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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Thai military delegation

YANGON, 29 April — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received the Thai delegation led by Lt-Gen Pichanmet Muangmanee of Thailand that arrived here to attend the 22nd Myanmar-Thai Border Committee Meeting, at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyintha, here, at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call were member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Se-

curity Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint, Military Attaché Col Ko Ko Maung and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence.

The Thai delegation was accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat.

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets Lt-Gen Pichanmet Muangmanee of Thailand at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA*



## PSLA serves as pioneer and example for other nationality groups to reach the correct way PSLA led by U Aik Mone unconditionally exchanges arms for peace



YANGON, 29 April — The Palaung State Liberation Army led by U Aik Mone, who had returned to the legal fold since 1991, unconditionally exchanged arms for peace at Mangton Sports Grounds in Mangton Township, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North), this morning.

It was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, ministers, deputy ministers, senior

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects arms and ammunition of PSLA that unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in Mangton.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Completely crush destructive elements in accord with people's desire

The State Peace and Development Council upholding Our Three Main National Causes has been able to implement nation-building tasks after adopting the 12 national objectives. As a result, remarkable progress has been made in the nation with the emergence of a number of dams, reservoirs and bridges large and small.

Such progress and prosperity has been made owing to the active participation of departmental officials, social organizations and the national people under the leadership of the government.

At a time when the government and the people are making concerted efforts in accord with 12 national objectives for national development based on Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, there have emerged groups of destructive and disruptive elements attempting to destroy the nation.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win on 26 April met departmental officials at Kyangin Cement Plant of Myanma Ceramics Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Kyangin Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division, and made a speech on the occasion.

He underscored the need for the entire national people to ward off in accord with the people's desire the dangers of destructive and disruptive elements resorting to various ways and means.

There have so far emerged various forms of wicked acts and machinations perpetrated by minions who formed groups to oppose Our Three Main National Causes.

The national solidarity is indispensable as the Union of Myanmar is made up of a variety of national races. The national independence and sovereignty is to be safeguarded through the national unity. It is inborn duty of the entire national people to guard against possible dangers which are detrimental to independence and sovereignty of the State.

Therefore, at a time when relentless efforts are being made through the national unity for enhancing the socio-economic life of the people, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to decisively stamp out in accord with the people's desire any subversive acts that are harmful to national development.

### Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group-IV continues

YANGON, 29 April — The 2005 Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group-VI continued at Theinbyu Tennis Centre, here, at 9 am today.

Among the tennis fans were officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of Myanmar Tennis Federation Dr Tin Aung Lin and executives.

In the third-day matches, Bangladesh beat UAE 2-1; Kirgystan trounced Turkmenistan 3-0; Oman won over Iraq 3-0; and Myanmar beat Jordan 3-0. The fourth day matches continue at the same venue tomorrow.—MNA

### Hole-in-one

YANGON, 29 April — U Nyunt Aye scored a hole-in-one while he was playing together with his partners U Sein Than and U Thein Toe at City Golf Resort (Myakantha Golf Course) on 22 April morning. He drove the ball with wood 3 callaway stick to 16th hole from 167 yards away. — 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

### Industry-1 Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 29 April—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Vice President Mr Wang Bo of China Camc Engineering Co Ltd and party at 4.30 pm yesterday at the ministry.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and directors-general and managing directors of the departments and industries.

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### Country Coordinating Mechanism Assessment Meeting held

YANGON, 29 April — The Country Coordinating Mechanism Assessment Meeting for GFATM, co-organized by Global Fund to Fight against AIDS/TB/Malaria (GFATM) and the Ministry of Health, was held at the meeting hall of National Health Committee in Dagon Township at 2 pm today.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an address. Next, Ms Lyndal Pearce of Compass Research explained CCM Assessment Survey.

CCM Joint-Secretary Director Dr Hla Hla Aye of International Relations Division of the ministry reported on component part-A, CCM performance checklist.

Later, the minister

gave the concluding remarks.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Defence, resident representatives of UN agencies, social organizations and others.

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### Don't tarry till tomorrow

\* Our Three Main National Causes  
We're implementing seriously  
While taking refuge in his domain  
Look him in the face while eating his food  
To return to own land  
To commit destructive acts  
Turn to scheming.

\* Our domain our own land  
Never leaving, ever remaining put  
Next step, while scheming further  
In a pattern, to organize  
With zeal, we get together  
All destructive acts  
Don't accept, repulse together  
Don't tarry till tomorrow  
Bravely smash 'em.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at Coordinating Mechanism Assessment Meeting for GFATM.— HEALTH

### Myanmar-ROK business meeting held

YANGON, 29 April — Organized by KOTRA of the ROK Embassy to Myanmar, the Myanmar-ROK business meeting was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning. At the meeting, the matters related to the digital accessories and other electrical appliances, CAD computer softwares, industrial equipment, communicative equipment, computer software used in banking services and the software prohibited from pirate copying were discussed.

It was attended by Commercial Attache from the ROK Embassy to Myanmar Mr Choi Yong Tae and officials. — MNA



Myanmar-ROK business meeting in progress at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road.— MNA

### Entries invited to religious literature awards

YANGON, 29 April — The entries were invited to the Dhamma Beikman Literature Award and Hsan Lwin Literature Award Contests established by Sayadaw U Sasanavara (Dhammaçariya, MA).

First, second and third prizes each of Sasana History Literature Genre, General Dhamma Literature Genre, Buddha Desana in English Version Genre and Dhamma Cultural Literature Genre will be presented to the winners. First prizes of Pitakat Treatise Research Literature Genre, Printed Dhamma Literature Genre and Dhammaçariya and Pali Pahtamabyan Genre will be chosen.

Prizes of Dhammaçariya and Pali Pahtamabyan will be awarded to outstanding monks, novices and nuns of examinations for 2005. Books on Dhamma Literature published in 2005 will be selected for winners of Dhamma Literature Award. The contestants are to submit two copies of their works to Dhamma Beikman, not later than 30 September. The applications are available at Dhamma Beikman at 606, second floor, between 5th and 6th Streets, Strand Road, Lanmadaw Township. (Tel: 211359 and 385193).

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# China predicts trade with ASEAN to double in five years

**MANILA, 28 April** — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Wednesday that he is confident the total trade volume between China and ASEAN will almost double its current figure in five years time.

Hu predicted in a speech at a joint session of the Philippine Parliament that before 2010, China and ASEAN trade will grow from 105.9 billion US dollars last year to 200 billion US dollars. "With steady progress in the development of a China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA), we have full confidence in meeting the target of 200 billion US dollars in annual trade volume by 2010," said the Chinese President.

China and ASEAN will begin to cut their tariffs from July 1 this year as a step to build the CAFTA. Hu said China hopes to expand cooperation with ASEAN nations in areas of agriculture, fishing, infrastructure construction, energy development and tourism.

China and ASEAN have decided to develop a strategic partnership for peace and development. Besides trade, Hu said, China will also work actively with the ASEAN nations to implement relevant actions for the partnership. "We hope to carry out intra-regional security and strategic dialogue, and... step up cooperation in such non-traditional security areas as counter-terrorism, combating transnational crimes, maritime safety, health and disease prevention as well as disaster prevention and reduction," he said. In addition, the Chinese President promised that China will support the ASEAN decision to hold the first East Asia Summit at the end of this year and "work with ASEAN to make the Summit a success". — *MNA/Xinhua*



*Vietnamese workers hurry to finish decorating a parade route with flowers in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, on 27 April, 2005. Vietnam is preparing to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the US backed Saigon government, on 30 April. — INTERNET*

## Malaysian MPs to get higher allowance

**KUALA LUMPUR, 28 April** — The Malaysia House of Representatives sitting on Wednesday passed a bill giving a 10-per-cent increase in the allowance of all Members of Parliament, effective on 1 January, 2005.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said although the increase was small compared to the burden borne by the elected representatives, it could reduce the burden a little.

"We understand (the small increase), but the problem will not end by giving high remuneration because the more remuneration given, the higher is the expectation of the people," he said when winding up the debate on the Members of Parliament Remuneration (Amendment) 2005 Bill at the House.

"The allowance is paid according to the government's capacity at the moment...the bill will involve an additional expenditure estimated at 3,120,428.52 ringgit (821,165 US dollars) annually to the government," he added. — *MNA/Xinhua*



*A new view of the Eagle Nebula, one of the two largest and sharpest images Hubble Space Telescope has ever taken, is released by NASA on Hubble's 15th anniversary on 25 April, 2005. — INTERNET*

## Hu makes three-point proposal on strengthening coop with ADB

**MANILA, 28 April** — Chinese President Hu Jintao made a three-point proposal here Wednesday on strengthening cooperation between China and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Hu met with ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda on the sidelines of his state visit to the Philippines. Hu said the ADB's loans and technical assistance have greatly supported China's economic growth and infrastructure construction.

"China will firmly continue with its reform and opening up policy," Hu said. "China pays great attention to its cooperation with international financial organizations."

He proposed that China and the ADB enhance cooperation in the following three areas:

- to expand the scope of credit loans from infrastructure construction currently to China's agriculture, public health, culture, education and environmental protection.

- to enhance cooperation in regional and sub-

regional areas including the Greater Mekong sub-region, and the China, Japan, South Korea plus ASEAN nations.

— to increase cooperation in poverty reduction and development programme in the developing nations, which has been the common task for all developing countries.

Kuroda described the ADB's cooperation with China as great. He thanked China for its donation of 30 million US dollars for the Asian Development Fund, and another 20 million US dollars as the fund for China's poverty reduction and regional development within the framework of the ADB.

He said he agreed with Hu on the three-point proposal, adding the ADB will work with China to make the cooperation more productive. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## India's Maruti rolls out five millionth car

**NEW DELHI, 28 April** — Indian auto major Maruti Udyog Ltd Wednesday rolled out its 5 millionth car, a red WagonR, over two decades after the company started operations on the outskirts of Delhi.

The landmark has come at a time when the Maruti-Suzuki partnership is planning to invest 32.72 billion rupees (846.5 million US dollars) in a new car plant and an engine and transmission facility at Manesar in Haryana.

Maruti is also setting up more state-of-the-art driving schools across the country with its first three schools in

Bangalore, Kollam (Kerala) and Chandigarh, having received an enthusiastic response. "Maruti's five millionth vehicle is a milestone not just for Maruti, but also for India and Indian manufacturing," said Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd Jagdish Khattar in a statement.

The first Maruti vehicle, a Maruti 800, rolled out on

14 December, 1983. The one million target was reached in March 1994. The rise in sales in recent years has helped Maruti chalk new million milestones rapidly. The company sold 536,301 vehicle units during financial year 2004-05, the highest annual sales since it began operations.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## US soldier killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 28 April** — One American soldier was killed and four wounded when an improvised explosive device was detonated in northern Iraq, the US military said.

The incident, targeting soldiers from Task Force Liberty, happened near Hawija, about 240 kilometres north of Baghdad, late yesterday, the military said in a statement.

The wounded soldiers were evacuated to a coalition medical facility and were listed in stable condition.

The name of the dead soldier was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

*Internet*

## US soldier, Afghan policemen killed in ambush

**KABUL, 28 April** — A US soldier and four Afghan policemen were killed on Tuesday by the ambushes of Taleban fighters in separate battles, the military said Wednesday.

The US soldier was killed when Taleban fighters ambushed his unit on Tuesday while it conducted a patrol at Deh Rawood, 400 kilometers southwest of Kabul, the military said Wednesday.

The soldier was medically evacuated to the forward surgical team following the attack, and was announced dead later.

The death brings to 140 the number of American troops killed in and around Afghanistan since Operation Enduring Freedom began in 2001. In a separate battle on Tuesday, four Afghan policemen were killed when Taleban ambushed the police chief's convoy in southern Afghan province of Helmand. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## ASEAN, EU eye free trade agreement

**HA LONG CITY (Vietnam), 28 April** — The ASEAN and the EU agreed Wednesday to conduct a joint feasibility study to look into a potential free trade agreement (FTA) between the two blocks, and their future economic cooperation orientations.

"We agreed to deepen and intensify work together to boost ASEAN-EU economic cooperation. I'm pleased to add my support to our agreement this morning to undertake a high-level feasibility study for a FTA," EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson said at a Press briefing after the 6th Consultation between ASEAN Economic Ministers and the commissioner concluded in the northern city of Ha Long.

A working group with representatives from the European Union (EU) and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) would make specific reports by the end of this year, he said, noting that the "Trans-Regional EU-ASEAN Trade Initiative"

(TREATI), initiated by the EU in 2003 to beef up trade and investment ties between two regions, will act as a pillar of their cooperation ties in the future.

Under the TREATI, the cooperation initially centres on information exchange, mutual understanding enhancement and technical assistance for ASEAN. Economic ministers from ASEAN members, at the consultation, agreed to have TREATI focus on policy dialogue and regulatory initiatives while other ASEAN-EU programmes would complement TREATI through provisions of technical assistance. Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu said at the briefing.

MNA/Xinhua



*Blindfolded detainees sit under guard in an US Army truck near Hawija, 240 km (150 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 27 April, 2005. The Iraqi men were transported to a detention centre of the 163 Infantry Battalion from Montana, based in northern Iraq. — INTERNET*

### China's law-enforcers urged to be fair

**BEIJING, 28 April** — China's law-enforcers should deal with eminent problems that have irritated the ordinary people most, further improve their quality and set up an even better code of conduct, so as to ensure a fair law enforcement, a senior official said Wednesday.

Luo Gan, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made this remark at a teleconference held by the Political and Legislative Affairs Committee (PLAC) of the CPC Central Committee. Luo, who is also the secretary of the PLAC.

MNA/Xinhua

### India expresses support for UN reforms

**NEW DELHI, 28 April**— India said Wednesday it supported UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's stand on the reforms in the United Nations.

Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh conveyed India's support for the stand during talks here with Annan, who is in the country on a four-day visit.

During the meeting, visiting UN chief Annan reiterated that UN reforms should be finalized by September and that lack of consensus should not be a reason for putting off a decision in this regard, External Affairs Ministry

spokesman Navtej Sarna told reporters.

The Foreign Minister briefed Annan about India's views on UN reforms — that they had to be comprehensive to effectively reflect today's global realities, Sarna said. He said India, which is an aspirant for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council, was in touch with a large number of countries and that the reforms process should be completed by September. — MNA/Xinhua

### US soldier sentenced to death for attacking fellow soldiers

**WASHINGTON, 29 April** — A soldier from the 101st Airborne Division of the United States was sentenced to death Thursday night for a fatal grenade attack on his fellow soldiers days before the invasion of Iraq.

A military jury at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, gave Sergeant Hasan Akbar the death penalty for killing two officers and wounding 14 others in Kuwait in 2003.

The 15-person jury deliberated seven hours before returning the sentence. The same jury last week convicted Akbar of two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted premeditated murder.

Earlier Thursday, Akbar, 34, apologized for his action in a brief statement to the court.

Akbar threw grenades into troop tents at his Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait in an early March morning and then fired on soldiers in the ensuing chaos. Prosecutors said the attack was driven by Akbar's religious extremism.

MNA/Xinhua

### Transnational cos' purchasing value in China to top \$60b

**CHONGQING, 28 April** — A senior Chinese logistics official predicted Wednesday that transnational companies will purchase 60 billion US dollars worth of goods in China this year, hitting a record high.

Currently, 80 per cent of the 500 large-sized transnational companies have built 3,000 projects in China, turning China into a large potential market, said Ding Junfa, vice-president of the China Federation of Logistics and Purchase, at the on-going 10th Chongqing Trade Fair held in Chongqing, the largest metropolis in western China.

Many transnational companies have shifted their global purchasing centres to China. Wal-Mart, the world's leading retailer, moved its purchasing centre to Shenzhen, a flourishing city in south China.

The French retailer Carrefour has built a worldwide purchase centre in Shanghai and set up a number of regional purchase centres on the Chinese Mainland. Metro, a German retail giant, has taken Tianjin and Shanghai as its leading purchasing centres in north and south China, Ding said.

Their growing purchases in China have opened an international outlet for Chinese companies and promoted China's exports as well, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



*In this hand out image provided by Airbus, the Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger plane, touches down after completing its maiden flight at Blagnac near Toulouse, southwestern France, on 27 April, 2005, a milestone for aviation and for the European aircraft maker's battle with American rival Boeing Co. The 555-seat superjumbo is expected to enter service in mid-2006. —INTERNET*

### America's image in Italy darkens on death in Iraq

**ROME, 28 April**— An incident in Iraq last month in which US forces killed an Italian agent who had rescued an Italian journalist from hostage-takers is generating new anti-American sentiment in Italy.

Small, colourful signs critical of the United States started appearing in store windows around Rome this week. The most popular of the homemade posters resembles an Old West-style "wanted" poster. It shows the face of President Bush.

The Rome-based Opinioni polling company, which sells surveys to Italian media, says preliminary results from a poll that will be released Friday show that the already low support here for the US-led war in Iraq is unchanged and that the percentage of Italians with a positive view of the USA is dropping.

The Italian agent, Nicola Calipari,

died on 4 March when US soldiers at a checkpoint fired on the car in which he and Giuliana Sgrena, the freed hostage, were riding. Sgrena, who had just been released after a month in captivity, was wounded, as was another Italian agent who was driving.

The United States and Italy have differed over what led to the shooting. The US Army's 3rd Infantry Division said the car was speeding toward the checkpoint and the driver ignored warnings to stop. The driver and Sgrena have said that the car wasn't speeding and that the soldiers gave no warning.

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South Korean students look at a miniature replica of the 'turtle' ship of Admiral Yi Sunshin at the war museum in Seoul on 26 April, 2005. — INTERNET

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## S Korea ratifies WHO agreement in tobacco control

SEOUL, 27 April — The South Korean Government on Tuesday signed the ratification of an international agreement that would disallow any promotional policies or advertisements for tobacco use within the next five years, government officials said, according to *Yonhap*.

The decision came at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Lee Hae-chan, according to the officials.

The ratification will become effective 90 days after an endorsement by President Roh Moo-hyun that is expected soon.

The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control by the World Health Organization (WHO) requires its member states to implement strong health warnings on tobacco packaging within three years upon entering the treaty.

MNA/Xinhua

## Guingona approved to be Philippine Ambassador to China

MANILA, 27 April — The Philippine Commission on Appointments on Tuesday confirmed the appointment of Teofisto Guingona as Philippine Ambassador to China, a local TV reported.

According to the ABS-CBN news channel, the commission's foreign relations committee ignored the opposition to the former vice-president's appointment, citing his age of 76 year old violates the requirement for ambassadors.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo designated Guingona as ambassador to China in January, stressing that he is qualified for the job.

"The former vice-president is fit for the job and will certainly sustain and promote the interest of our people in that sensitive and crucial diplomatic post," Arroyo's spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a statement after the appointment was announced.

The government also noted that Guingona's appointment reflected the "great and enduring importance" the government placed in its relations

with China.

Guingona was elected to the Senate in 1987, and re-elected in 1992. In 1993 he was appointed Executive Secretary, then he was appointed secretary of the Department of Justice in 1995. In 1998 he was again elected senator. During his time as senator, he had served as Senate Minority Leader and Senate Majority Leader.

In 2001, following the EDSA 2 Revolution, Guingona was appointed vice-president by President Arroyo. He also concurrently served as Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

In the 2004 Philippine elections, Guingona did not run for re-election and was succeeded by Noli de Castro.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan's derailed train travelled faster than speed limit

TOKYO, 27 April — The train derailed early Monday was running over 100 kilometres per hour, much faster than the 70 kilometre per hour upper limit, according to Japanese media reports on Tuesday.

The finding boosted speculation that speeding was to blame for the bloody accident. The initial report said the derailment might result from a collision with a car at the crossing.

Investigators also are looking into marks on the track, suspecting that the train might run over stones possibly placed by someone on the rail.

The accident has killed 76 people and left more than 450 injured. Rescuers believe that there are still 10 to 20 people trapped into the first two carriages about 36 hours after the derailment.

The seven-car train with about 580 people aboard rammed into an apartment building nearby after the derailment in Amagasaki, Hyogo Prefecture. The two front cars were badly damaged, making it great difficult for rescue workers to reach the remaining passengers.

Local police determined the train's speed after having found its speed recording device, the reports said.

Many survivors also said in TV reports that they felt the train was running unusually fast.

The train was one and half minutes behind schedule when it started at the last station. The 23-year-old driver missed the proper stop position by 40 metres and had to back up, the West Japan Railway Co said on Tuesday. — *Internet*



Jason Chojnicki rides down a waterfall on the New Haven River in Bristol, Vt, on 26 April, 2005.

INTERNET

## Malaysia demands 50,000 Nepali workers

KATHMANDU, 27 April — Nepali manpower agencies have received demands of 50,000 workers from Malaysia, an official said here on Tuesday.

"Representatives of manpower agencies are in Malaysia to get additional demands of Nepali workers," the official told *Xinhua*.

The Malaysian Government has said about one and a half months ago that the country was in need of about half a million foreign workers from different manpower supplying countries, he noted, adding, "The Nepali Government is facilitating the employment agencies to find as many jobs as possible."

MNA/Xinhua

## Official says Chinese trade unions to stick to socialist road

BEIJING, 27 April — Chinese trade union chief Wang Zhaoguo said on Monday that unswerving efforts must be made to ensure the country's trade unions develop on the socialist path with Chinese characteristics.

Wang Zhaoguo, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and president of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU), made the remarks at a meeting commemorating the 80th anniversary of the founding of the ACFTU.

Wang, also vice-chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, China's top legislative body, spoke highly of the contributions made by the federation over the past eight

decades in uniting and leading the entire working class in the Chinese revolution and construction and the reform and opening up drive.

Noting that it is a major achievement scored after years of hard efforts and the scientific summing-up of the fundamental experience that the Chinese trade unions must answer for the needs of the era and conform to the actual situation of the country and give play to the law of the trade union work.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippines investigates new case of mass food poisoning

MANILA, 27 April — Health authorities said on Monday they were investigating the mass poisoning caused by the food at a birthday party Saturday afternoon in Poblacion, Manaoag that downed 83 people, children, teenagers and adults.

Dr Jesus Canto, chief of the Region 1 Medical Centre, said a team of epidemiologists is now on its way to Manaoag from the regional office of the Department of Health in San Fernando City, La Union, northern Philippines to investigate

the mass food poisoning.

Canto told newsmen on Monday that of the 78 persons they admitted since Sunday noon, only 12 have remained at RIMC so far and undergoing further observation.

The rest have all been treated and sent home, he said.

A report said five other victims of mass poisoning in Manaoag were brought to the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital in San Carlos City on Sunday night as RIMC was already running short of hospital beds.

MNA/Xinhua

# PSLA committed to never becoming burden of people



 **PSLA**  
*Leader*  
*Chairman*  
*U Aik*  
*Mone.*  
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*The following is a translation of speech delivered by U Aik Mone.*

U Aik Mone said that the Palaung State Liberation Army returned to the legal fold on 12 February 1991. The PSLA of the Shan State (North) Special Region 7 has unconditionally exchanged arms for peace as it has full confidence in the Tatmadaw Government and has made a resolve to always stay loyal to the State, while keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes. In the past the region where Palaungs lived was under the influence of different armed groups. The Palaungs could not forge unity under various armed groups,

and were suffering a lot as there was no security and regional peace and stability. The Palaung National Force was founded as a body to safeguard the lives and property of Palaung people and foster unity among them. It became the PSLA in 1976. Together with Myanmar's political transition, change of stance also occurred among the armed groups. Because of the sincerity and goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government, the PSLA held negotiations with it many times, and in the end reached a peace agreement. During the period from 1993 to 2004, the PSLA, with the funds provided by the Government and the cooperation of the

locals, used K 214.73 million to build 351 miles of earth roads, K 14.81 million to maintain and repair 158 miles of roads, K 19.91 million to erect 26 dispensaries, K 73.74 million to build 24 primary schools, 26 affiliated middle schools and one high school and to provide assistance for education staff, K 8.4 million to grow 230 acres of seasonal and perennial crops, K 16.67 million for hydel power project, K 16.87 million to build six pagodas, four religious buildings and one ordination hall, and K 126.9 million for industries, totalling K 493.08 million. The Palaung people have preserved their race, mode of dress, traditions, religion, literature, lifestyles, performing arts and customs as national traits. The Palaungs will foster their Union Spirit and patriotism born of their true nature. The PSLA has unconditionally exchanged arms for peace for the benefit of posterity. Like all other armed groups that have come back to the legal fold, the PSLA profoundly accepts and has total belief in the State's national policy based on

national unity. The PSLA also have full trust in the seven-point Road Map and will strive together with the locals till it is successfully completed. After attending the ceremony where the brigade 11 of SSNA led by U Kan Na unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, the PSLA has made a decision to totally abandon the arms. After making the decision, the PSLA members made detailed discussions and presented the wish to the commander. As the narrow racism and doubts are clear among the members they have made the unconditional ex-

change of arms for peace of own volition. The members have made a firm pledge to live within the framework of the law and the embrace of the Government like other citizens. In the past the region was reverberated with the sound of guns in the darkness where people faced loss of lives and property. The region has started to see the rays of peace when the PSLA returned to the legal fold in the time of the State Peace and Development Council. All the locals gladly welcome the group's decision. All the brethren of the region can now enjoy the loving kindness. They are also happy

with unprecedented joy. The PSLA made a firm pledge that it would never become a burden of the people. The PSLA has urged all other armed groups of the brethren to realize the truth and to unconditionally exchange arms for peace with the Government. The PSLA has come to realize that as long as it holds arms, it cannot win the true public support. If the brethren armed groups really wish to serve the people's interest, they should totally discard their arms and collectively restore perpetual peace and stability.



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*Local people warmly welcome PSLA leader Chairman U Aik Mone, Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone and members. — MNA*

# Other groups who are still holding arms like ours need to realize that their arms do not serve the interest of the people



 **Joint-Secretary of PSLA**  
*U Maing*  
*Ohn*  
*Khaing*  
*expresses*  
*thanks.*  
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*The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Maing Ohn Khaing.*

Joint-Secretary of PSLA U Maing Ohn Khaing expressed thanks, saying that he is joint-secretary of PSLA as well as a Palaung national. He took the armed struggle line with the intention of serving the interests of Palaung brethren in Palaung region. In the time of the State Peace and Development

Council government, PSLA armed group returned to the legal fold with the aim of carrying out regional development tasks in the interest of own national races. Although PSLA had returned to the legal fold, it had not handed over the arms. It took a period of over one decade with suspicions to build confidence. During that period, PSLA itself learnt and witnessed efforts and endeavours of

the government with genuine goodwill to bring about equitable development in all parts of the nation. Unprecedented progress has been made in Palaung region. But, the arms PSLA was still holding turned out to be those that cause a hinderance to the development pace in the region. Frankly, he said the PSLA collected various kinds of taxes and extortion money from the locals to supply basic needs for its members. Are local Palaung national races satisfied with the taxes? Can we carry out regional development tasks as we expected? Can we serve the interest of Palaung national races, which is our prime objective? Such positive thoughts struck the PSLA leaders. The Palaung national races are honest and sincere. They dare not show their discontent openly although they have to pay various kinds of taxes and

extortion money including crops and beans and pulses. However, it really had realized the feelings of its people as the members were residing among the people. In this regard, it assessed that its members are likely to be the burden of national races. Both PSLA leaders and members realized it. Therefore, it now participated in the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace of

PSLA held today. It is pleased and delighted for this occasion. It will be able to equally enjoy all-round development in Palaung region under the law. Other groups who are still holding arms need to realize that their arms do not serve the interest of the people but they can be used only for extortion money. It is time to unconditionally abandon their arms if they really want to

serve the interest of own national races and own region. He urged the remanant groups to review the feelings of own national races, reviewing their suspicions and mistrust towards the government. He called on them to unconditionally hand over their arms and be in oneness with the people and to become those who are dutiful towards present generation and the posterity.—MNA



*Provisions presented by the State for the PSLA — MNA*

# People are now free from the hardships they have encountered



*U Khun Pwint, a Ta-awng Palaung townselder of Namhsam Township.*  
MNA

The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Khun Pwint.

U Khun Pwint spoke words of thanks, saying he wished the Secretary-1, the commander, ministers and those present blessed with peace of mind and happiness on this occasion of new year. He said he was a Ta-awng Palaung national of Namhsam Township, Kyaukme District, and glad to speak at the

ceremony like this at which all the members of PSLA unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. He said armed insurgent groups had been operating in Palaung region, collecting taxes and extortion money from local people for ages. He said he never expected that they would escape this whirlwind of insurgents' activities. The insurgents extorted from one and a half to seven baskets of rice from a household a year. He added that as local people own no much farmland, they have to work hard to earn their living. But, the insurgents with no mercy insisted on extorting rice from local people, U Khun Pwint said. In addition, he said, they forcefully collected from the local people five Kyats for a viss of tea, K 5,000 for a mini-truck and K 10,000 for a car per year and K 20 for every viss of agricultural products such as pineapple, orange and Lichee. The local people also had to pay them taxes for their cattle and houses. That is why education, health and social affairs of the region have lagged behind in development, U Khun Pwint noted.

He went on to say that in the time of the Tatmadaw government after 1988-1990, some armed insurgent groups have returned to the legal fold and echoed their voices, saying they would live in accord with the rules

and regulations laid down by the State. However, local people still had to pay taxes and extortion money although there were no longer armed clashes in the region.

The armed groups echoing voices and demanding liberation of the people who live in the Shan State are indeed doing it for self-interest not for the people. He said the real freedom that the people have longed for is to escape from their oppression.

He said when he heard all the members of PSLA led by U Aik Mone would unconditionally exchange arms for peace after realizing the goodwill of the State, he prayed for the news to be true. The prayers have now been answered and the PSLA has unconditionally handed over their arms to the State, he added. So it is heartening to see that the people are now free from the hardships they have encountered.

U Khun Pwint requested that like the PSLA which exchanged arms for peace, the remaining armed groups should hand over their arms to the State if they want the local people to be liberated from various forms of hardship and oppression. All in all, he said he welcomed and thanked the group led by U Aik Mone for unconditionally exchanging arms for peace. MNA



A ceremony to unconditionally exchange arm for peace of Palaung State Liberation Army led by U Aik Mone in progress.— MNA

# No one likes people holding arms illegally



*Ma Nan Mya Sein, a local Palaung national as well as a member of blue staff Mangton People's Hospital.*  
MNA

The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Ta-awng Palaung national Ma Nan Mya Sein.

Ma Nan Mya Sein said that she was a local Palaung national as well as a member of blue staff Mangton Township People's Hospital.

She said she was pleased with an opportunity to speak words that she had suppressed throughout her whole life concerning her bitter experiences.

When she was a basic education student, she said, she was afraid of getting dark every day. Because she often heard cracks of gunfire from here and there in the study time. She had to study her lessons and to be in bed, suppressing fear and anxieties.

And whenever she was on her way to somewhere, she was completely overcome by worry and fear of possible battle or gunfire. So, all the local people experienced unhappy childhood days.

She said that no one liked people holding arms

illegally. Relatives were always concerned about their sons, brothers or husbands being engaged in armed struggle line in the jungles.

In 1988, when the Tatmadaw Government took over the State's duties, some national races armed groups returned to the legal fold. They were now participating in the regional development tasks, and as a member of the public, she was very pleased with it.

The regions of Palaung nationals had made progress to a certain degree. Previously, the regions were facilitated with only basic primary schools, and the children had to stay in Namatu, more than 30 miles from their homes, to pursue middle and high school education. Then, almost all the villages in the region had basic education schools, and Mangton had been facilitated with a basic education high school. The region had also enjoyed fruitful results of better transport.

However, the local people could not enjoy peace fully because the insurgents had returned to the legal fold but were still holding arms. They collected various types of taxes and extortion money from the people.

But, there was no one who dared to complain about that to the government. Local people had encountered such bitter experiences. She said she felt depressed and unhappy whenever she happened to compare her life to others' in the regions where community peace and law and order prevailed.

Then, she said she could not find words to express her pleasure since the PSLA led by U Aik Mone had unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

She was proud of the constructive acts of U Aik Mone and members who realized the genuine goodwill of the government and received warm welcome from

the local people. She also expressed her heartfelt thanks to them for their farsighted move that led prospects for further development of Mongton and Namhsam regions.

She solemnly urged the national brethren, who were still holding arms and entertaining suspicions and doubts, to satisfy the people's long-lasting desire of eternal peace.

Now, the people had realized the adverse effects of armed insurgency. The armed struggle line under the pretext of serving the interests of the people and safeguarding them was a burden to the people. So, it was high time they had abandoned arms.

In conclusion, she, on behalf of the entire people, solemnly urged them to give up armed insurgency and to enhance peace by abandoning arms and taking part in the regional development undertakings in the interests of the region and the people.—MNA

*Ma Moe Moe Aung and Ma Nan Kwe act as masters of ceremonies.*  
MNA





Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Thai Lt-Gen Pichanmet Muangmanee and party at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)—MNA

**PSLA will help nation ...**

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 as masters of ceremonies. First, MC Ma Moe Moe Aung announced the start of the ceremony. The commander delivered an address, saying that the

the entire Union, as it helps restore regional peace and stability, the basic requirement for national progress and prosperity. Regional peace and the rule of law are essential for develop-

ment. At present the consolidation of national unity is the main requirement. The national races have been living in amity and unity since yore. They also migrated to places where conditions were better, Myanmar had been under subjugation for over 100 years. The nation faced armed conflicts among the national races for nearly 40 years, as armed struggles broke out soon after the independence was regained in 1948. Thus, the nation with rich natural resources lagged behind in development. As the Tatmadaw Government is able to build trust between the armed groups and itself, 17 major armed groups and other smaller groups have returned to the legal fold. As the Government and the groups are jointly carrying out development undertakings, while strengthening the mutual trust between them, regional peace and stability can be restored and sound foundations for development laid. On behalf of the nation, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing welcomed the

**As the Government and the groups are jointly carrying out development undertakings, while strengthening the mutual trust between them, regional peace and stability can be restored and sound foundations for development laid. On behalf of the nation, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing welcomed the PSLA's unconditional exchange of arms for peace, which will lead to restoration of the perpetual peace, the wish of the entire national people, and help develop and benefit the nation with greater acceleration.**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts arms from PSLA Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone.—MNA

ceremony was auspicious not only for the brethren of Mangton region and Namhsan, but for the entire Shan State (North) and

ment of the Union of Myanmar including the Namhsan and Mangton townships where the majority of population is

PSLA's unconditional exchange of arms for peace, which will lead to restoration of the perpetual peace, the wish of the entire national people, and help develop and benefit the nation with greater acceleration. He then quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying, "The ensuring of protection for the people to fully enjoy peace and security within the framework of law is the essential basic requirement to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation." He continued to say that by making the unconditional exchange of arms for peace, the PSLA will help the nation to reach the goal of everlasting peace, which is longed for by the people. Thus, the group led by U Aik Mone is now enjoying the warm embrace of the nation and the entire nationalities. U



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents clothes and gifts to PSLA Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone. —MNA

**Regional peace and the rule of law are essential for development of the Union of Myanmar including the Namhsan and Mangton townships where the majority of population is Palaung. At present the consolidation of national unity is the main requirement.**

Aik Mone, Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone, Joint Secretary U Maing Ohn Khaing, battalion commanders U Han Thein, U Aung Pe, U Pan Si Ya and U Aik Hsam and other PSLA members are like

the pioneer and an example for other nationality groups to march to the correct way. Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing said as a gesture welcoming the firm resolve of PSLA led (See page 9)



Arms and ammunition of PSLA that unconditionally exchanged for peace.—MNA





Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets Leader of PSLA Chairman U Aik Mone, Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone and members.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents clothes and gifts provided by the State to PSLA Chairman U Aik Mone.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with PSLA Chairman U Aik Mone and officials at Mangton BEHS.— MNA



### The State will provide ...

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by U Aik Mone, basic needs such as food, clothes and accommodation will be provided to the group and priority will be given to the development of the region. In addition, he said, the State on its part will provide assistance for the improvement of education, health, economy and social affairs of the region.

He said the State and all national people cordially welcomed all the members of PSLA led by U Aik Mone, and they are urged to work in cooperation and unitedly for the development of the State by upholding 'Our Three Main National Causes', non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sov-

eighty, which have been often cited by the Head of State. Leader of the PSLA Chairman U Aik Mone and Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone handed over their weapons to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Next, Commanding Officers U Aik Hsam, U Han Thein, U Aung Pay and U Pan Si Ya of PSLA handed over their weapons to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe. The arms and ammunition were: 420 assorted arms

including one 81-mm mortar, five 60-mm mortars, six 2" mortars, one BA-103, one 57-mm recoilless gun, one RPG launcher, one launcher

made at Homein, one 7B launcher, two M-71 launchers, one M-72 launcher, one HK-33, eight M-79 launchers one MG-42 sub-machine gun, 10 M-23

China-made sub-machine guns, three .303 Bren guns, seven BA-64s, 17 BA-63s, nine BA-72s, one BA-94, two BA-52s, (See page 10)

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone preside over the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace in Mangton.— MNA



Members of PSLA attend the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace in Mangton.— MNA



**PSLA will help nation ...**

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37 carbines, 56 M-22s, 137 M-21s, 60 M-16s, seven M-14s, two 9mm pistols, one Browning pistol, two handle pistols, 33 M-20s, three .38 revolvers, one .225 gun, two revolvers, two mines, 18 grenades, 57 magazines, five walkie-talkies, 313 shells and grenades and 19,906 rounds of ammunition.

Leader of the PSLA U Aik Mone explained the purpose of the unconditional exchange of arms for peace and thanked the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people for their warm welcome in Myanmar and Palaung languages. (U Aik Mone's speech is reported separately).

Joint-Secretary U Maing Ohn Khaing of PSLA explained the purpose of the unconditional exchange of arms for peace and spoke words of thanks. (U Maing Ohn Khaing's speech is reported separately.)

Local Ta-aung Palaung national U Khun Pwint made a speech, welcoming U Aik Mone and party and expressing his feeling of happiness for achieving peace, stability and prospects of development in Mangton and Namhsan region in Myanmar and Palaung languages. (U Khun Pwint's speech is reported separately.)

Ma Nan Mya Sein, a local national, gave a speech, welcoming U Aik Mone and party and expressing her feeling of happiness for achieving peace, stability and prospects of development in Mangton and Namhsan region in Myanmar and Palaung languages. (Ma Nan



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party offer alms to Mankant Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narada and Aungmingala Myole Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Saddhamapiya in Mangton.— MNA

ters and senior military officers inspected arms and ammunition handed over by PSLA.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected clothes and gifts provided by the State and gifts by North-East Com-

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo reported on arrangements for providing assistance for regional development. The Commander gave a supple-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects storage of medicines at Mangton Township Hospital.— MNA

Mya Sein's speech is reported separately.)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented clothes and gifts provided by the State to PSLA leader Chairman U Aik Mone and Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave gifts to Commanding Officer U Aik Hsaung, U Han Thein of PSLA. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also presented gifts to Commanding Officer U Aung Pay and U Pan Si Ya of PSLA. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing handed over 150 bags of rice, 100 viss of edible oil and 400 sets of uniforms to U Aik Mone and U Nyi Lone.

The ceremony ended successfully at 9.45 am.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, the ministers, the deputy minis-

mand for PSLA.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted U Aik Mone, party and members of PSLA.

At Mangton BEHS, the Secretary-1 and party met with U Aik Mone and party of PSLA and heard reports on requirements of transport, education, health, agriculture, livestock breeding and regional development matters.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Minister for Immigration and Population and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, USDA CEC member in-charge of Shan State (North) Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone,

mentary report.

The Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements of Mangton region and explained arrangements of the Government for developing Mangton region.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party paid homage and donated alms to Mankant Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narada and Aungmingala Myole Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Saddhamapiya. At the Township Hospital, Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected the dispensary and the operation theatre. Next, the Secretary-1 viewed the site for construction of the X-ray building and presented cash assistance to staff.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party flew back to Lashio in the afternoon.— MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents gifts to a commanding officer of PSLA.— MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe accepts arms from a commanding officer of PSLA.— MNA



Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing presents 150 bags of rice, 100 viss of edible oil and 400 sets of uniform to U Aik Mone and U Nyi Lone.— MNA

# “Trees of plenty” on the west bank of Ayeyawady River

Aung (Sethmu)



Textile Factory (Pwintbyu) of Myanma Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1.

(Continued from yesterday)

**Uncle Ohn:** I regularly read Kanaung Journal. According to the list of registered private enterprises the journal features regularly, Sagaing Division stands with 4,472 private enterprises at the fifth in the list of states and divisions that have private enterprises most in the nation. So we can guess the volume of the industrial development of the regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

**Aung:** They aren't all. There are also many large factory projects the Ministry of Industry-1 is implementing under the guidance of the Head of State for the development of the entire region of the west bank of Ayeyawady River. They are all nearing completion.

**Uncle Ohn:** You mean the textile factories under construction in Pakokku, Pwintbyu and Salingyi? The Prime Minister formally opened the Pwintbyu Textile

Factory on 18 March 2005. I read that story in the newspaper. I have learnt the two other factories will be launched soon. A special cotton farming zone has been established on the west bank of Ayeyawady River for ensuring constant supply of raw materials for these three factories. The cotton zone stretches from Thayet to Salingyi.

**Aung:** Not only these factories, but the ministry is also constructing a 200-ton pulp mill in Thabaung Township, Ayeyawady Division. It will be put into service soon. It will be the largest of its kind in the nation. And it will use locally-produced bamboo to produce quality paper.

**Uncle Ohn:** Then, our nation will be able to produce type of paper that the nation is importing now. It is good news for we, writers and readers. By the way, nowadays, I hear that Win Thuzar Shops are being opened one after another in the regions on the west

bank of Ayeyawady River. How many shops have been launched so far?

**Aung:** It just reflects the goodwill of the Head of State. The fulfilment of the three basic needs plays the fundamental role in raising the living standard and in alleviating poverty of the people. The Head of State has assigned duties to the ministry to manufacture and distribute the goods related to the three basic requisites. So far, the ministry is running 13 shops in Yangon and 19 shops in other cities. The 11 shops on the west bank of Ayeyawady River you said has been opened recently to hail the 60th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day. Including the two shops in Htilin and Gangaw, the number has now reached 13.

**Uncle Ohn:** I have read the daily papers featuring the opening of the shops for some days in a row. I take interest in such kind of news because it is related to the development of the re-

gions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River. Tell me where and when they were opened.

**Aung:** Three shops in Yinmabin, Salingyi and Pale in Monwya District, Sagaing Division, three in Htilin, Saw and Gangaw in Gangaw District, Magway Division, five in Pauk, Kyaukhtu, Seikpyu, Myaing and Yesagyo in Pakokku District, Magway Division, one in Mindon, Thayet District, Magway Division, and one in Padan, Minbu District, Magway Division, totalling 13. These shops were opened in 16 days from 24 March to 8 April 2005.

**Uncle Ohn:** I've heard that these shops were crowded with the customers on the opening days.

**Aung:** That's for sure. I've got the list of the sales of the shops. On the opening day, Saw Win Thuzar Shop sold goods worth more than K 1.3 million, Pauk Win Thuzar Shop, more than K 1.7 million, Kyaukhtu Win Thuzar Shop, more than K 450,000, Seikpyu Win Thuzar Shop, more than K 600,000, Yesagyo Win Thuzar Shop, more than K 4.1 million, Mindon Win Thuzar Shop, more than K 2.6 million, Salingyi Win Thuzar Shop, more than K 1.6 million, and Pale Win Thuzar Shop, more than 2 million.

**Uncle Ohn:** The items of Win Thuzar shops meet quality and the

prices are reasonable. So, only when I want to buy goods that aren't available at Win Thuzar shop, I visit the other shops. Local people are happy as the ministry sells personal goods and clothes at reasonable prices at Win Thuzar Shop in our region. Some say that previously such kinds of goods were available just in the cities. Some doubt Win Thuzar shops will be kept open permanently, and they bought so many items more than enough. Some say a Maung Myanmar brand bicycle is priced only K 20,000, and it is very cheap. And some like the shop for putting on sale a wide range of goods.

**Aung:** Yes, a total of 25 bicycles were sold on the opening day alone in Mindon. I learn local folks like various sorts of soap and colourful cloths with various designs and patterns.

**Uncle Ohn:** The ministry has to take responsibilities for both manufacturing and distribution of the items, and the ministry must be very busy. We locals wish Win Thuzar shops would last long.

**Aung:** Don't worry about that. The minister often gives instructions to the officials on constant supply of goods at the shops, neat display of the goods, dealing with the customers in a polite way, and abstaining from dishonest acts. And he occasionally inspects

the shops.  
**Uncle Ohn:** Well done, I'd say well done, well done! The style of Win Thuzar shops are the same as that of tax-free markets. Previously, there were so many brokerage steps between the producers and the consumers, and it caused ill effects such as slow flow of commodities, being expensive unnecessarily, and wastage and loss, and reduction of freshness of the goods.

**Aung:** Well, the objectives of the purpose of running the shops are fine. I'd like to explain these to you.

- (1) To have an access to quality goods at reasonable prices
- (2) To help raise the living standard of the people by using quality clothes and personal goods
- (3) To produce import-substitute goods and to enable the people to consume locally-produced goods.
- (4) To keep commodity prices stable
- (5) To save foreign exchange and to raise the value of local currency, and
- (6) To supply goods for the consumers directly

**Uncle Ohn:** All right! I'd say the Win Thuzar shops the ministry is running under the guidance of the Head of State are the trees of plenty of the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

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Consumers throng Win Thuzar Shop of Ministry of Industry-1 in Saw.

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**Laos opens National Assembly session**

HANOI, 28 April — The National Assembly (NA) of Laos started its session in capital Vientiane on Wednesday to review the country's recent socio-economic development and approve some bills.

In the 7th session of the fifth NA tenure, Laos' highest legislative body is expected to approve the report on the socio-economic development in the first half of the 2004-2005 fiscal year, which lasts from last October to the same month this year, according to news agency KPL.

The NA will also pass bills on civil aviation, national heritage, economic disputes, anti-corruption, and taxation.

Laos has targeted GDP growth of 7 per cent in the 2004-2005 fiscal year.— *MNA/Xinhua*

**More weapons destroyed in Cambodia**

PHNOM PENH, 28 April — The 39th Flame of Peace ceremony to destroy weapons was held Wednesday afternoon in Cambodia's Pursat Province.

Over 4,300 surplus military weapons were destroyed at the ceremony, presided over by Co-Minister of Interior Sar Kheng.

After the destruction in Pursat the total number of weapons destroyed in Cambodia since 2001 will be over 158,000, according to the Press release of EU ASAC (EU-Assistance on curbing Small Arms and Light Weapons in Cambodia).

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Indonesia's electronic products sales up**

JAKARTA, 28 April — The sales of electronic products in the first quarter 2005 in Indonesia increased significantly between 16 per cent to 40.8 per cent, compared to the same period last year, the *Bisnis Indonesia* said on Wednesday.

Based on the data of the Electronic Marketer Club the sales of refrigerator in the first quarter 2005 reached 418,044 units or 16.0 per cent higher than the same period last year. Air condition- ing was 185,224 units or 48.8 per cent higher than Q1 in 2004, and washing machine was 183,596 units or grew by 23.7 per cent from the same period in 2004.

However, the sales of television sets in the first quarter decreased by 5 per cent from the same period last year, it said.

The decline was due to the shifting of people interest to purchase the flat screen type television, said spokesman of the Electronic Marketer Club Stefanus Indrayana.

He said that the trend of the demand every month showed that the domestic market is still potential.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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Miss France 2004 barred from crown for six months

PARIS, 28 April — Laetitia Bleger, Miss France 2004, who posed half-naked for Playboy, was barred from wearing her crown and sash for six months, the Committee Miss France announced on Wednesday. "Laetitia Bleger broke the rule forbidding Miss France winners from posing for licentious photos that are either partially or totally revealing," the committee said in a statement signed by its president, Genevieve de Fontenay, the French news channel TF1 reported. "The Committee Miss France decided to punish Laetitia Bleger by barring from wearing sash Miss France 2004 and the crown for six months," it noted. However she could not have been relieved of her title and forced to return the gifts she received as Miss France. Bleger will be replaced by the 2004 runner-up, Lucie Degletagne who was Miss Bur-gundy 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

Czech duo return from three-year journey around world

PRAGUE, 28 April— Lucie Kovarikova and Michal Jon returned to the Czech Republic on Sunday after a three-year cycling tour around the world, which started on May Day 2002. Kovarikova is the first Czech woman to make such a journey. The 67,668-kilometre long journey included all continents though in the Antarctica they only symbolically rode several metres before the bicycles got stuck in the snow. Kovarikova and Jon are the first Czech duo to cycle around the world. They had no accompaniment and took all their equipment with them on the bikes. They said there were moments during the journey when they were scared. "We were certainly afraid when a bush in Australia was on fire behind us and we had to ride fast away. And also when there was shooting close to our tent in Russia," Jon said. Kovarikova said they had to change their itinerary twice, once because of snow in Japan and once because of a flood in South Africa. When asked how they managed to live with each other three years all the time, Kovarikova said that all problems were easy to solve as each of them had his own bike and could ride on his own for a while. The journey started in Prague and led via Asia, Australia and New Zealand to South and North America, with the short visit to the Antarctica, and finally from South Africa back to Europe. Kovarikova and Jon's journey had two patrons, Vitezslav Dostal, who cycled around the world in 1994-1997, and Jan Vesely, who was a cycling champion in the 1950s and who died recently. Jon said they saved ten years to have money for the journey which cost 1.5 million crowns (about 65,000 US dollars) and which was partly covered by sponsors. Kovarikova and Jon are partners, language teachers by profession and they have published three books on their experience from their travels. — MNA/Xinhua

EC proposes new measures against infectious diseases

BRUSSELS, 28 April — The European Commission (EC) adopted an action plan here Wednesday to strengthen efforts to help combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis outside the borders of the European Union (EU). The proposed menu of concrete actions, first put forward by European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid Louis Michel, includes distribution of free mosquito nets and contraceptives, as well as free access to voluntary counselling and testing for HIV/AIDS, an EC Press release said. Together with global partners such as the World Health Organization, the action programme intends to strengthen regional networks to promote affordable and safe pharmaceutical products, to strengthen the regulatory capacity in partner countries and to support further research. At country level, it proposes to launch a political dialogue on issues of discrimination while addressing the particular concerns of vulnerable groups such as orphans and children. It furthermore emphasizes capacity building in human resources and promotes clinical research and the strengthening of pharmaceutical and procurement policy. It also suggests synergy with related programmes. — MNA/Xinhua



Penguins march at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise amusement park in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 29 April, 2005. A crowd of visitors enjoyed the penguins' performance on the first day of the long Golden Week holidays in Japan. INTERNET

Mexican police seize 1 kilo of heroin hidden in woman's stomach

MEXICO CITY, 28 April— Mexican police on Wednesday captured a Venezuelan woman with nearly one kilo of heroin hidden in her stomach, the authorities said. A communique issued by the prosecutor's office said after being tipped by the International Criminal Police Organization, Mexican police arrested the Venezuelan woman from Caracas, Venezuela. After several hours in custody, the woman, feeling nausea due to the drugs in her stomach, disgorged five little bags of heroin. Police sent the woman to a hospital for further inspection, and eventually retrieved 80 bags of heroin, weighing 960 grammes, from the woman's stomach. — MNA/Xinhua

US to publish Reagan's hand-written White House diaries

LOS ANGELES, 28 April — The hand-written White House diaries of late US President Ronald Reagan will be published next year, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library said on Tuesday. In a joint announcement, the library and HarperCollins Publishers, the publishing house which acquired the rights to publish Ronald Reagan's hand-written diaries from his eight-year term as 40th US president, said the diaries will be published as a book to be released in 2006. "When we left Sacramento (for Washington), we felt the time passed so quickly, we could hardly remember the eight years," said Nancy Reagan. "When Ronnie became president, he wanted to write it all down so we could remember these special times." — MNA/Xinhua



Visitors watch a beluga whale at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise amusement park in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 29 April, 2005. Japan celebrates the first day of the long Golden Week holidays on Friday. — INTERNET

US nutrition programme for poor needs changes

WASHINGTON, 28 April— A government nutrition programme for poor women and children needs to take changes in line with the current science of nutrition, suggested a panel report released on Wednesday. The report by the Institute of Medicine proposed more whole grains, fruits and vegetables in federal diet aid to about eight million people, who yearly benefit from the programme of WIC — the Special Supplemental Nutrition Programme for Women, Infants, and Children. The recommendations, which also encourage breast feeding and reduction of the volume of eggs, cheese and milk, display a better knowledge about the links between nutrition and chronic diseases and an alertness to an obesity epidemic in the United States, the report said. The WIC, which covers about half of all infants in the country, has hardly changed since it was launched in 1974. It provides pregnant women, new mothers and their young children with food packages as well as vouchers for buying specified food. The institute panel managed to keep the total food cost within the average of 35 US dollars monthly for each participant, while expanding the selection of foods for people of different cultures and tastes. For example, it offered yogurt, tofu or soy to replace milk. The panel also proposed to provide vouchers of eight US dollars for children, and 10 US dollars for women per month to buy fresh produce in exchange of reducing by more than half the monthly juice allowances. — MNA/Xinhua

## Juventus to get one million euros a match on Japan tour

ROME, 29 April — Juventus will get one million euros a match for a two-game summer tour of Japan, club sources said on Thursday.

The tour by the 27-time Italian champion is scheduled for May 30 to June 7 and may also take in Hong Kong.

However, it may be called off if a scudetto play-off is needed with Juve's fellow Serie A leader AC Milan.

Many of Juve's stars will be missing from the line-up because of World Cup qualifiers but the club's legions of Japanese fans are not expected to complain.

The two matches will be played in Tokyo against the Japanese title winners and the winners of the country's top cup competition.

Many big Italian clubs have summer tours abroad to thrill their foreign fans and boost their coffers. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Barcelona target Gallas

LONDON, 29 April — Chelsea defender William Gallas has revealed that he is a transfer target for Spanish league leaders Barcelona.

Gallas, 27, has recently been forced to play at left-back rather than his preferred central-defensive role at Chelsea because of injury problems.

And the France defender has voiced his dismay at the situation, prompting speculation that he may leave Chelsea.

Asked whether other clubs had expressed an interest in him, Gallas said: "Yes, Barcelona want to sign me."

Gallas may find it difficult to reclaim his centre-half position, with John Terry, Ricardo Carvalho and Robert Huth all competing for places.

But the Frenchman is believed to want to hold discussions with Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho before deciding his future plans.

Gallas' revelation comes just one day after Chelsea striker Mateja Kezman said he was ready to go directly to club owner Roman Abramovich about his lack of first-team action.

The Serbia & Montenegro star has only scored four goals in 25 games for the Blues and is regularly on the bench.

Now the 26-year-old said: "I cannot cope with this for very much longer — I am now at the peak of my career."

"If I have another year like this ahead it makes no more sense and I will go, -to the big boss and talk to him." — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Cole issues Liverpool warnings

LONDON, 29 April — Chelsea midfielder Joe Cole has warned Liverpool not to be too optimistic about their UEFA League prospect after they managed a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge.

Cole is adamant that Chelsea have just as much chance as the Reds heading into next Tuesday's Champions League semifinal, second leg.

"There's no way that they're favourites and we're every bit as much in this game as them," said Cole.

"The onus is on us and if we play like we can and we'll win this tie."

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho accused the Liverpool fans of thinking they are "99.9%" through to the final, while the Anfield camp denied that there was an air of over confidence over their challenge.

The Reds have yet to beat Chelsea in four attempts this season and Cole knows the Merseysiders suffered a major blow when Xabi Alonso picked up a yellow card and was ruled out of the second leg.

Cole added: "We're very confident and our away results this season have been fantastic."

"It's not exactly what we wanted but it's a decent result and we're happy."

"They've not come here and scored and we all know how important away goals are in Europe. We passed the ball well, particularly in the first half, but didn't stick the ball in the back of the net."

"We weren't surprised by Liverpool as they're an excellent side and we've got a lot of respect for them."

"They've played very well against us in every game and we've got the wins, so they're a good side."

*MNA/Xinhua*

## CSKA, Sporting edge toward UEFA Cup final

LONDON, April 29 — CSKA Moscow and Sporting Lisbon moved one step closer to a UEFA Cup final showdown after scoring positive results in their semifinal clashes on Thursday.

CSKA held Parma in Italy to a 0-0 draw while Sporting beat Dutch side AZ Alkmaar 2-1 to enjoy a narrow edge ahead of the return in the Netherlands.

Giving priority to their battle against relegation from Serie A, Parma, twice winners of the UEFA Cup, fielded an under-strength

side and omitted leading goalscorer Alberto Gilardino and influential midfielder Domenico Morfeo from the squad.

Parma's best opportunity fell on Francesco Ruopolo in the 14th minute.

The 22-year-old found himself in plenty of space but dragged his shot wide from a good position.

CSKA then came close to breaking the deadlock 13 minutes from time when a free-kick from Brazilian Daniel Carvalho cleared the bar by inches.

In Lisbon, a long distance strike by Chilean substitute Mauricio Pinilla in the 80th minute gave Sporting Lisbon a 2-1 win over AZ Alkmaar.

The 21-year-old Pinilla had only been on the field for 10 minutes when he made his dramatic contribution. He dribbled the ball to 30 yards out and unleashed a powerful drive which left Alkmaar

goalkeeper Henk Timmer with no chance.

It was tough luck on the Dutch side who had taken the lead in the first half and had plenty of opportunities to win the tie themselves.

Sporting, who had knocked out English sides Middlesbrough and Newcastle to reach the last four, had most of the possession in the first half but fell behind after 36 minutes.

Alkmaar defender Kew Jaliens broke down the right and his cross was met first time by skipper Denny Landzaat who swept the ball past Ricardo in the Sporting goal.

However, the Portuguese side were level within a minute. A long-range shot came off the legs of Ron Vlaar and fell invitingly into the path of Cameroon striker Roudolphe Douala who scored with a low drive past Timmer.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Nepal to host Asian badminton championship

KATHMANDU, 29 April — Nepal Badminton Association will host the Nepal Asian Satellite Badminton Championship in Kathmandu on 7-11 June, the association said here Thursday.

"As many as 20 of 38 invited countries and regions have confirmed participation so far," it said in a Press release.

Asian Badminton Confederation has announced a 5,000-US-dollar contribution for the tournament and will also provide technical assistance to the Nepali authority to hold the competition, the Press release added.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Boxer De La Hoya to invest in Latino community redevelopment

LOS ANGELES, 29 April — US boxer Oscar De La Hoya said Wednesday that he is teaming with a Los Angeles real estate firm to launch a 100-million-US-dollar redevelopment effort for California Latino communities.

"We aspire to a new vision of urban redevelopment, a vision that will support the dreams and aspirations of the people who live in these under-served Latino communities," the boxer said.

De La Hoya said his company, Golden Boy Enterprises, and Los Angeles-based developer Highridge Partners will form Golden Boy Partners — which plans to invest 100 million dollars over the next three years in primarily Latino California cities in blighted areas.

John Long, head of Highridge Partners, said the new firm expects to announce its first project within six weeks.

"Our goal is to transform existing properties through redevelopment and new development building, as needed, to create mixed-use environments that combine housing, retail and commercial that will serve local residents," Long said.

De La Hoya and Long both grew up in inner-city Los Angeles.

De La Hoya said the new company is also considering financing new and existing businesses to ensure communities have a mix of needed services and available jobs.

De La Hoya's Golden Boy Enterprises has interests in Latino newspapers in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago and recently purchased an office building on New York's Madison Avenue. The company also operates a boxing promotion firm. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Soccer player nearly freezes to death during NZ match

WELLINGTON, 28 April — A teenage soccer player almost froze to death during a New Zealand club match as the temperatures dropped to below the freezing point at Featherston, 70 kilometres (50 miles) north of the capital Wellington on Sunday, a newspaper reported in its Wednesday edition.

Azim Sheikh, 19, suffered severe hypothermia and had stopped breathing when he reached hospital after the match between Wairarapa United and Featherston, The Wairarapa Times-Age newspaper reported.

The match was called off in the second half when Wairarapa management noticed several of its players were affected by the cold.

Sheikh, who moved to New Zealand from Fiji two years ago, made a quick recovery after being rushed to hospital and was released late Sunday.

He told the newspaper he had been cold during the first half and his condition worsened during halftime.

"The next thing I knew I couldn't do anything," he told The Wairarapa Times-Age. "I couldn't walk and then I blacked out."

"They (his teammates) told me it was probably because I come from a warm country and am not used to the weather," he added.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Venezuela readies for Davis Cup

CARACAS, 28 April — The preparations are ready for the Venezuela-Canada series of Group I of the Davis Cup America Zone, to be played on 29 April-1 May, at the central Venezuelan state of Carabobo, said sport sources.

The captain of the Venezuelan team, Alfonso Mora, assured Wednesday that the series will be played at the refurbished courts of the Rafael Yanez Gordils de Valencia complex.

Mora said "we have the firm purpose to have an honourable participation in the name of Venezuela vis-a-vis a rival that is considered favourite; I believe it is not impossible to win, though".

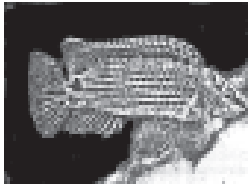
The Venezuelan team is made by the top players of the country, Jose Antonio De Armas, Jonathan Medina, Yohny Rivero and Daniel Vallberdu as replacement. On April 29 there will be two singles games, at 16:00 hours, local time, while the doubles game will take place on Saturday 30. The last two singles are due Sunday. The Canadian team, headed by captain Martin Laurendau, has Frank Dancevic, Frederic Niemeyer, Phil Berter and Robert Steckley.

Canada, with four victories, and Venezuela will play for the seventh time in the Davis Cup, and in this occasion the winner will play a repechage game with one of the teams losing in the first round of the World Group.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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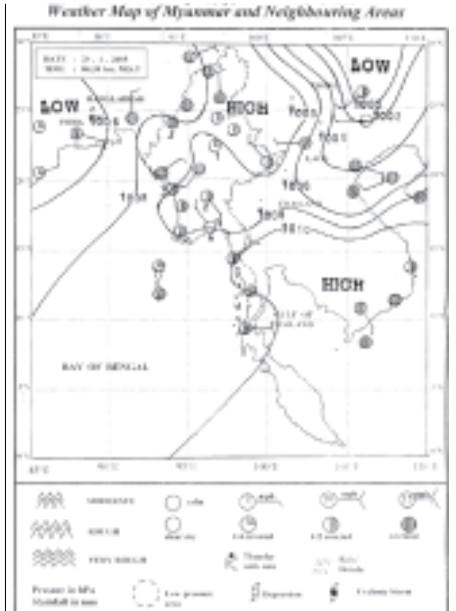
**China submits rights report to UN committee**

GENEVA, April 29 — China presented its initial report on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to a UN committee on Wednesday.

“The report focuses on the laws, plans and measures adopted, and organs established by the Chinese Government to promote various rights under the covenant, including our achievements as well as our difficulties and problems,” Ambassador Sha Zukang, head of the Chinese delegation, told a session of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

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**WEATHER**

Friday, 29 April, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin and Kayah States and Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in lower Sagaing Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.83) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. (6°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division (6°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway and Minbu (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 28-4-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 29-4-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-4-2005 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 28-4-2005 was (9.1) hours (approx). Rainfalls on 29-4-2005 were (0.83 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.24 inch) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (1.46 inches) at Yangon Airport, (1.93 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.32 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 28-4-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the north and south Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 30-4-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions are likely in the whole country.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-4-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-4-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Weather outlook for first weekend of May 2005:** During the coming weekend rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

**All this needs to be known**

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

**Earthquake Report**

(Issued at 22.00 hours MST on today)

An earthquake of strong intensity (6.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1100) miles south of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hrs (40) min (56) sec MST on 29th April 2005.



Saturday, 30 April  
View on today:

- 7:00 am  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am  
5. မြေမြေကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:00 am  
6. ဝေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်
- 8:10 am  
7. Musical programme
- 8:20 am  
8. ဆိုင်းဂါးတေး (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)
- 8:30 am  
9. International news
- 8:45 am  
10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 11:00 am  
1. Martial song

- 11:15 am  
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am  
3. Games for children
- 11:50 am  
4. Round Up of the week's TV local news
- 1:20 pm  
5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)
- 1:55 pm  
6. "အပိုင်အက်" (ကိုကိုလင်းဇာတ်၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ အောင်စိုင်း) (ခါရုတိတိဇာတ်နှင့်အပိုင်း)
- 2:30 pm  
7. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm  
6. International news
- 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. အဝေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး နှစ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခပေဇာ အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခပေဇာ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. နားဝင်းပီယံယူလက်သံ
- 5:10 pm  
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား
- 5:25 pm  
7. Musical programme

- 6:40 pm  
8. "ကောင်းခြင်းစေခြား" (ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ရန်ပိုင်မိုး၊ မိုင်းစောရဲထွန်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ မြင့်မြင့်မိုင်း၊ စခိုမိုးအေး၊ ဈာန်စန္ဒီ) ခါရုတိတိဇာတ်-ကိုအောင်မိုး(ပဲခူး)
- 5:55 pm  
9. Games for children
- 6:15 pm  
10. Musical programme
- 6:25 pm  
11. Discovery
- 6:30 pm  
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm  
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm  
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 7:20 pm  
15. အေးသာယာပိုင်စပျစ်ခြံ
- 7:30 pm  
16. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm  
17. ထယ်ဝါတင်ဆန်းစစ်ချီးသစ်ပွန်း
- 8:00 pm  
18. News
- 8:00 pm  
19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. လပတ်စွဲလေ့လာရေးစာစုစာစုစာစု စနစ်များချက်
- 22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)
- 23. The next day's programme



Saturday, 30 April  
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Words
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: Still
- 8:55 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am Music: My love
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:10 am Music - When you say nothing at all - Big Big World News/Slogan Request -Especially for you (Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan) -Up where we belong (Joe Cocker & Jennifer Warners) -Sometimes love just ain't enough (Patty Smith and Don Henly)
- 9:00 pm ASEAN review Songs/News
- 9:10 pm Article/Music
- 9:20 pm Myanma Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Solitare
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

**ASLEEP IN JESUS  
Matron Daw Naw Gaily  
(Retired, EENT Hospital)  
Age 80 Years**

Daughter of (U Saw Sharley-Daw Naw Moo), beloved wife of (Mr. WAL Coomber), beloved mother of U William Myint Soe-Gina, Daw Doris Yin Yin Htwe, beloved grandmother of Michelle and Wayne, fell asleep in Jesus at SSC on 29th April, 2005 at 00.05 am.

Funeral service will be held at Phoo Thu Bya Memorial Hall at Insein Seminary Compound on 1st May, 2005 (Sunday) at 08.30 am thence to Yay Way Christian Cemetery (all denominations) for entombment.

(Buses will leave building 18, Room 3, U Wisara Housing at 07.30 am. **Bereaved family**)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts an arm handed over by PSLA leader Chairman U Aik Mone.—MNA

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military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, members of USDA, MWAF, MCWA, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and local people, totalling over 5,000.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the PSLA U Aik Mone, Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone, Joint-Secretary U Maing Ohn Khaing, Commanding Officers U Aik Hsam, U Han Thein, U Aung Pay and U Pan Si Ya and members totalling 843. U Phon Kyar Phu and party of Shan State (North) Special Region-1

Kokang Group, U Aung Myint and party of Wa Special Region-2, U Lwai Maung and party of Special Region-3 SSA Group, U Mahtu Naw and party of Special Region-5 KDA Group, U Zaw Gun and party of Kachin State Special Region-2 KIA Group were also present on the occasion. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presided over the ceremony. Mangton Township USDA members Ma Moe Moe Aung and Ma Nan Kwe acted

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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**INSIDE**

People on west bank of Ayeyawady like Win Thuzar shops for putting on sale a wide range of goods.

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AUNG (SETHMU)

**PSLA will help nation reach the goal of everlasting peace, longed for by the people**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms of PSLA for peace at Mangton Sports Grounds in Mangton.—MNA

**Aims and acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts endangering interest of Union of Myanmar and the entire people  
Lahu National Development Party opposes the announcement of renegade group**

**YANGON, 29 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 Lahu National Development Party.—MNA

**Declaration of Lahu National Development Party**

1. The Union of Myanmar is a land, where various national races have been living as national brethren sharing weal and woe and keeping eggs and nest intact.
2. We learnt that some fugitives in a foreign country announced the formation of the Shan State provisional government and independence of Shan State on 17 April 2005.
3. We cannot accept the announcement as it is merely an act that can undermine national unity and perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar.
4. Thus, we hereby declare that the Lahu National Development Party strongly opposes and protests against the declaration of the formation of the Shan State provisional government and independence of Shan State.

U Yaw Aye Hla  
Joint General Secretary-2  
Central Executive Committee  
Lahu National Development Party

Dated: 29 April 2005