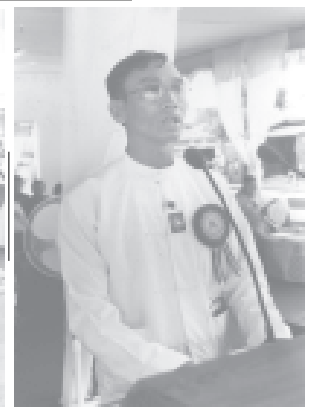
Armed insurgency has ended in the state, and thanks to the regional peace and the strength of peace, understanding, sympathy and cooperation among the nationalities, Kachin State has been witnessing development in all sectors including the economy. Moreover, because of the ardent and harmonious efforts of the local farmers, service personnel and entrepreneurs, food production in Kachin State has exceeded the local requirement. Thanks to the correct policy, encouragement and assistance of the Government, constant field supervision of the local authorities, and unity, perse-



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.— MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.— MNA



U Tin Htay of East Ward in Mogaung Township.— MNA

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun said that Kachin State now has 1,629 miles of roads, up 158 miles from 1,471 miles in 1988. The Kyundaw Bridge will directly benefit over 150,000 people living in the ten wards, 34 village-tracts, and 74 villages in Mogaung Township. Moreover it will facilitate passenger and freight transport.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe said that Kyundaw Bridge is included in the infrastructures for harmonious development of the nation. A local thanked the Government for the bridge. The Secretary-1 unveiled the stone plaque and the commander and minister formally opened the bridge. The Secretary-1, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and the minister sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, officials, social organizations, students and local people totalling over 3,500. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Kyundaw Bridge (Mogaung).— MNA



Newly opened Kyundaw Bridge (Mogaung) across Nantyin Creek in Mogaung Township, Kachin State.— MNA

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects regional development tasks of Shan State (South)

YANGON, 28 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, arrived at Panglong yesterday morning and inspected the building of Maha Ratthabhi Sameggi Pagoda, the Shwedagon Pagoda replica and the development tasks of Panglong.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the project, Project Engineer U Tint Lwin reported on the progress of building the pagoda and the commander gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Director of Shan State Development Affairs Committee gave a report on the arrangements for growing Bo trees and flowery plants in the precinct of the pagoda.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander handed over K 1.8 million donated by regiments and units of the Eastern Command for the building of the pagoda to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented the certificate of honour.

At the construction site of the pagoda, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe was conducted by the commander and party round the site. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe left instructions on the completion of the tasks as targeted.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe

and party proceeded to Panglong and met with state/district/township departmental heads, local people and social organizations at the meeting hall of township office. After hearing the reports on regional development tasks and the cultivation of crops, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe donated K 100,000 each for Panglong Township 25-bed Hospital and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association. — MNA

Rules announced for Olympic Sports and Literary Competitions

YANGON, 28 April — The Olympic Sports and Literary Organizing Committee will hold the Olympic Sports and Literary Competitions for students at university, degree college, college and institute level and basic education level. The competitions will be categorized three age-wise levels — the under-12 age level for 5th to 7th standard students, the 12-18 age level for 8th to 10th standard students and the above-19 age level for university students. Any contestant may take part in the essay competition with one of the titles — excelling oneself, fair play, joy in effort, respect for others and balance between body and mind.

The level-1 and level-2 competitions will be held at basic education schools from 8 am to 11 am on 7 May 2005 and the level-3 competition at university, degree college, college and institute at 8 am to 11 am on 8 May. The essay must not exceed 7,500 words. Any contestant may take part in the one entry for one level. Contestants may contact respective education centres for further information. — MNA



Police Major Aung Than gives lecture to MwAF members in Shwelinban Industrial Zone of Hlinethaya Township.— MNA

Talks on prevention of trafficking in persons held

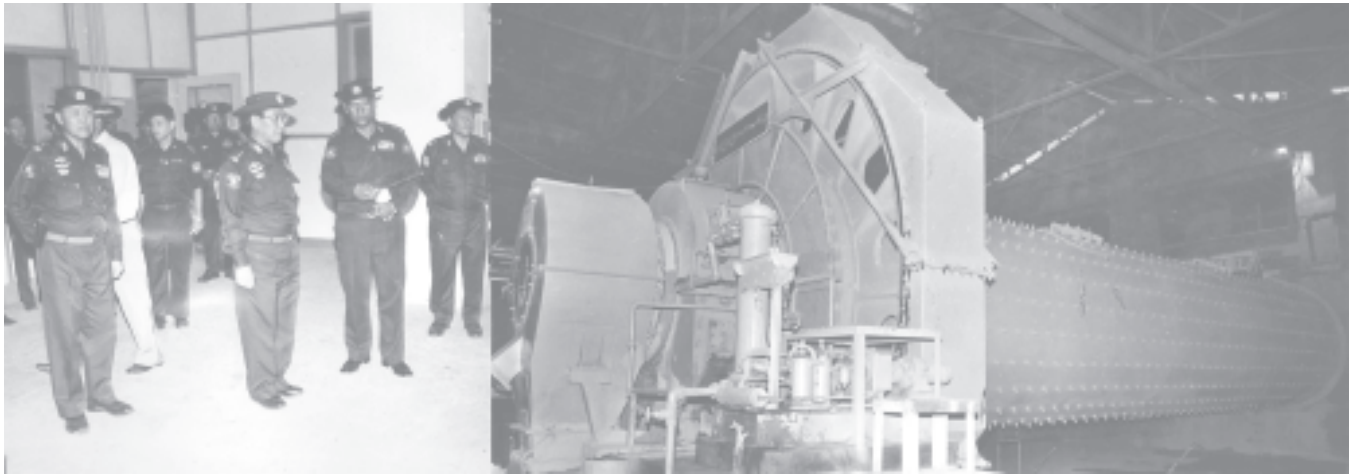
YANGON, 28 April — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Working Group for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons, talks on prevention of trafficking in persons took place at Kanaung Hall in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District this morning, attended by Leader of Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Women Daw Khin Aye and

Deputy Leader Daw Khin Myo Myint, Leader of Working Subgroup for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Daw Khin May Soe and members, Leader of Working Subgroup for Prevention of Violence Against Women Prof Daw Htay Htay, Leader of Working Subgroup for Rehabilitation and Resettlement Daw Kyi Kyi Mya, members of Yangon Division and Yangon North District WAF, members of

Hlinethaya Township WGPTP and 200 women staff of ten factories in Shwelinban Industrial Zone.

Working Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Joint-Secretary Police-Maj Aung Than and Prof Daw Htay Htay gave a lecture on the conflicts of trafficking in persons, the prevention of trafficking and salient points violence against women.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects raw material crusher No 2 of Kyangin Cement Plant.— MNA

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in accord with the Head of State's guidance. So, all possible ways and means are to be sought for enabling the major State-run factories to run at full capacity.

The Prime Minister said that in his recent inspection tour of Kyawsa Fertilizer Factory, he attended

The chairman of Kyangin Township PDC reported on salient points about the region, implementation of the five rural development tasks, land utilization, agriculture, livestock, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, cold season crops, and perennial crops, sufficiency of rice by 144 per cent and edible oil crops by 230 per cent, measures for better transport and regional development, and requirements.

The Prime Minister provided necessary assistance

ministries individually for the production of the State-owned factories to reach maximum point.

The government with lofty aims is shouldering the nation-building tasks through the 12 national objectives. The national progress is remarkable and there emerges a dam or a river-crossing bridge monthly.

The a rapid national development is due to harmonious cooperation between departments, social organizations, and the people adhering to the correct policies of the government.

However, at a time when the nation is making cumulative progress owing to the concerted efforts of the government and the people upholding the Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty—in accord with the 12 objectives, certain destructive elements are resorting to all possible wicked means to harm Our Three Main National Causes and to cause hindrance to national development.

He said that it is incumbent upon the entire national people to overcome all forms of the destructive acts according to the people's desires.

Now, the entire national people including the national races groups that returned to the legal fold are shaping the nation's future through discussions for smooth transition to democracy.

In addition, the government is taking measures for raising the health, social and education standards of the people to put the nation on the correct path to democracy.

He spoke of the need for state service personnel and ward and village administrative bodies who are implementing the State's policies and programmes to carry out community welfare services in accordance with the government's efforts and noble aims, while living with the people in unison.

If the departmental officials and the people are homogeneous and able to translate the State's objectives into reality through correct efforts, there will emerge a society with higher living standard that conforms with transition to democracy.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects machine parts produced at Kyangin Cement Plant.— MNA

to the needs for ensuring full-capacity operation of the factories, maintenance of machinery, full electricity supply, and seeking ways to obtain assistance of other related departments and enterprises in repairing the machinery. The purpose of this inspection tour is to fulfil the requirements for Kyangin Cement Plant to run at full capacity.

Next, the Prime Minister held a meeting with division level officials, local authorities, members of social organizations and townsenders at the factory.

for education, health and transport sectors and regional progress, saying that the purpose of the meeting with the officials, service personnel, social organizations and townsenders was to fulfil requirements for enabling the Kyangin Cement Plant to maximize its production capacity, and for regional development.

Measures are being taken for enabling related departments and enterprises to exert combined efforts, rather than implementation of the tasks by the



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win views functions of Kazunxhon river water pumping project in Myanaung Township.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win hears reports on matters related to Kyangin Cement Plant by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang at its hall.— MNA

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In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on all to endeavour to catch up with the improving systems and changes in carrying out the nation-building undertakings.

line of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise near Seiktha Village on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on production and distribution of natural gas in the entire nation, installation of oil and gas pipelines, progress of installation of Ayeyawady River crossing Pyay-Seiktha pipeline and maintenance works.

MOGE installed Pyay-Seiktha pipeline crossing

the project and matters related to Ngapiseik and Kazunkhon river water pumping projects in Myanaung Township, Myogwin river water pumping project in Hinthada Township and Dahka river water pumping project in Kyaunggon Township. Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave supplementary reports.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win gives instructions to officials of Kanyin Dam Project.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win gives instructions to Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on installation of oil and gas pipelines.— MNA

The Prime Minister and party inspected limestone quarry, five miles from the plant and functions of Gyrotory Crusher that can crush 300 tons of stone per hour. It is estimated that the limestone deposit at 300 feet deep level will have 49 million tons and that at ground level between 110 feet and 300 feet deep, 41 million tons. The Kyangin Cement Plant had taken out 10.2 million tons of limestone from 1975-76 to date. As about 80 million tons of limestone remains at the deposit, the plant can take out the resources from the deposit for about 147 years.

Furthermore, about 11-million-ton Natmeetaung Limestone Deposit, two miles from Kyangin Limestone Deposit, is designated as the reserved deposit of the plant.

Next, the Prime Minister and party oversaw installation of Ayeyawady River crossing Pyay-Seiktha pipe-

Ayeyawady River for distributing natural gas to Myanaung Power Plant, Kyangin Cement Plant and Seiktha Methanol Plant through Pyay oil field.

Next, they arrived at Ngapiseik river water pumping project near Ngapiseik Village of Myanaung Township. Director-General U Win Shwe of Water Resource Utilization Department submitted reports on facts about

On completion of the Ngapiseik river water pumping project, a total of 21,000 acres of land can be put under various crops and the project can irrigate 7,000 acres of land under summer paddy, pulses and beans and edible oil crops. So, the project can contribute towards the triple-cropping.



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets departmental officials, local authorities, social organization members and townsenders at Kyangin Cement Plant.— MNA

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After leaving necessary instructions, the Prime Minister inspected progress of the Ngapiseik river water pumping project. On completion, a total of 21,000 acres of land can be put under various crops as double cropping and the project can irrigate 7,000 acres of land under summer paddy, pulses and beans and edible oil crops. So, the project can contribute towards the triple-cropping.

They proceeded to Ngawun Bridge (Myogwin) construction project on Hinthada-Myogwin-Kwinkauk Road. Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein briefed the Prime Minister on progress of bridge projects in Ayeyawady Division.

Officials of Public Works reported on matters concerning the Ngawun Bridge (Myogwin) Project and matters related to the bridge. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave supplementary reports.

Ngawun Bridge (Myogwin) will be 2,800 feet long and 34 feet wide and it will have 28 feet wide motor road and 3 feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

At Myogwin river water pumping project, 20 miles from Hinthada, Director-General U Win Shwe of WRUD explained matters related to the project that can benefit 9,000 acres of land. The commander and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than reported on cultivation of edible oil crops and pulses and beans with the use of irrigated water.

Ngawun Bridge (Myogwin) will be 2,800 feet long and 34 feet wide and it will have 28 feet wide motor road and 3 feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The Prime Minister inspected progress of the project. On completion of the project, it can irrigate monsoon paddy, pulses and beans and edible crops and summer paddy on 9,000 acres of land for triple cropping.

They went to Kazunkhon river water pumping project, six miles from Myanaung Township. Director-General U Win Shwe of WRUD, the minister and



USDA Secretary-General Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with executives of Hinthada District and Kyangin and Myanaung Township USDAs.— MNA

paddy plantations.

At Kyangin Cement Plant, the Prime Minister inspected machinery parts of the plant, No 2 Raw Materials Crusher, No 2 and No 3 Finished Products Crushers, equipment for the kiln and others.

The Cement Plant can produce 364,800 tons of cement a year during 300 working days. Now, the plant is making efforts for meeting the target of 360,000 tons of cement in 2005-2006 financial year.

After attending the opening ceremony of Kunchaung Dam on 27 April morning, the Prime Minister and party headed for Ma Mya Dam Project site near Hmyinwataung Village of Myanaung Township. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on dams and sluice gates under construction in the division. Deputy Director-General U Khin Zaw of Irrigation Department reported on facts about the dam project. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing also submitted reports on accelerating cultivation tasks with the use of facilities from river water pumping projects and sluice gate projects.

The Prime Minister inspected progress of implementing the dam project. The dam will be 11,800 feet long and 150 feet high. It can irrigate 10,000 acres of land. At present, construction of the dam was completed by 45 per cent.

On arrival at Kanyin Dam project site, the Prime Minister heard reports on matters related to the project by officials. The Prime Minister attended to the needs. Next, he gave instructions to officials and

staff. He said that the Government is implementing various plans for uplift of living standard of the people. A large sum of money has been spent on development tasks for the sake of the nation and the people. That is why efficient use of finance and fuel is to be practised for minimizing loss and wastage in implementing the projects. He acknowledged that government employees facing difficulties are discharging their duties in the remote areas. The Government relies on skills and goodwill of the employees. The service personnel are to take pride in their work for public welfare and to participate in minimizing loss and wastage of the work sites.

Kanyin Dam is of earth type and it will store 148,800 acre-feet of water at the highest level and irrigate 25,000 acres of farmland.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister and party arrived back here.

On 26 April evening, USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung, who accompanied the Prime Minister, met with executives of Hinthada District, Kyangin and Myanaung Township USDAs at Kyangin Township USDA Office. They explained the aims, tasks and organizational matters of the association and carrying out of five rural development tasks.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with staff of Kyangin Township IPRD at its

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office on 26 April night. Heads of Kyangin and Myanaung Township IPRDs reported on their tasks. After attending to the needs, the minister said that the plan is being implemented in order to establish all village self-reliant libraries in 2005-2006. Therefore, staff are to cooperate with local authorities for establishment of the libraries in the schedule time, to maintain durability of the libraries, to organize local people to have reading practice, to make efforts for development of the library, to fix reasonable price for borrowing books, to prepare the wall magazine with latest knowledge and information and to organize use of TV and radio in every village and household.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets with officials of Kyangin Township IPRD.— MNA

the commander presented reports related to the project. The Prime Minister met with local farmers and explained plans of the Government for regional development and uplift of living standard of the local farmers. He added that thanks to Ngapiseik, Kazunkhon, Myogwin and Myitkyo river water pumping projects and Kun Creek, Ma Mya Creek, Kanyin Creek and Nankathu dam projects, about 100,000 acres of land can be irrigated the whole year round. So, local farmers are to make efforts for their cultivation tasks under the plans of the Government for uplift of their socio-economic life. He urged the local farmers to carry out cultivation tasks with the use of heavy machinery, and officials to fulfill requirements of the farmers.

On completion, the project can irrigate 5,000 acres of crops each for triple-cropping a year. The Prime Minister and party viewed thriving summer

2005 Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group-IV continues

YANGON, 28 April — The 2005 Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group-IV Tennis Tournament, hosted by the Union of Myanmar, continued at the Theinbyu Tennis Court, here, this morning.

Among the spectators were Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials of Ministry of Sports, President of Myanmar Tennis Federation Dr Tin Aung Lin, and guests.

In today's matches, Oman beat Jordan 3-1; UAE beat Kirgystan 2-1; Syria beat Turkmenistan 3-0; Singapore beat Myanmar 3-0.

Third day matches continue at the same venue at 9 am tomorrow.

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Mya Ayeya market vessel due to leave for Mandalay May 10

YANGON, 28 April — Voyage No 1 of Mya Ayeya market vessel of Commodity Division of Inland Water Transport will leave No 6 Botahtaung Jetty for Mandalay on Tuesday, 10 May.

Those wishing to sell commodities on board the vessel may contact the Commodity Division on Botahtaung Market Road or dial 292199 and 292319. Those in district areas may contact IWT Township Managers of Maubin, Danubyu, Hinthada, Myanaung, Kyangin, Pyay, Thayet, Aunglan and Magway Townships.— MNA

"Trees of plenty" on the west bank of Ayeyawady River

Aung (Sethmu)

I often see Uncle Ohn (Pakokku U Ohn Pe) as he is a central committee member of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA) and I am a member of the MWJA Central Body. Every time we meet our discussions focus on literature, writers, libraries and regional affairs. The following is our discussion on the progress of the entire west bank of Ayeyawady River, native land of Uncle Ohn who was in Yangon to attend a meeting.

Aung: You are a model in carrying out social welfare tasks for developing your own native land.

Uncle Ohn: It's not that much. If what I have done is compared with that of the Head of State, mine is nothing.

Aung: Yes, all the nationalities are glad to see the Government implementing the border areas development undertakings, the rural development tasks and 24-development zone project for harmonious advancement of the entire nation.

Uncle Ohn: In addition, the inspections of the development projects made by the Head of State and his arrangements to give impetus to the projects are the driving force behind the national progress.

Aung: So, the guidance given by the Head of State during his inspection tours are work guidelines for all.

Uncle Ohn: Absolutely

correct. In one of his inspection tours, he gave guidance, saying, "There can be difficulties and hardships in carrying out development undertakings. The current efforts and sacrifices will bring benefits to the present-day people to a certain degree. And they will contribute to the further improvement of the living standard of the posterity. Hence, all should work with goodwill." His guidance clearly shows his high vision and goodwill.

Aung: By the way, the Government is quick in implementing the rural development tasks laid down by the Head of State. The scenes of rural developments I have seen during my tour of Pwintbyu are unbelievable for me. I have witnessed the sustainable developments all along the journey.

Uncle Ohn: In the past, rural development was just a dream. As 70 per cent of the population are living in the rural areas, the national development needs the rural development. In this regard, the Head of State has given guidance on paying attention to the five rural development tasks covering the work of developing the economy, health and education of the rural people, supplying adequate amount of clean water, and improving the transport sector.

Aung: In addition, the Government has designated the 22 regions including 68 townships where 10 per cent of the nation's population live as border areas covered by the development projects. Thanks to the Government's efforts in implementing the projects, firm infrastructures for economy, education, health and transport have emerged.

Uncle Ohn: In the past our nation had backward regions. It was a common knowledge the whole west bank of the Ayeyawady including my native place was backward. And that is the reason why the Head of State has urged the national people to double and even to triple their efforts for progress of the entire Union.

Aung: No one can deny the constant efforts of the Tatmadaw Government led by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in the service of the people's interest. See, the Head of State has also given guidance, saying, "We have already set up necessary infrastructure for national development. We must use the infrastructure for continued progress of the nation. We must have a goal — a peaceful, modern and developed nation."

Uncle Ohn: I like the word "No one can deny" so much. The mighty Ayeyawady River is flowing over 1,000 miles from



A Winthuza shop where products of the Industry-1 Ministry are available at reasonable prices.

north to south in the nation, and in some cases posing as a barrier, diving the land into east bank and west bank. The transport between the two banks was rather difficult in the past, and it was the main reason behind the entire west bank's backwardness. As the Head of State knows the reason, he has given guidance to lay down and implement projects one after another for rapid development of the west bank. And because of the bridges crossing the Ayeyawady, our whole region has been witnessing development in all aspects.

Aung: You are right. In the past we had to cross the Ayeyawady on board the Z-craft if we wished to go pilgrimage to Shwesettaw Pagoda or visit Patheingyi. But they were just nightmares of the past. In addition to the bridges, the river water pumping stations erected according to the guidance of the Head of State are helping green our dry west bank and conduct multiple-cropping in it.

Uncle Ohn: In the past, my native town, Pakokku, was a remote region, with poor transport, facing backwardness in education, economic and social sectors. But now the people are free from poverty, thanks to the rapid regional development

achieved in the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

Aung: In addition to bridges and roads, I have seen diversion weirs, reservoirs in many places of the west bank during my tour of the area. A number of over-180-foot bridges have helped facilitate the transport in the region.

Uncle Ohn: Ah, government technological colleges, government computer colleges, hospitals, dispensaries, TV retransmission stations, tube wells, and electricity generation projects are the symbols of the west bank's progress.

Aung: Talks about the national development will not be complete without the inclusion of the State-owned and private industries and industrial zones.

Uncle Ohn: Oh, concerning the issue, I wish you to start the discussions as you are a columnist contributing industrial development articles in the dailies. I never forget the industrial sector. OK, let's start discussing it.

Aung: Industrial sector plays a key role in building a new and developed nation. Thus, the Head of State has laid down objectives and policies for transition to agro-based industrial nation, and made arrangements to materialize them. Thus, the industrial sector has witnessed sustainable development

within a short period. Nineteen industrial zones have emerged in the nation as the Government has reallocated the scattering industries at the suitable designated places.

Uncle Ohn: Well, our west bank now has Shwebo Industrial Zone, Kalay Industrial Zone and Pakokku Industrial Zone. In my native land Pakokku, there are 247 private industries and their capital is K 477.06 million. Their annual production value is nearly K 550 million. They are manufacturing new brands of goods and even assembling jeeps.

Aung: Because of the Government's systematic projects, 192 new State-owned industries emerged and the total number has reached 833. There are 8,463 new generation private industries, and if the cottage industries are added, the total number of private industries is 42,793. The nation is enjoying 20 per cent development in the industrial sector because of the rise in the number and production volume of the private industries.

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Turkey to increase exports to Afghanistan

ANKARA, 27 April — Turkey aims to increase exports to Afghanistan to 100 million US dollars in 2005 and to 250 million dollars in five years, Turkish State Minister Kursad Tuzmen said Tuesday.

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Annan nominates Turkish ex-minister to head UNDP

UNITED NATIONS, 27 April—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday named Kemal Dervis, a former finance minister of Turkey and former senior World Bank official, as his preferred candidate for the post of Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

"I believe Kemal Dervis would make an outstanding Administrator of UNDP," Annan said in a letter to the President of the Executive Board of the UNDP. "I chose him from an outstanding array of global candidates."

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Class 11: Water closets, bath fittings, gas water heaters, hand drying apparatus for washrooms, heating and drying apparatus for bathroom, water purifying apparatus, solar water heaters, accessories for bathtubs and bathroom, water valves, showers, ball taps (parts of water closet tank), level controlling valves in tanks, parts of water closet tank, water treatment tanks for household purposes, toilet stool units, toilet stool units with a washing warm water squitter, toilet bowls, urinals (sanitary fixtures), auto washing apparatus for toilet bowls and urinals, aerators (bubble makers fixed to faucets), water-supply pipes for sanitary installations, water controls installations, pipes (parts of sanitary installations), safety valves (parts of sanitary installations), decompression valves (parts of sanitary installations), water stopping valves (parts of sanitary installations), automatic seat paper dispenser, wash-hand basins (parts of sanitary installations), automatic wash-hand bowls (parts of sanitary installations), wash-hand basins (parts of sanitary installations), bathtubs, faucets, shower bath, gas burner, flush valves, bidets, shower pans, HID lamps and other lamps.

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Class 21: Holders of paper for toilet seat, liquid soap holders, toilet paper holders, chamber pots, water apparatus for cleaning teeth and gums, dust bins, dishes for soap, soap dispensers, boxes of metal, for dispensing paper towels, cleaning instruments (hand operated) baby baths (portable), hand rails, not of metal, dials incorporated with anti-farrishing chemicals for vehicle windows."

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NOTICE

It is found out that some members (Myanmars/Foreigners) of the City Golf Resort, Yangon City Development Committee have failed to pay their monthly fees. According to paragraph (9) of the rules and regulations of the City Golf Resort, those members (Myanmars/Foreigners) who fail to pay their monthly fees for a period of one year and over shall cease to be a member of the Resort, and so they are kindly requested to come and clear their outstanding dues at our Reception Counter from (30-4-2005) until (30-5-2005). If failed to do so, it is hereby notified that their membership shall be annulled in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City Golf Resort. [N.B. The list of members (Myanmars/Foreigners) who fail to pay their monthly fees can be seen on the noticeboard at the City Golf Resort.]

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Indian conservation scientist wins Whitley Gold Award

LONDON, 27 April — Eminent Indian conservationist Charudutt Mishra has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award, British top conservation award, for his work to save the last of the snow leopards of the Himalayan high altitudes from extinction.

Mishra was chosen for the honour, which carries a cash prize of 60,000 pounds, from a shortlist of ten finalists from India, Nepal, Belize, Colombia, Mexico, Costa Rica and Africa, Edward Whitley, Founder and Chairman of the Whitley Fund for Nature, said here on Monday. "He (Mishra) has had marked success with his project work in the Himalayan high altitudes,

reducing the numbers of snow leopards killed as a result of growing tensions between predators and local communities. But for this, he has also set up his own NGO with other very capable young Indian conservationists who are spearheading efforts to protect wildlife and habitats across India," he said. Whitley said the 34-year-old conservationist's innovation and drive have

MNA/PTI



Nokia unveiled new premium phones on 27 April, 2005 that included one with an MP3 music player, the N91 (L), that it said will outsell Apple's iPod and a camera phone, the N90, that it forecast will surpass Canon, the world's top digital camera maker. —INTERNET

NASA places order with Danish high-tech company

STOCKHOLM, 27 April — NASA placed a major order for radar equipment from Weibel Scientific, a high-tech company located north of Copenhagen, Ritzau news bureau reported on Tuesday.

Danish radar technology is expected to play an important role in the upcoming Discovery Space Shuttle mission for NASA. Radar systems developed by Weibel Scientific will play a crucial role in the mission. The company relies upon a team of 40 engineers to develop advanced radar systems and the software to manage them. — MNA/Xinhua

Poll suggests Bush off to difficult start in second term

WASHINGTON, 27 April — A wide-ranging survey published Tuesday suggested that US President George W Bush is off to a difficult start in his second term, with a precipitous decline in support for the centrepiece of his Social Security plan and drops in his performance ratings.

Despite the fact that Bush and other administration officials have been stumping the country in a 60-day blitz to mobilize support for his Social Security reform plan, a bare majority, or 51 per cent of the surveyed, opposed the plan, while 45 per cent supported it, The Washington Post-ABC News poll showed.

The key of the Social Security reform plan is to set up private or personal accounts.

The poll also registered drops in key Bush performance ratings, growing pessimism about the economy and continuing concern about US involvement in Iraq. Bush's overall job approval rating stood at 47 per cent, matching his all-time low in Washing-

ton Post-ABC News polls. Half disapproved of the job he is doing as president.

On several other key measures of performance, Bush's standing with the public was at or near new lows, with less than half of the public supporting the way he is handling the economy, energy policy and Iraq. Almost six in 10 said the United States has gotten bogged down in Iraq.

Bush continues to get strong marks on his handling of the campaign against terrorism, with 56 per cent supporting his actions, down five points since January. But the survey also found that the sluggish economy has eclipsed terrorism on the public's list of top priorities, fueling Bush's drop in the polls. — MNA/Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "YANGON STAR" VOY NO (377)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "YANGON STAR" Voy No (377) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-4-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Professor's call for China's state heritage agency applauded

BEIJING, 27 April — The call from a prestigious Beijing University professor for the establishment of a state agency to run and protect heritage sites and scenic spots has been applauded by worldwide experts at a symposium on landscaping and gardening in Beijing.

Xie Ninggao, dean of the university's world heritage research centre, proposed that all heritage sites and scenic spots be placed under the jurisdiction of a central government agency instead of local governments, the Beijing Youth Daily reported on Monday.

"It's high time to reform our management system of heritage sites," said Xie, who has led research projects and masterminded planning of more than 20 heritage sites across the country. "Some sites are run by dozens of organizations

at once, mainly for commercial purposes". Consequently, man-made facilities have blurred natural scenery and commercial activities ranging from the sale of souvenirs to the lease of land destroyed the cultural atmosphere at many heritage sites, Xie was quoted as saying.

He said it is the internationally accepted practice to put heritage sites and scenic spots under the direct jurisdiction of the central government. "The Canadian Government, for example, has a special agency for heritage protection". — MNA/Xinhua

HK Disneyland Resort Line Train unveiled

HONG KONG, 27 April — Hong Kong Disneyland and the MTR Corporation on Monday unveiled the Disneyland Resort Line Train, which will bring guests to the heart of the magic at China's first Disney theme park, set to open on 12 September, this year.

The MTR Disneyland Resort Line, which comprises two new stations — Sunny Bay Station and Disneyland Resort Station — and whimsical Disney-themed trains, were exclusively designed by the MTR Corporation in conjunction with Disney's imagineers.

Today's Disneyland Resort Line Train unveiling at Sunny Bay Station marks the very first dedicated train line for a Disney theme park anywhere in the world and will offer Hong Kong Disneyland guests an exciting and convenient journey.

MNA/Xinhua

US prison population reaches new high

WASHINGTON, 27 April — The US prison population, the largest in the world, has risen further, with one in 138 residents of the country now in jail, new government statistics released Monday showed.

There were more than 2.1 million US citizens in jail by last 30 June, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said.

The prison population has grown by about 900 inmates each week between mid-2003 and mid-2004, according to the figures. It means the incarceration rate reached a record of 726 people for every 100,000 residents.

The Justice Policy Institute, which advocates a more lenient system of punishment, says it is the highest rate in the world, more than five times that in Britain, and 12 times that in Japan. —MNA/Xinhua

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Ferguson could face misconduct charge

LONDON, 28 April — The English Football Association has asked Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson to clarify a remark he made after Sunday's game against Newcastle.

Ferguson said it was "sinister" that his side had not won more penalties this season after the referee Neale Barry opted to turn down Alan Smith's claims for a penalty against Newcastle.

He has until Tuesday to respond to the FA and could then face a charge of misconduct and a potential fine.

"It is getting ridiculous now. I am not sure if they are instructed but it is looking sinister to me," Ferguson told MUTV.

"That is the same referee who gave Portsmouth a penalty against us for the slightest tug by Rio Ferdinand and also denied us an absolute certainty when Louis Saha was fouled at Chelsea (in the Carling Cup semifinal).

MNA/Xinhua

FIFA says 2004 successful financial year

GENEVA, 28 April — At the halfway point of the 2003-2006 financial period, FIFA is on course to meet its targets as the organization's Centennial year of 2004 drew to a close with surplus income of 158 million Swiss francs (CHF) and an increase in equity, which now stands at CHF 238 million.

The world football's governing body can look back on a financial year with a great deal of satisfaction, FIFA said in a statement issued in Zurich, Switzerland on Tuesday.

The second quarter of the four-year period up to and including 2006 brought income of CHF 740 million and expenses of CHF 582 million, resulting in a profit of CHF 158 million according to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

When compared to 2003's result (CHF 141 million), this represents an increase of CHF 17 million (12 per cent).

In terms of income, FIFA surpassed the budgeted figure due to accelerated collection of revenue. FIFA also had its costs fully under control, despite all the celebrations marking FIFA's Centennial year in 2004. As of expenses, FIFA kept to its budgeted figures and in some cases exceeded

expectations, it said. At the end of 2004, FIFA had liquid assets amounting to CHF 439 million. This positive financial development has allowed FIFA to decide, two years before the final competition of the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany, to increase the total prize money payments for the 32 finalist teams by 38 per cent to CHF 332 million.

FIFA President Joseph

S. Blatter is delighted with FIFA's robust financial health and the outlook for the governing body. "We have taken another significant stride towards our goal of having equity of between CHF 350 and 450 million by the end of 2006. That equity, together with the results we have already posted from marketing, will further strengthen FIFA's solid financial.

MNA/Xinhua



A member of the security staff waves in front of the pack during the 1st stage, of a 166.9 km loop race from Avenches to Avenches, at the Tour de Romandie Protour cycling race, in Avenches, Switzerland, on 27 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Scholes unhappy with form

LONDON, 28 April — Paul Scholes reckons his form for Manchester United has been below expectations this season.

The 30-year-old, who retired from international duty following Euro 2004, had hoped to maintain his consistency with only club football on his mind.

Scholes' main threat is his ability to chip in with goals, but the attacking midfielder has failed to hit the ten-goal mark in The Premiership despite recent strikes.

"My performances in the league this year have not been great," he told the club's official magazine.

"I have scored 10 goals but it took me a while to get off the mark and overall I should probably be doing a lot better."

With United out of the title race Scholes has admitted he has not enjoyed the season due to the side's inability to claim silverware.

"You always enjoy the season more if you are winning things," he said.

"In the league we paid the price for not having the best of starts and in the Champions League we just didn't play well enough. "Winning the FA Cup would be a decent prize at the end of the season and I will feel a lot better if we win it, but at this club we do expect more than that."

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to host ATP event, replacing Heineken Open in Shanghai

HANOI, 28 April — Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City will host its first ATP Tour event in September, replacing the Heineken Open in Shanghai.

Ho Chi Minh City will stage the indoor tennis tournament from 26 September-2 October at the Phu Tho Sport Centre, the ATP said on Tuesday.

Two hard courts will be constructed in the 5,000-seat main stadium.

Chinese port city Shanghai won the right to host the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup for the next three years. The Tennis Masters Cup Shanghai, featuring the top eight singles and

doubles players, will be held on 13-20 November. Ho Chi Minh City previously hosted an ATP Challenger event in March.

MNA/Xinhua



Belgium's Kim Clijsters returns a ball to Russia's Maria Kirilenko during the second round of the WTA J&S Cup in Warsaw, Poland, on 27 April, 2005.—INTERNET

Newcastle held goalless by Middlesbrough

LONDON, 28 April — Middlesbrough moved two points clear of Tottenham in the fight for a UEFA Cup place by gaining a deserved point when they held Newcastle to goalless draw in an uninspiring local derby on Wednesday.

Boro keeper Brad Jones denied Newcastle a much-needed win with a superb save off a James Milner effort, and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink had earlier wasted a fine opportunity for the visitors when he chipped into Shay Given's arms.

The Magpies had the better of a dour first half but had only Milner's volley to show as the opening stages were riddled with misplaced passes, and a Charles N'Zogbia shot which was blasted over.

Graeme Souness recalled Kieron Dyer after suspension and injury, and the England midfielder had an early penalty chance waved away by referee Mark Halsey after a fine surge into the area.

Just after the half hour mark Newcastle's hopes suffered a blow when Dyer suffered a recurrence of

his hamstring strain and was replaced by Shola Ameobi.

Boro came back stronger after the break with a Ray Parlour cross hit just wide by Slovakian international Szilard Nemeth.

But Newcastle showed the fatigue of their eighth game in 25 days, before they slowly awoke

from their slumber and N'Zogbia shot wide before Milner unleashed his strike.

Darren Ambrose did his best to try and set up a late winner and Alan Shearer crossed for N'Zogbia to fire over in the dying seconds, but in the end they had to settle for a point.

MNA/Xinhua

FIFA titles Pano with Albanian Football Player of Century

TIRANA, 28 April — The former Albanian football star Panajot Pano received Wednesday in Tirana the title of Albanian Football Player of the Century accorded by FIFA, the Albanian Telegraphic Agency (ATA) reported.

Pano got the title during a social gathering hosted by the Albanian Football Federation (FSHF) on Wednesday night in the Tirana International Hotel.

Pano used to be a great man of sports, said the Albanian Prime Minister Fatos Nano, who handed over the title to him, adding that it was hard to be another like him.

"I am happy at this estimation and I would like to dedicate this to the public that has supported me and all the coaches who have trained me to make me be what I am," Pano was quoted by the ATA as saying.

According to the president of the FSHF Armand Duka, the title for Pano, extended by FIFA in the framework of its 100th anniversary, was proposed by the FSHF. Meanwhile, Pano was also honoured by the Albanian President Alfred Moisiu with the title Great Master of Work, which was handed over by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports Blendi Klosi in the gathering.

The ex-forward Pano, who in his career had played for the Tirana club team and then Partizani, has become known in the international arena under the red and black colours of the Albanian national team.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippine table tennis association mulls to invite Chinese coach

MANILA, 28 April — The Philippine table tennis association is mulling to invite a Chinese coach as a measure to foster world-class athletes in the future, a local newspaper reported on Wednesday.

President of the association Victor Valbuena told Manila Bulletin that the national table netters are eyeing for no less than a gold at November's

Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) which the country hosts.

"The presence of a Chinese coach is a must if the country intends to build world-class athletes in the future," Valbuena said.

"That's why we're seriously considering hiring a Chinese coach because even though the origin of the sport is in England, China excel in the sport," he added. The president will lead a group of national players to Shanghai on Friday to compete in the World Table Tennis Championships and then stay there for two more months, training for the SEA Games.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea, Mexico to hold joint expert group meeting

SEOUL, 28 April — South Korea and Mexico will hold the fourth joint expert group meeting in Mexico City this week to review the feasibility of furthering bilateral economic cooperation, the government said on Wednesday.

The two sides are expected to touch on such matters as service sector opening, investment, intellectual property rights, government procurement, competition policies and dispute settlement at the two-day discussion session that starts on Thursday.

Officials from the two countries are also planning to discuss issues related to the environment as well as agriculture and fisheries.

The meeting of working-level officials is aimed at laying the groundwork so that Seoul and Mexico City can consider earnest discussions on signing a free trade agreement (FTA).

"Two more meetings are planned to be held until August, at which time participants in the talks will make recommendations to their respective governments on what future steps should be made," a ministry official said. He added that Seoul will likely re-

commend the start of FTA talks.

Mexico called a moratorium on FTAs in December 2003 following pressure from domestic companies that demanded relief after the country signed around 40 FTAs with foreign countries. Seoul wants an FTA, and has elaborated on its benefits for the economies of the two countries, including closer cooperation in information technology.

Two-way trade stood at around 3.5 billion US dollars last year, with South Korea exporting 3 billion US dollars and importing 400-500 million US dollars as of 2004.

"At the moment it is too early to predict what recommendations Mexican experts will make to their government in August, or whether it will alter its present stance of not signing any new FTAs," the trade official said.

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Experts say Saudi Arabia can do little to lower oil prices

WASHINGTON, 28 April — There is relatively little Saudi Arabia can do in the short run to lower oil prices, some US oil policy experts said.

The Gulf kingdom is now producing about 9.5 million barrels of oil a day — close to its nearly 11-million-barrel capacity.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Adel al-Jubeir said the failure of US President George W Bush and Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah to agree on price reduction for oil was the result of a confluence of factors, including increased demand, limited refinery capacity, a lack of spare production capacity and permeating the market because of the ongoing violence in Iraq.

Crown Prince Abdullah and his advisers responded to Bush's unsuccessful plea for price reduction by saying that their long-term strategy to invest 50 billion dollars over five years would eventually increase the kingdom's oil production capacity by close to 50 per cent.

US National Security Adviser Stephen J Hadley said: "Clearly, the news that came out of the meeting ought to be good

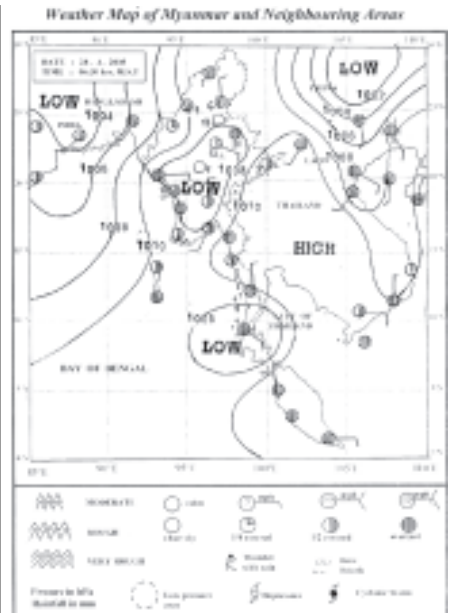
news for the market, and we would hope that other factors would result in some positive news in terms of the price fronts. But... these markets are complicated business."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and others have said that crude prices have been rising because of increasing demand, particularly in the exploding economies of China and India, which has pushed the world's ability to produce oil to its limits.

In previous years, oil experts said, Saudi Arabia, which has about a quarter of the world's oil reserves, had enough spare capacity to increase production significantly when demand spiked.

But now the Saudis have little additional capacity, making the oil markets jittery and the price of crude oil has hovered around 55 US dollars a barrel in recent weeks, more than double the price two years ago.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 28 April, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine, Mon, Kayah States, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pynoolwin (1.85) inches, Taunggyi (1.81) inches, Kyaukse (1.50) inches and Lashio (1.21) inches. Day temperatures were (6°C) below normal in northern Shan State, (3°C) below normal in lower Sagaing Division, about normal in upper Sagaing Division, Kayah and Mon States, (5°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Magway and Aungmyan (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 27-4-2005 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 28-4-2005 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-4-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 27-4-2005 was (10.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 28-4-2005 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 (4) mph from Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 27-4-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 29-4-2005: Isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in the whole country. 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 continuation of rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-4-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-4-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

All this needs to be known

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

Friday, 29 April
View on today:

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara

7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိတ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ တိပိဋ (ဓယာစာရာတော်) ဓောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ပဉ္စပါတသင်္ဂြိုဟ်တော်

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. အတိပျဉ်းခွဲ

8:05 am
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:15 am
8. ဂဗန်းရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Musical programme

4:45 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လီလျာဇော ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယပုဒ် (ရုပ်ပေးအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ပေး)

5:00 pm
5. Song of National Spirit

5:15 pm
6. အတိပျဉ်းခွဲ

5:30 pm
7. ဗုဒ္ဓအရဟံနိဗ္ဗာန်အားကစားအခြေခံ

5:40 pm
8. Musical programme

6:05 pm
9. "မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးရှာ" (ဓရာ၊ ငှက်မျှော်ကြော်၊ ချစ်ဓရာ၊ ကြုံကြုံသင်း၊ အေးအေးခိုင်ခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေစင်ထိုက်)

6:10 pm
10. Discovery

6:20 pm
11. မုဟန့်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြပေလိမ့်

6:30 pm
12. Evening news

7:00 pm
13. Weather report

7:05 pm
14. မိုင်းခြားစာတံလမ်းထွေ "ချစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

7:35 pm
15. Song of yesteryears

7:45 pm
16. တီလားပီးယားဇော့ပွဲတော်ဆိုငှာ သီတောင်းဓရာအဖြာဖြာ

8:00 pm
17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. Myanmar video
feature:
"လိပ်ပြာခြေရာ"
(လူမင်း၊ ထွန်းအိမြာရီ)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သိ)

21. The next day's programme

Friday, 29 April
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music
-C'est la vie

8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Romeo and Juliet

8.50 am National news/Slogan

9.00 am Music: Do you wanna dance

9.05 am International news

9.10 am Music
- Love sensation
News/Slogan

1.30 pm Lunch time music
1.40 pm music
-Don't go out
-Up where we belong
-Real love
-Fixing a broken heart

9.00 pm World of music
Songs from Philippines

9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request
-All by my self
-Happy
-Words
-Lone

9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Excerpts from the speech delivered by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win during his inspection tour of Ayeyawady Division

- * The government upholding Our Three Main National Causes is undertaking the nation-building tasks with specific aims through the 12 national objectives.
- * There have emerged destructionists forming themselves as cohorts of external elements bent on harming Our Three Main National Causes and causing hindrance to national development.
- * Completely crush any destructive acts in accordance with the four people's desires.

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

Prevalence of peace, stability and rule of law in Kachin state results in development of multi sectors of the State Kyundaw Bridge (Mogaung) in Kachin State commissioned into service

YANGON, 28 April — flanked by 4-foot pedestrian lanes. Sixty-ton trucks can travel on the bridge, whose clearance is 180 feet wide and seven feet high.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the bridge held in the township, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein

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The reinforced concrete bridge is 366 feet long and supports a 26-foot wide motor road,

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein passes through Kyundaw Bridge (Mogaung) across Nantyin Creek in Mogaung Township.—MNA

Aims and acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts endangering interest of Union of Myanmar and the entire people Political parties condemn, oppose the announcement of renegade group

YANGON, 28 April — Social organizations, political parties and peace groups that have returned to the legal fold of the Union of Myanmar have been issuing their declarations totally condemning and opposing the acts of the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts disturbing and endangering the stability of the State, law enforcement, and peace and tranquillity of the entire people. The following is a translation of the full texts of the declaration issued by the Union Kayin League and Wa National Development Party.—MNA

Declaration of Union Kayin League (UKL)

Dated: 28 April 2005

1. On 17 April 2005, we heard a news report on the announcement of the formation of the Shan State provisional government at a place in a certain foreign country, and the declaration of independence of Shan State.
2. The announcement is against the UKL's policy and stance, and the UKL has no connection at all with it and has no interest in the group that issued the announcement.
3. The UKL has never accepted and practised the policy of secession, nor will it in the future.
4. Thus, the UKL declares that it totally opposes the formation of the Shan State provisional government and the declaration of independence of Shan State as the announcement is totally unacceptable to us.

U Saw Than Aung
Vice-Chairman
Central Executive Committee
Union Kayin League

Declaration of Wa National Development Party

Dated: 28 April 2005

1. The Union of Myanmar is a nation where various nationalities are residing. All the national races played their own role in harmoniously launching the independence struggle to free the nation from the colonialist rule.
2. We the members of the WNDP firmly believe that only the genuine Union system and genuine democracy will ensure success in developing and modernizing the Union in all aspects and consolidating the national solidarity.
3. We hereby declare that we totally oppose any act or scheme of secession that may lead to breaking up the Union and national solidarity as it is totally unacceptable to us.

U Philip Sam
Patron
Central Committee Headquarters
Wa National Development Party