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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

Relying on the colonialists, some national traitors and destructive elements scheming to break up the Union commit atrocious acts  
 It is necessary to remove internal and external destructive elements in accord with the four-point People's Desire  
 Youth Seminar of Union Solidarity and Development Association held

YANGON, 8 May —A Youth Seminar of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place this morning on a grand scale on at the sport ground near the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region this morning.

It was attended by the Secretary-General, secretariat members and CEC members of the USDA and officials, secretaries, executives and regional coordinators of state and division USDAs, USDA youth members, presidents and members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Association and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people from nearby townships in Bagan Archaeological Region totaling over 12,000.

Mandalay Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo presided over the ceremony together with secretaries of 17 state and division USDAs. Ma Ke Khaing Soe of Mandalay Division acted as master of ceremonies and Ma Myat Noe Wai as co-MC.

After the MC's announcement of the start of



Members of the Panel of Chairmen of Youth Seminar organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association in Bagan Archaeological Region. — MNA

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*"The armed insurgency in Shan State could not lead to the establishment of an independent and united Shan State, but created a period of anarchy and produced many war lords who held arms and oppressed the rural people and made mass of local Shan nationals poor.*  
 (Page 7) YADANASI SAYADAW (LOILEM)

the seminar, those present saluted the State Flag. Next, meeting chairman U Tin Maung Oo delivered a speech.

He said tabling the motion calling for "Building a modern developed nation through strength of youth" that will refresh political, economic and social de-

velopments at the youth seminar held at Bagan Archaeological Region are the national movement. The motions calling for condemning the terrorist acts that could lead to the danger of breaking up the Union are an important national concern.  
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Union Solidarity and Development Association members attend Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for realization of national objectives

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win on 6 and 7 May inspected fertilizer plants, Umin Koepauk river water pumping project, Mann oil field and Thayet cement plant, and gave necessary instructions to officials.

During his inspection tour of Umin Koepauk river water pumping project of Water Resources Utilization Department in Sale region of Chauk Township, the Prime Minister underscored the need for administrative bodies and departmental personnel to lend themselves to extended cultivation of paddy in addition to beans and pulses and sesame.

The government has spent a large amount of funds on river water pumping projects for ensuring self-sufficiency in rice, greening purpose and income generation of local people.

Umin Koepauk river water pumping project is at present benefiting 7,800 acres of farmland. The facility has also contributed to extended cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in areas where only beans and pulses and sesame could be grown in the past.

The Prime Minister proceeded to Thayet where he met District and Township authorities, departmental officials, USDA members, social organizations and townsenders.

At the meeting, the Prime Minister said that as long as the local people have been able to make efforts for self-sufficiency in rice and economic development, the entire Union will be able to enjoy strong economy and stand firmly on its feet.

It is, he added, unwise the nation places reliance on foreign assistance for its economic development, and it does not conform to the spirit and nationalistic fervour of the people who wish to stand on their own feet.

At a time when the government is making all-out efforts for national development, the people on their part are doing their bit in this regard.

The national development and the emergence of infrastructures needed for national development are due largely to the concerted efforts of the State and the people under the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

All in all, we would like to call upon local people and departmental officials to exert relentless efforts in Union for successful realization of the objectives of the government that is striving for equitable development throughout the nation.

### UMFCCI President meets with ROK Ambassador

YANGON, 8 May — Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Ju-Heum and Commercial Attaché Mr Choi Yong-tai and First Secretary Mr Hong Sung Wook met with UMFCCI President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung at UMFCCI on 5 May evening.

They discussed promotion of bilateral businesses, investment in agricultural, industrial, mining, oil and gas and livestock breeding tasks.

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### 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-2 Minister leaves for China

YANGON, 8 May — At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, a five-member delegation led by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin left here by air for China this afternoon to discuss cooperation in industrial sector between the two countries and to study industries in China.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, officials and relatives.

The minister was accompanied by Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries, Managing Director U Oo Zun of Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries, Director U Aung Kyi of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services, Director U Thwin Myint Maung of MADEI and Adviser U Than Htut to the ministry. — MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin being seen off by officials concerned before its departure for China. — MNA

### Dry day inspection teams discharge duties



Members of Dry Day Supervisory Committee supervise dry day inspection teams at main points of Yangon City. — MNA

YANGON, 8 May — Dry Day Supervisory Committee member leader of inspection team Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, accompanied by senior military officers and heads of departments, supervised dry day inspection teams checking the motor vehicles used by Tatmadaw and departments at the main points of Yangon city this morning and so did leader of inspection team Deputy Minister for Construction U

Tint Swe, deputy leader Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, senior military officers and heads of departments in the evening.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, licence of driver, wheel tax bill and wearing of departmental uniforms and beaking traffic rules.

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### MRTV D-G leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 8 May — Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television left here by air to attend the Asia Media Summit 2005 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 9 to 11 May.

The director-general was seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and officials. — MNA

### Miss YITF 2005 contest to be held

YANGON, 7 May — To mark the Yangon International Trade Fair-2005 at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, the Miss YITF-2005 contest will be held here.

Candidates from 18 to 27 years of age and at least 5ft and 3 inches in height may compete in the Miss YITF.

Applications are available at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Kyauktada Township, Tel: 246495, 243151, 381284, and 381285. Applications must be sent to UMFCCI not later than 16 May.

The trade fair will be held from 25 to 29 May. — NLM

### All this needs to be known

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

# China holding more hearings on price adjustments in tourist sites

HEFEI, 7 May — China is holding more public hearings on ticket price adjustments on nationwide tourist sites, introducing more public opinions and suggestions.

The hearings follow price hearings on train tickets, water and electricity and environmental protection, after China issued provisional regulations on the public hearing system for price-related governmental decisions in 2001. A hearing in Beijing in November last year focused on disputed ticket price changes for six world heritage sites, including the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace.

"The main reason for the price rise lies in the financial pressure for relics preservation. Ticket

revenue has to cover most operational costs in China's world heritage sites since governmental allocation covers only 30 per cent," said Li Gao, Assistant Director of the Summer Palace. "The price rise is also expected to control the excessive tourist flow."

The plan to raise ticket price of the six sites immediately triggered protests from the public, making it necessary to hold a hearing.

Similar hearings have mushroomed nationwide on various topics.

The scenic Huangshan Mountain in east China's Anhui Province, for example, also decided to hold a hearing in March on ticket prices.

The hearing invited officials from the People's Congress of the city, the municipal government, representatives of tourist companies, experts and six tourists randomly chosen from the applicants.

All 23 representatives, including five of the six tourists, agreed to raise the ticket price of Huangshan Mountain, but they disagreed on how much

the price should be raised, said Zhang Jiaying, director of the Price Proof Centre of Huangshan.

About 72 per cent of the representatives suggested to raise the price by 50 per cent, which became the final decision of the city's Price Bureau. The price will jump from 130 yuan (15.7 US dollars) to 200 yuan (24.2 US dollars) in the busy season and from 85 yuan (10.3 US dollars) to 120 yuan (14.5 US dollars) in the low season. Zhang said the price change was 20 per cent lower than the government's former plan and that the new ticket price plan will take effect from June.—MNA/Xinhua



## Japan, S Korea to hold summit talks in Seoul late June

Kyoto, 7 May — Japan and South Korea agreed on Friday to hold a summit between Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and South Korean President Roh Moo Hyun in Seoul in late June, Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura said.

After meeting with South Korean Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Ban Ki Moon in Kyoto, central Japan, Machimura told reporters that the two sides shared the view that bilateral relations are heading in an amicable direction.

Machimura indicated he and Ban agreed on the need to deal with the sovereignty of an disputed island in the Sea of Japan "in a level-headed manner". The island is called Takeshima in Japan and Tokto in South Korea. The issue has been a source of friction between the two countries since earlier this year.

Machimura also said Ban highly rated a speech Koizumi delivered in an Asia-Africa summit in Jakarta last month. Koizumi apologized for Japan's aggression to other Asian countries before and during World War II in the speech.

But Ban told reporters separately that he also stressed during the meeting that it was important for the Japanese leader to follow up on what he said in the speech.

MNA/Xinhua

## UNGA to hold 60th anniversary of WWII

UNITED NATIONS, 6 May — The UN General Assembly will convene a special session next Tuesday to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The assembly spokes-man's office said on Friday that the session will bring together permanent representatives of the 191 UN member states. The meeting was arranged under a resolution adopted by the assembly last November, which declared 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the World War II.

MNA/Xinhua

## India offers to assist in Iraq reconstruction

NEW DELHI, 8 May — Welcoming the formation of a new transitional government in Iraq, India on Saturday offered its assistance for reconstruction of the war-ravaged country and cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, in a message of congratulations to his Iraqi counterpart Ibrahim Al Jaafari, said India would like to further strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two countries.

Singh wished the Iraqi people success in their efforts towards building a peaceful, stable and prosperous Iraq.

"In keeping with India's long tradition of close political, economic and cultural ties with Iraq, the Prime Minister conveyed that India values and would like to further strengthen the bonds of friendship between two countries and peoples, and would be happy to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq and cooperation in areas of mutual interest," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement. —MNA/PTI



A Hyundai Heavy Industries worker paints a cargo ship at its dock recently. INTERNET

## Indonesia says OPEC happy with its membership

JAKARTA, 7 May — The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) has no problem with Indonesia's membership, even if the country becomes a net crude oil importer, a top Indonesian official has said.

"Once you're inside, you continue to be a member. OPEC has no problem (with Indonesia's membership)," Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yudiantoro was quoted on Friday by *The Jakarta Post* newspaper as saying.

He said that according to OPEC, what was important was that Indonesia, the organization's second-smallest producer, was a net exporter when it became a member.

The government has said that it was considering pulling out of the organization due to the country's falling crude oil output, which may lead to Indonesia becoming a net crude oil importer in the future.

A team tasked with reviewing the country's membership has recommended that Indonesia reduce its status from member to "observer" to avoid paying 1 million US dollars a year in fees.

The change would allow the country to be within the OPEC circle without spending much-needed budget money. Aging oil fields and lack of new exploration have meant the country's crude oil output has steadily declined by 5 per cent a year.

At present, Indonesia produces less than one million barrels a day, far below the 1.43 million barrels quota set by OPEC.

This low output made Indonesia a net

crude oil importer for about four months last year.

"We are still a (crude oil) net exporter now, although the difference is very small," Purnomo said.

Due to increasing fuel demand and the limited capacity of local refineries, Indonesia has also had to import 400,000 barrels of refined fuels a day, making the country a net importer of fuel products, both unprocessed and refined.

Regarding total OPEC production, Purnomo said OPEC had not decided yet if it would add 500,000 barrels of oil a day to its quota in the market to ease oil prices.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier is seen from behind shattered windshield of a car that was hit by a car bomb, set off by a suicide attacker targeting a US military convoy recently.

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# Foreign ministers from ASEAN, Japan, China, S Korea begin talks

**KYOTO, 7 May** — Foreign ministers from ASEAN, Japan, China and South Korea began a meeting on Friday in central Japan's ancient city Kyoto to discuss whether to allow India, Australia, New Zealand and the United States to participate in an East Asia Summit (EAS) in Kuala Lumpur in December this year.

The informal meeting of foreign minister from the Association of South-East Asian Nations and the three North-East Asian countries is expected to discuss the "concept and modalities" of the EAS.

Based on three selection criteria set by ASEAN, India's participation in the EAS is almost certain, Australia and New Zealand, however, may first have to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation or TAC, a non-aggression pact ratified by all 10 ASEAN members.

The ASEAN foreign ministers agreed at their informal retreat last month in Mactan, Philippines, that only those countries, with substantive relations with ASEAN, full dialogue partner status and have acceded to TAC, can join the first EAS.

The foreign ministers

also agreed during the Mactan retreat that ASEAN alone will decide the future members of all subsequent summits "to ensure that ASEAN remains in the driver's seat of the EAS process".

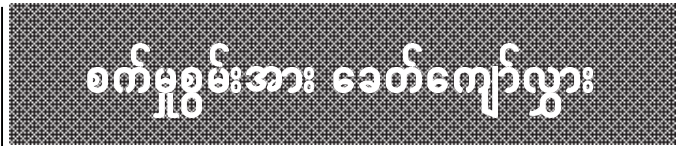
Lao Foreign Minister Somsavat Lengsavad, who chaired the informal meeting on the sidelines of the two-day Asia-Europe Meeting 7th Foreign Ministers' Meeting, said ASEAN foreign ministers will inform Japan, China and South Korea of the outcome of their informal retreat in Mactan.

"There is no particular agenda," Somsavat Lengsavad said, adding the meeting will discuss how to transform the region into an East Asian community.

In the ASEAN-plus-three summit in Vientiane last November, the leaders of the countries supported ASEAN's decision to

convene the first EAS in Malaysia in December. Japan proposed hosting this informal meeting in Kyoto.

The foreign ministers are expected to decide and formalize the membership of the first EAS during the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Vientiane in July, ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua



General view of Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand seen on 8 May, 2005. —INTERNET

## Promoting gender equality is everyone's responsibility

**PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 8 May** — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Saturday that promoting gender equality was not only women's responsibility but the responsibility of everyone.

The world recognized that gender equality was critical to the development and peace of every nation, Annan said in his message to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial

Meeting on the Advancement of Women here. The text of his message was made available to the Press at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre, the venue of the

meeting which proceeded with the senior official meeting.

He said there was no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.

have learnt on a larger scale."

"This year offers a precious opportunity for doing that, as the world's leaders prepare to gather for a summit at the United Nations to review progress in implementing the Millennium Declaration, agreed in 2000 by all the world governments as a blueprint for building a better world in the 21st Century," he said.

Annan said that 10 years after the Beijing Conference on Women and Platform for Action on gender equality and the advancement of women, women were not only more aware of their rights but were more able to exercise them.

MNA/Xinhua

Although new challenges for women had emerged, like the trafficking of women and children, the increasing targeting of women in armed conflict and the terrifying growth of HIV/AIDS among women, they were not problems without solutions, Annan indicated.

"We have learnt what works and what doesn't. If we are to change the historical legacy that puts women at a disadvantage in most societies, we must implement what we

## Indonesian Govt establishes special anti-graft team

**JAKARTA, 7 May** — The Indonesian Government has formed a special team charged with the task of intensifying and improving the government's anti-corruption campaign, a local newspaper reported on Friday.

The Coordinating Team for Corruption Eradication is aimed at speeding up the anti-corruption campaign, said *The Jakarta Post*. The drive, which was launched six months ago, has yet to record significant results.

Its members comprise prosecutors, police officers and officials of the Development Finance Controller (BPKP).

The 51-member team

is chaired by Deputy Attorney General for special crimes Hendarman Supandji.

The team will run for two years, but the term may be extended if deemed necessary.

It is assigned to investigate and prosecute graft cases, hunt down and arrest suspects, as well as tracing assets and preventing them from possibly being laundered

or illegally transferred abroad.

The new team is obliged to report developments in their duties at any time to the President. Results of its activities must be presented to the President and his advisers every three months.

The first duty of the team will be to investigate possible graft cases in 16 state enterprises, four ministries and three private

companies, as well as hunt down 12 white collar swindlers who have fled abroad.

"We have decided to take necessary legal measures against 16 state enterprises, four ministries and three private companies," Susilo said when installing the team members earlier Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army and Iraqi police secure the area after they found a suicide car and the remote control device in the centre of Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 May, 2005. —INTERNET

## China commits to closer ten+3 cooperation

**KYOTO, 7 May** — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said here Friday China is willing to contribute to closer cooperation between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), China, Japan and South Korea.

Li Zhaoxing made the remarks at an informal meeting of the foreign ministers of the 10-member ASEAN plus China, Japan and South Korea (10+3).

It is in the interest of all parties concerned to maintain the cooperation momentum of the 10+3 mechanism, which has become one of the most successful and vigorous mechanisms for regional cooperation, said the Chinese Foreign Minister.

ASEAN, established in 1967 groups Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia

On the East Asia Summit (EAS), Li said the summit meeting is set to contribute to cooperation between East Asian countries and further development of the 10+3 mechanism. China respects ASEAN's consensus on the summit and supports a leading role by the regional grouping in deciding which countries

outside the framework can join the meeting, Li said.

ASEAN foreign ministers agreed last month in the Philippines that the first meeting of East Asia Summit will be held in Kuala Lumpur at the end of this year among countries that can maintain close dialogue with ASEAN, agree to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, and have substantive relationship with ASEAN in politics, economics, culture and other fields.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan says Australia, NZ likely to join East Asia Summit

KYORO, 7 May — Japan on Friday backed bids by Australia and New Zealand to join the inaugural East Asia Summit scheduled for later this year.

A Japanese Government official, who declined to be named, indicated that it is highly likely that India, Australia and New Zealand would be participating in the summit.

The official said that foreign ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Japan, China and South Korea agreed at an informal meeting in Kyoto that these countries could join the summit.

The official said Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura proposed at the two-hour meeting that Japan host a senior working-level meeting involving ASEAN-plus-three countries next month in Tokyo to prepare for their formal meeting in Vientiane in July.

Machimura has also reportedly urged his counterparts to allow the United States to join the summit, to be held in Kuala Lumpur in December, as an ob-

server. The proposal drew no significant reaction from the other ASEAN-plus-three foreign minister, the official said.

South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki Moon also suggested at the meeting that the summit should be held biennially, and that the North-East Asian countries should also be allowed to host future summits.

The ministers discussed the agenda for the Asia-Europe meeting, the East Asia Summit, reforms in the United Nations, including the situation on the Korean Peninsula, Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said in a brief interview.

Syed Hamid said the foreign ministers are expected to decide and formalize the membership of the first East Asia Summit during the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Vientiane in July.

MNA/Xinhua

## China strictly controls brain surgery

BEIJING, 7 May— Chinese health official on Friday restressed that the brain surgery for eliminating drug addiction is strictly controlled because its effectiveness and safety have not been proved and its side effects are still unclear.

Qi Guoming, chief of the Science and Education Department under the Health Ministry, said the surgery is still under clinical studies but not for clinical use.

"It is irresponsible and immoral to conduct the operation before an experimental conclusion is reached. Therefore, we are not resuming it," he said.

Brain surgery for curing drug addicts is a key research field and the

ministry is thinking about applying for national fund for scientific studies given by the Ministry of Science and Technology, said Qi.

Health Ministry's spokesman Mao Qun said last month that brain surgery to curb drug cravings is a special medical practice. Those hospitals and doctors who perform the operation, as well as the equipment, environment and post-surgery obser-

vation, must be qualified and standardized.

Qi also stressed at the same day that before the ministry carries out a scheme and regulation for the clinical studies of brain surgery, any medical unit cannot perform the surgery in the name of clinical study or service.

Brain surgery was suspended on 2 November last year by the ministry because of disputes over its unidentified side effects among medical experts. Evaluation and argument of the operation have been lasting ever since. The ministry in March held a special meeting on this topic in Shaanxi Province, at which experts and officials agreed that the brain surgery is still in the phase of clinical studies and cannot be used in clinical service.— MNA/Xinhua



A worker fixes electricity cables in Vientiane on 7 May, 2005.

INTERNET

## No signs of bird flu detected in areas near DMZ

SEOUL, 7 May — The South Korean Government said on Friday it has found no evidence of avian influenza among birds in areas just south of the demilitarized zone (DMZ) that separates the two Koreas.

The National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service said extensive tests of wild birds and their droppings had found no traces of the disease in nearby regions.

Wild birds can catch the avian influenza virus from infected birds. The disease can be transmitted to humans, but no fatalities have ever been reported in South Korea.

The service under the Agriculture Ministry said it set up a special task force after North Korea formally announced an

outbreak of the deadly avian virus on 27 March.

Pyongyang, which reportedly destroyed a large number of birds, has requested assistance from Seoul to provide it with disinfectants and detection equipment.

South Korea banned the import of all poultry from North Korea in mid-March after there was strong evidence of a bird flu outbreak in the reclusive country.

Seoul also stepped up efforts to prevent the virus from entering the

country by conducting extensive decontamination efforts at checkpoints used by civilians to move to and from North Korea and at major harbours.

The quarantine service said it will continue to monitor areas south of DMZ to detect any signs of the bird flu virus. Seoul usually issues bird flu outbreak alerts in late fall to early spring because migratory birds can spread the virus during their transit over the country.

MNA/Xinhua



Cambodian newly wed has traditional photos taken as her wedding party look on before a rain storm falls in Phnom Penh recently.—INTERNET

## Philippine province declares state of calamity due to El Nino

MANILA, 7 May — The southern Philippine province of south Cotabato has declared the entire province under a state of calamity due to the continuing onslaught of the El Nino phenomenon that has damaged close severely agricultural crops.

Reynaldo Legaste, chair of the provincial task force on El Nino, said on Friday the 12-man board unanimously approve the declaration.

"(The board) also approved an appropriation of 15 million peso (270,000 US dollars) to fund our proposed rehabilitation activities which would focus on the agriculture sector," Legaste said.

As of Tuesday, Legaste said the total damage wrought by the drought in the province's 10 towns and lone city reached near 100 million pesos (1.85 million US dollars).

He said drought has affected 11,458 hectares of crops (4,3000 hectares for palay and 7,158 hectares for corn).

The task force earlier reported that some 44,000 heads of livestock were considered "at risk" due to the intense heat and the drying up of grazing areas. Several cases of the Surra disease were found among large cattle in Polomolok Town, the report said.

On terms of human health, the intense heat and the lack of rains brought about by the El Nino was also cited by the health authorities to have directly or indirectly caused the occurrence of 9,470 cases of illnesses such as pneumonia, diarrhoea, influenza and dengue fever. — MNA/Xinhua

## Mortar attack targets US-Iraqi miliary checkpoint in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, 7 May — A mortar attack hit a checkpoint jointly manned by US and Iraqi forces in southern Fallujah, causing casualties, witnesses said on Friday.

US and Iraqi soldiers opened fire randomly while responding to the attack which took place Thursday night and killed a civilian and wounded three others, witnesses at the scene said.

"We have received a body and three injured people, one of them in serious condition," a Fallujah hospital doctor told Xinhua. Fighting in the Sunni Muslim enclave, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, still flares as sporadic attacks were launched from time to time on US and Iraqi forces.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore to discuss security in Malacca Strait

JAKARTA, 7 May — Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia are to discuss the security in the Malacca Strait, where the threat of piracy has been on the rise recently, Indonesian Foreign Ministry spokesman said here on Friday.

The three littoral countries would discuss the issues of terrorism, sea robbery and smuggling in the strait, said Yuri Thamrin, the spokesman.

Several Indonesian and Japanese ships have been targeted by the sea robbery on the narrow channel recently.

"There has been an understanding among the foreign ministers of Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia to meet, to discuss these problems in the aspect of politics," he said. However the spokesman is not sure of the date of the meeting. To improve security in the Strait, Indonesia in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) would establish an information centre in

Batam Island in Westernmost Indonesia, near Singapore, Thamrin added.

"We would cooperate with the IMO to set up an information centre" he said.

On 28 April, Singapore, Japan, Laos and Cambodia signed Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ship in Asia (ReCAAP) and agreed to establish an information centre in Singapore. Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore have carried out a coordinated patrol since last year and decided that other countries may contribute to the capacity building. The Straits is passed by about 500,000 ships in a year, carrying two thirds of oil for the world trade.—MNA/Xinhua



Transvestite beauty pageant contestant Tiptantree Ruksuutisanti, left, reacts to winning the Miss Tiffanys Universe pageant as runner up Pheeraya Runangroongroj, right, offers congratulations on late 7 May, 2005, in Pattaya, Thailand. —INTERNET

## Pakistan, India to move forward for dispute resolution

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 May — The time had come for India and Pakistan to move forward from the dispute management stage to a phase of dispute resolution, visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said here on Friday.

"Both President (Pervez) Musharraf and I have met Indian leaders on several occasions to take the dialogue process forward. President Musharraf's recent visit to New Delhi yielded important results and made progress on confidence-building measures," Aziz said in a keynote address at Malaysia-Pakistan business and economic forum, organized by the Asian Strategic and Leadership Institute (ASLI) of Malaysia.

He said that at present people contacts as well as economic and trade links between the two countries had been restored, and they had agreed to facilitate interaction among Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control.

Touching on terrorism, the Prime Minister

said Pakistan had embraced a strategy of enlightened moderation to promote inter-civilization harmony where, on one hand, it called on Muslims to reject extremism and pursue reforms.

"On the other hand, the West must help in addressing long-standing issues that have caused so much pain and suffering in the Islamic societies. The international community must also help efforts aimed at poverty alleviation and socio-economic development," he said.

He said Pakistan believed that in addition to local action to curb terrorism, there was a need to address the root causes that lie in conditions of injustice, denial of fundamental rights of people, deprivation as well as

poverty, illiteracy and socio-economic backwardness that bred extremism and violence.

Speaking on Pakistan's nuclear capability, Aziz said the country was opposed to an arms race, conventional or non-conventional, and this was the reason it offered to work for a strategic restraint regime with India.

"Pakistan is also committed to nuclear non-proliferation. Following the 1998 tests that established Pakistan as an overt nuclear power, we have instituted a strong National Command Authority for effective command and control of our strategic assets. Our nuclear capability is now a factor of regional security and stability," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Annan to attend WWII commemorations in Moscow

UNITED NATIONS, 7 May — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan heads to Moscow this weekend to participate in the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War, UN Spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on Friday.

While in Moscow, Annan may hold a number of bilateral meetings with a number of Heads of State and government who are also participating in the ceremonies, Dujarric said. On the sidelines of these commemorations, the Secretary-General is scheduled to join the other members of the Middle East Quartet, which includes the European

Union, the Russian Federation and the United States, for a working meeting, the spokesman noted.

Also attending will be the Quartet's Special Envoy James Wolfensohn and the US Security Coordinator William Ward, who will brief the Quartet members on the situation on the ground and the latest developments regarding the Israeli withdrawal

from Gaza and parts of the West Bank, Dujarric added.

According to the spokesman, Annan will then travel to Geneva, where on 11 May he will host a mini-summit with President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Paul Biya of Cameroon to discuss their border dispute on Bakassi Peninsula.—MNA/Xinhua

## Internet alert system to fight against counterfeit drugs

MANILA, 7 May — An Internet alert system has been established as the World Health Organization (WHO) launches its war against counterfeit drugs, the regional office said on Friday.

Regional Director for the WHO's Western Pacific Office Shigeru Omi said in a news conference that the global health body has unveiled its Rapid Alert System (RAS), the world's first web-based system for tracking the activities of drug cheats, in light of the increasing severity of the counterfeit drugs. "The counterfeit drugs trade is an organized trans-national crime. It spans the world and affects both rich countries and poor ones," he said.

According to the WHO's statistics, between 6 per cent and 10 per cent of medicine on the world market is reported to be counterfeit with estimated sales of over 35 billion US dollars a year.

In the Southeast Asia, in particular, 10 per cent of the total on the market are estimated fakes.

"Mainly, it is the developing countries that suffer. Unlike in the West, most do not have the financial means or the infrastructure to detect and respond to counterfeit medicines," Omi said.

He said, however, the counterfeit medicines have not so far attracted enough attention they deserve.

"The people who produce fake drugs operate in the shadows. We're not

sure who they are. And we're not sure where they are based. But we know one thing for certain: They are very dangerous and very cynical," he added.

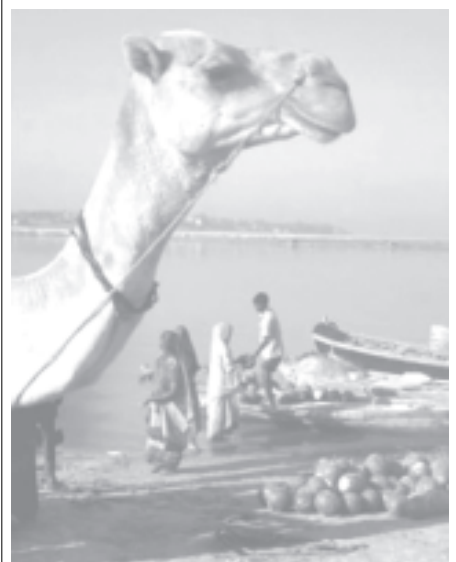
The Rapid Alert System, as the director explained, will facilitate the public who believe they have come across counterfeit drugs to go online to report what they have discovered and attain the assessment of the specialists.

Through the Internet, the news about the counterfeit medicines can be spread around the region and then around the world to warn more public and help law enforcement

agencies to track drug counterfeiters, he added.

However, Omi noted that as the WHO's first attempt to fight against the counterfeit drugs, the alert system can not solve the problems overnight but only to increase public awareness, promote rapid and transparent information sharing, and obtain commitment of the governments and other sectors to address the problem. "We believe that unless firm and committed action is taken, anarchy will set in and the public trust in pharmaceuticals will be dangerously eroded," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian women buy watermelons on the bank of the river Ganges, in Allahabad, India, on 7 May, 2005.—INTERNET

# Row in harmony and unison

*Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)*

*(Continued from yesterday)*

Shouting the commencement of Shan revolution on 13 February 1959, the Nom Sit Han (Brave Shan Youth) group launched an attack on the Tatmadaw's Pungpahkyem camp, giving birth to Shan armed insurgency. However, the Tatmadaw, which was repulsing all the attacks of alien enemies including nationalist Chinese troops to safeguard and defend the nation, defeated the group and Sai Nwe was wounded and had to retreat.

On account of racism and the evil intention of breaking up the Union, the group faced disunity among its members and later split into three groups in a year — Nom Sit Han group led by Sai Nwe, the Shan National Army led by Kyauk Wa Kham, and the Shan State Liberation Army led by Khun Thawda, Khun Kyanu and Sai Hla Aung.

In the early 1960s, Shan sawbwas and descendants were committing acts at full speed to secede from the Union referring to the federal principle and to incite hatred among national races, while coercing the ruling government with underground and aboveground movements.

With regard to the federal principle, the Government Advisory Body comprising legal experts on 8 January 1962 issued an announcement saying "We do not accept the establishment of a federal state proposed by Shan State because it is not possible in practice and there are possibilities for the imminent disintegration of the Union".

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

Stable AFPFL also reviewed that if federal issue was not handled properly, the Union would disintegrate.

Regarding the federal issue, Ya-pa-la-pha (Shan Nationalities Unity Organization) also issued a declaration dated 13 July 1961 as follows:-

"Today while relatives, servants and ex-officials of sawbwas who have relinquished power in Shan State are taking up arms and attempting to establish a state of feudalism by seceding from the

Union; while insurgents are on rampage in Shan State by relying on nationalist Kuomintang troops as their mentors; the Ya-pa-la-pha strongly objects the "sawbwa principle" under cover of federal or genuine union."

The above-mentioned evidences were the undesirable historic evidences that occurred in Myanmar in the early 1960s. That was indeed just a conflict between the hilly regions and the plain as well as traditional dictators and the progressive people with a vast knowledge and farsightedness in Shan State. It is crystal clear to everyone.

With respect to the incidents, the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development

**"The armed insurgency in Shan State could not lead to the establishment of an independent and united Shan State, but created a period of anarchy and produced many war lords who held arms and oppressed the rural people and made mass of local Shan nationals poor".**

Council held the press conference No 3/2005 on 22 April 2005. Led by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, the committee made clarifications on the incidents to let the people know in detail.

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

So, the nation's politics transformed itself from parliamentary democracy to socialism. Again in 1988, the Tatmadaw had to save the nation that was on the verge of collapse due to the anarchy and

terrorism. Then, upholding Our Three Main National Causes — "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty — the Tatmadaw threw itself into the nation-building tasks in harness with the people in the interests of the State and the people. Being allergic to the fruitful results of prevalence of peace and stability, and development the nation is enjoying thanks to the border areas development project, the 24-special regions development project, and the five rural development project, the neo-colonialists and alien mentors are making an attempt to disintegrate the Union. The group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaik from abroad announced the formation of the so-called Shan State provisional government on 17 April 2005.

In this regard, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan declared the State's attitude at the press conference.

"We do not accept the establishment of a federal state proposed by Shan State because their acts and aims can undermine the peace and stability of the State, create unrest, lead to imminent disintegration of national unity, and break up the Union".

The article "Row in harmony and unison (2)" will carry the facts that apart from the State, honest and simple Shan State nationals and over 100 national races of the Union strongly protest against such evil attempts.

In conclusion of the article "Row in harmony and unison (1)", I would like to cite the view of an historian. It is an excerpt from the book entitled "Circle of Hero in Golden Triangle Region" compiled by U Tin Maung Yin (M.A) and was in circulation in February 1976. The author put the evidences into record in his work regarding the complete tangle of armed insurgency that occurred in Shan State at that time.

It was stated that the armed insurgency in Shan State could not lead to the establishment of an independent and united Shan State, but created a period of anarchy and produced many war lords who held arms and oppressed the rural people and made mass of local Shan nationals poor".

**Translation: MS**

*Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 6.5.2005*

## NASA engineers try to retrieve Mars rover by earth test

LOS ANGELES, 8 May — Aiming to retrieve the Mars rover *Opportunity*, engineers are using a testing laboratory to simulate Mars surface conditions, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) of US space agency NASA said on Friday.

Careful test is necessary before any commands for *Opportunity* to move and continue exploring. The rover has plunged in a small dune days ago, said the JPL in a statement.

The rover team has cooked up recipes combining various sandy and powdery materials for the best simulation on Earth of the dune where *Opportunity* dug itself into wheel-hub depth last week.

*Opportunity* had driven about 40 metres of a planned 90-metre drive on the rover's 446th martian day when its wheels began slipping on

April 26. The rover was driving backwards then.

The team frequently alternates between backwards and forwards driving to keep wheel lubrication well distributed. The wheels kept rotating enough times to have covered the rest of the distance if they hadn't been slipping, but it eventually barely inched forward.

After a turn at the end of the planned drive, *Opportunity* sensed that it had not turned properly and stopped moving.

"We choose to proceed cautiously, so we don't expect to begin actually driving out of

the dune before next week, possibly later," said Jim Erickson, rover project manager at JPL.

"Both *Opportunity* and *Spirit* have already provided many more months of scientific exploration than anyone expected. By taking good care of them, we hope to keep them exploring for more months to come. Tests so far have sustained our optimism about *Opportunity*'s ability to drive out of this dune, but we have more testing ahead to understand how robust that capability is."

*Opportunity* is positioned across the ridge of

an elongated dune or ripple of soft sand that is about one-third metre tall and 2.5 metres wide. Engineers said this ripple is different in that it seems to be a little taller and to have a steeper slope, about 15 degrees on part of its face.

Last week, engineers arranged a simulated dune using sand that was already at JPL's rover testing facility and put a test rover into a comparably dug-in position.

The test rover had no difficulty driving away, even when sunk in belly-deep.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Below normal rainfall to affect Tanzanian harvest

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 8 May — A senior meteorologist in Tanzania has warned that below-normal rainfalls may affect this season's food crop harvest in many parts of the East African country.

Martin Lukando, acting director-general of the Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA), told the Press that except for the Victoria Lake Basin area, most regions of the country were expected to get rainfall that was below average for this time of year.

"Most of the food crops were in the early flowering stages in many parts of the country and harvests are likely to be poor," said the meteorologist.

This year's long rainy

season is expected to last until the end of May.

"However, the north coastal areas which include Dar-es-Salaam, Tanga, Coast, Morogoro, North Pemba, and Zanzibar islands will only get rains until mid-this month," added Lukando.

A similar condition is expected to be experienced by north-eastern Tanzania that includes such province-like regions as Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Manyara.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Union Solidarity and Development Association members arrival at Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region. —°MNA

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He said youths are powerful, active and brave and they are architects who will shape another age. Being the forces that create the future, they are able to implement the tasks practically with correct thought.

Now, efforts are being made for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. It is time to organize the peo-

ple to achieve constructive accomplishments in political, economic and social sectors of the State based on the Union spirit and patriotism.

briefly, there is unprecedented peace and stability in the country. There emerged internal strife soon after the country regained independence. According to the national recon-solidation principle, mutual confidence could be built due to the noble attitude of the Tatmadaw government. There is security and peace and tranquillity nationwide.

and annual production is over 1,000 million baskets of paddy.

Moreover, 271 river water pumping projects were implemented, 196 bridges over 180 feet long were built and they are used for ensuring smooth transportation and economy. Altogether 41 bridges are under construction.

Significant achievements have been made in

### Five oaths of USDA youth members

1. We shall uphold Our Three Main National Causes as a national duty.
2. We shall strive our utmost for the building of a peaceful, modern and developed State with strong spirit.
3. We shall always safeguard our State and people throughout our life.
4. We shall organize the people to inculcate Union Spirit into them.
5. We shall strive for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic State.



USDA members arrival at Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region. —°MNA

**There are 24 million of youths out of over 54 million of population in the nation. The youth play a key role for building a modern and developed nation. It can say surely that if strong and active youth will be equipped with modern technologies, they will become a national force on which the State can rely present and future days.**

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It was known to all, the economy of the State was in deep recession together with the 1988 anarchic disturbances. From 1988 to the present

education sector which is important for development of human resources. There are 40,521 primary, middle and high schools and 156 universities and col-

leges in various parts of the country. The number of hospitals has risen to 819 from 631.

Life expectancy of the people has considerably improved.

In political sector, over 1,080 delegates from

other hand, organizations that serve the interest of the nation like USDA are making endeavours for emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation in cooperation with the millions of people upholding Our Three Main

National Causes. Constructive strength and a handful of destructive elements are vying each other.

The time of being crushed by the strength of the people for those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views are getting nearer. It is

pledged to make endeavours for development of the motherland and hailed the success of the seminar.

Sai Kyaw Soe Hlaing of Shan State (South) tabled a motion calling for building a modern and developed nation through the strength of youth. He

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It is believed that the seven-point Road Map will be cent per cent successful due to the discussions at the seminar. He urged the youths to march towards the goal.

When we review the developments of the State

time, the Tatmadaw government built economic infrastructures in various parts of the country for improvement of the life of the people. After 173 dams had been built, the farmland acreage increased up to 2.3 million

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necessary to remove internal and external destructive elements in accord with the four-point People's Desire.

He said he was pleased to learn that the seminar representing the millions of youths

said that the Union of Myanmar which is home to over 100 national races has set a goal to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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Union Solidarity and Development Association members attend Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region. —°MNA



# All the national races are to live together with Union Spirit keeping nest and eggs intact without selfish thought



Members of the panel of chairmen and participants chanting slogans at conclusion of Youth Seminar of USDA.— MNA



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Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Thanks to implementation of dams, river water pumping projects and underground water tapping projects apart from natural water resources, the country has water sufficient for agricultural purpose. However, the country lagged behind in sectoral development due

to exploitation of colonialists for over one hundred years and destructive acts of insurgents. After assumption of the State responsibilities in 1988, the Tatmadaw Government rebuilt the nation day in, and day out.

Nowadays, 17 armed groups had returned to the legal fold due to efforts of the Tatmadaw Government, and the groups join hands with the Government for development of their regions and the nation. At present, the country has restored peace and tranquillity.

Recently, Brigade No 11 of Shan State Na-

ditional Army (SSNA) led by U Kan Na and Palaung State Liberation Army (PSLA) led by U Aik Mone held ceremonies to unconditionally exchange arms for peace in their respective regions. Hence, local people have now been able to engage in regional development task. Therefore, today's Youth Seminar heartily welcomed the armed groups

sources. There are 24 million of youth out of over 54 million of population in the nation. The youth play a key role in building a modern and developed nation. It is safe to say that if strong and active youth are equipped with modern technologies, they will become a national force on which the State can rely

new State Constitution that is the first and most important step. Over 1,000 delegates including delegates of national races, that of workers and peasants, that of political parties, that of representatives-elect, that of intellectuals and intelligentsia, that of State Service Personnel, that of armed groups which exchanged arms for peace and other

Up to date, they have laid down 104 State basic principles and detailed basic principles for sharing of powers in the State, the Head of State, legislative, executive and judicial sectors unanimously. In addition, the delegates have submitted detailed basic principles for sharing executive and judicial powers. The National Convention has now made progress to certain extent.

There arose subversive acts of internal and external destructive ele-

provisional government of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts and Independence Shan State.

Apart from the entire youth, all the national races, social organizations, political parties and pace groups have declared that denounced and opposed such evil aims and acts of the renegade groups.

On review of history of Myanmar, it is known to all that there were many incidents in the past in which the mistakes based on racism caused

miseries to the people due to lack of peace and tranquillity of the State. Nowadays, renegade relatives of some Sawbwas committed the similar mistake.

The genuine patriotism can be defined Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. The three parts of the patriotic spirit will be combined as Union Spirit. At present, the Union of Myanmar has restored peace and tranquillity. Therefore, all the youth are to make efforts for gaining more progress in peace and tranquillity.

All the national races are to live together with Union Spirit keeping nest and eggs intact without selfish thought, to

ments, while efforts are being made for national development.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaike and fourth wife Mahadevi Nan Hein Kham, and his cohorts, a betrayal group declared establishment of independent Shan State, and Sao Hkam Hpa, himself as President on 17 April through colonial media.

Their evil aims and acts in accordance with the desire of the colonialist and its lackeys are harmful to the people and the Union where all the national races reside since yore. So, the entire youth of national races denounced in the strongest terms and protested establishment of Shan State

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Recently, Brigade No 11 of Shan State Na-

tionally exchanged arms for peace as a milestone in the history of the Union of Myanmar.

He said that at a time when today's technologies are advancing in the global countries, we must study and develop modern technologies for building Myanmar as a modern country.

To be able to apply modern technologies, human resources are being nurtured in the basic and higher education sectors. At the same time, efforts are being made to increase the number of scientists and technocrats. That is why all the youth are to make utmost efforts for development of human re-

at present and future as well.

Nowadays, sectoral development has been made in the entire nation. GDP of the country has increased from K 76,243 million in 1988 to K 8,998,907 to date, and per capita income K 1,940 in 1988 to K 165,729 to date. There was 22.49 per cent inflation rate in 1988, but 4.33 per cent at present. It can be said that the fruitful results were made with harmonious efforts by the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

While building a modern and developed nation, concerted efforts are being made for emergence of a democratic na-

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Ma Kay Khaing Soe and Ma Myat Noe Wai of Mandalay Division USDA act as MCs.— MNA



Mandalay Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo—MNA

**All the national races ...**  
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build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In conclusion, he said he would like to table a motion calling for building a modern and developed nation through the strength of youth.

Inkhun Moonja of Kachin State seconded the motion, saying the youth are required to inherit the good legacy of discharging duties to implement the tasks of nation-building and national defence that are the national political duty of the State. She said the world today is like a global village thanks to the advancement in media. It is the youth's conviction that they will build a modern developed nation with the strength of the youth to catch up with the developing world, she added.

Owing to the reign of anarchy in 1988 in the country, the Tatmadaw, a

imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar, she pointed out. On account of their lop-sided sanctions, Myanmar had to shut down 132 garment factories and 19 other factories.

Altogether over 64,000 Myanmar workers become jobless owing to the closure of the factories and mills, thereby hurting the socio-economic life of families countable by the thousand, who are depending on those workers. In addition, services, house rentals, hostels and restaurants that are related to the workers have been hit due to the closure of the factories and mills.

There are also many youths out of the families of Myanmar workers who have been hit by the closure of the facto-



Sai Kyaw Soe Hlaing of Shan State (South)—MNA

ries and mills. Some youths are working for the factories and mills and companies for income generation of the families, while pursuing education at the universities for distance education.

**We the youths had made up our mind to strongly condemn the acts of the terrorists and prevent them. There has flourished a fine tradition of discharging the national defence duty out of own volition in each and every citizen with the concept that the national defence duty is the inborn duty of every citizen.**

national organization, had to take over State's responsibilities to defend the nation and has been striving for the implementation of the nation-building tasks, he said. As a result, total acreage of paddy cultivation has increased to 26.6 million from 24.8 million in 1988. Nearly 1200 baskets of paddy have been produced now compared to 650 baskets in 1988.

Touching the fish and meat sector, she said, today's production of fish and meat has amounted to 1,579,000 tons, up from 68,100 tons in 1988. There are now 167,603 acres of fish ponds although there were 6,300 acres in 1988. As regards the industrial sector, there are now 52,003 state- and private-owned factories and plants although there were 27,513 in 1988. She said with the creation of job opportunities in the country, the number of workforce has jumped to 25 million from 18 million in 1988.

Regarding the electricity sector, in 1988, 1,517.57 million units of electricity could be generated and the amount has increased to 5461.089 million units.

She said it can be witnessed that national people from all corners of the nation are now enjoying fruits of development of the State. Some countries of the west bloc, not wanting to see the country developing in all aspects, are

The closure of the factories and mills has also hit education, health and socio-economic life of the youths who rely on the families and who have to rely on themselves.

Nowadays, efforts are being made on self-reliance basis for development of economic, education, health and transport sectors across the nation. This is being done so to improve the living standard of the entire national people including the youths, she added.

It is obvious that the one-sided pressure and economic sanctions on Myanmar by some western big nations has undermined the socio-economic life of the people including the youths.



Nilar Than of Ayeyawady Division—MNA

The seminar strongly condemned the one-sided pressure and economic sanctions on Myanmar as it is unwise and imprudent and turned a blind eye to the immediate interests of over 54 millions of the people including the youths.

The government, she said, has been able to engage in nation-building endeavours due to prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the nation. To bring about peace and tranquillity in all parts of the nation, the government has made peace with the national race armed groups. As a result, projects for development of border areas and national races can be fully implemented.

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Only when there is eternal peace will the nation-building endeavours meet with success. With this concept, Brigade-11 of SSNA led by U Kan Na and PSLA led by U Aik Mone established eternal peace through unconditionally exchange of arms for peace on 12 and 29 April respectively. The national people including local people warmly welcomed Brigade-11 of SSNA led by U Kan Na and PSLA led by U Aik Mone for their establishment of eternal peace.

She said that the entire national people hope that other national race armed groups who had made peace will do so, and extend a warm welcome to them. She pledged that all the youths will do their bit in successful realization of the 2005-2006 national objectives for the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation.

She also reiterated that all the youths will actively participate together with the national people in successful



Inkhun Moonja of Kachin State—MNA

realization of the seven-point Road Map for the emergence of a democratic system with fully institutionalized discipline.

She said we the mass of youths together with the national people will make all-out efforts for the success of the seven-point Road Map that guarantees the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation.

Kyaw Zin Win of Bago Division USDA seconded the motion calling for building the modern, developed nation through the youth strength. He said that twelve objectives of the State are being implemented. While the national reconstruction is being built, a total of 17

armed groups which returned to the legal fold have been participating in the regional development tasks.

Of 17 armed groups, No 11 Brigade of SSNA and Palaung State Liberation Army (PSLA) unconditionally exchanged arms for peace and they received a warm welcome. It is the duty of the citizens to love the motherland and to be loyal to the State. Nationalist spirit is the essence of the Union spirit and Union Spirit pervades all national races.

While the government is building the peaceful, modern and developed nation, a group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa from abroad declared formation of Shan State government and independence of Shan State. The declaration is

designed to cause disintegration of the Union.

On review of history of Myanmar, due to wrong-doings based on racism, the nation was unstable in the past and the people were confronted with hardships. Moreover, multi-coloured insurgencies emerged throughout the Union. Without taking lessons, a group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa attempted to secede from the Union according to the wishes of colonialists.



Kyaw Zin Win of Bago Division.—MNA

At a time when the government is building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the aims and acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are simply meant for causing destruction. Hence, the youth seminar denounced renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts.

Nilar Than of Ayeyawady Division seconded the motion, saying the Union of Myanmar had lagged behind development for over a century on account of falling under colonialists and internal insurgencies. There was a development gap between the regions of the State.

The 1988 unrest also led the country to the endangering of State sovereignty and safety of the people. That was why the Tatmadaw assumed State's duties with the pledge of always safeguarding the country in times of emergency. Due to its relentless efforts since 1988, Myanmar today has developed in all aspects, she said. For the development of border regions, 24 special development zones projects have been implemented and at the same time, the five rural development tasks are being undertaken.

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# Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development...

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At Daukyat village in Bilin Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected laying of granite on 26-mile long Daukyat-Kyapan road.

At the briefing hall of Max Myanmar company which is engaged in growing 5000 acres of rubber in Shweyaungpya village in Bilin Township, U Zaw Zaw Chairman of the company briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on cultivation of rubber. Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials concerned to extend cultivation of rubber in the interests of the State, the region and in their own. Next, they inspected rubber plantations by car. According to the rubber growing project of Max Myanmar, 1000 acres will be put under rubber in 2004-2005, 2000

acres in 2005-2006 and the remaining 2000 in 2006-2007.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at Donthami Bridge at the border of Mon and Kayin States. They were welcomed there by Kayin State PDC Chairman Col Khin Kyu and officials. At Hlaingbwe People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports presented by officials on health care services in Hlaingbwe township and progress in construction of new 50-bed hospital and attended to the needs. At the hospital Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Hla Pe presented an Air Sep worth 1.5 million kyats for the hospital through Dr Kyaw Kyaw Soe and officials.

They next viewed round the construction site.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party also inspected development of Hlaingbwe by car.

At the construction site of two-storey building of Hlaingbwe Basic Education High School, officials reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on progress of work. The commander made a supplementary report.

At 3.30 pm, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with Tatmadawmen and family members at the hall of local battalion and urged them to take part in regional development undertakings hand in hand with local people and to conduct agricultural and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale. Later, they arrived at the hall of Hpa-an Station and met Tatmadawmen and their families. Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials at different levels to make endeavours for the welfare of family members and to take part in regional development drive. — MNA

# World Red Cross Day...

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control of diseases, promotion of health standard, and giving health education talks to the people.

In conclusion, I recognized the Red Cross members' brilliant performance of public welfare services and put them into record and I wish the members would be able to shoulder the Red Cross activities with added momentum in the interests of the nation and the people.

Next, MRCS President Dr Hla Myint gave a speech. Leader of the representatives of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Mr Joanna MacLance read out the message jointly sent by

the Chairman of International Committee of the Red Cross and IFRC. Officials presented certificates of honour and medals to out-

standing Red Cross members.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads, Vice-

President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, the President of MRCS and executives, diplomats and officials.—MNA



An official presents the shield to the outstanding team at the ceremony of 50th World Red Cross Day 2005. — MNA

Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presents the flag at the ceremony of 50th World Red Cross Day 2005. MNA



# All the national races ...

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During the time of the Tatmadaw, internal and external destructive elements are trying to disrupt its efforts. So, people have made a vow to crush all internal and external destructive elements as common enemy.

At a time when there reigns national solidarity and unity, destructive elements holding negative views, perpetrators and fugitives are committing destructive acts, planting bombs in public places and shooting the people with every intention of causing disintegration of the Union. They have been committing such subversive acts as murder, arson, bomb blasts, planting mines and robbery since 1948.

She continued to say that on 21 April this year, KNU insurgents robbed two cargo trucks and one passenger express en route from Dawei to Yangon at mile post 33/2 on Dawei-Ye road section, and two members of police force, a faculty member of Dawei University, one student, three passengers and one conductor were shot dead. Similarly, KNPP insurgents blasted tower post No 103 linking Lawpita electric power station in Loikaw and Taungoo on 22 April. On 26 April, three innocent people were killed and 15 others injured in a bomb blast planted by insurgents on the ground floor of Zegyo Market in Mandalay.

Likewise, bomb explosions occurred in Yangon on 7 May—at the Yangon Trade Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt at 2.50 pm, at the Junction-8 Centre in Mayangon Township at 2.55 pm and at the Dagon Centre in Sangyoung Township at 3 pm. The brutal acts were committed in collusion by terrorist groups such as KNU, SSA led by Ywet Sit, KNPP and NCGUP led by expatriate Sein Win. The blasts left 11 innocent people and monks dead and 162 others injured. The seminar strongly denounced the despicable acts of the terrorists. We documented the sympathy of the youths towards the victims, their families and relatives of the incident. We recently learnt that some fugitives in a foreign country led by renegade Sao Kham Pha announced the formation of the Shan State provisional government and independence of Shan State. The announcement is an odious news for Myanmar people.

The seminar condemned in the strongest terms the acts of underground and aboveground destructive elements, which endanger the lives and property of the people and undermine sovereignty of the State.

We the youths had made up our mind to strongly condemn the acts of the terrorists and prevent those acts. There has flourished a fine tradition of discharging the national defence duty out of own volition in each and every citizen with the concept that the national defence duty is the inborn duty of every citizen.

The youths of today who have grown up in the present era are willing to safeguard the State and the people and they take a pride in serving the national interest. That is why they enthusiastically join the Tatmadaw yearly.

There arose accusations of some western nations that there has been recruitment of minors in the Myanmar army. He spoke at length on the directive No 13/73 of Defence Council in connection with joining military service in Myanmar, formation of committee for prevention against recruitment of minors for military service chaired by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and supervision in accord with the directives.

He said it is obvious that the youths themselves discharge defence duties actively as inborn and national duty. Some western nations and their allies accused Myanmar of recruiting minors. They are doing so intentionally because they do not want Myanmar to be strong in defence power. The entire youths will serve defence duty as a force and the seminar declare that it opposes and condemns the false accusations. Only when all destructive elements are removed, can we march towards the national goals. Therefore, he seconded the motion tabled by Sai Kyaw Soe Hlaing.

Next, the Chairman approved the proposal "to build a modern developed nation through strength of youth" and discussions. The youths to the seminar took five oaths of USDA youth members.

Those present at the seminar chanted slogans of non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, Perpetuation of Sovereignty and success of the seven-point Road Map and the seminar came to a close at 7.55 am.—MNA

# Essay competition to mark World Environmental Day to be held

YANGON, 8 May — National Commission for Environmental Affairs will hold open class essay competition to mark World Environmental Day for 2005 in accord with a motto 'Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!'. To lay down project for metropolis is of great importance as majority of world population has been residing there. By doing so, millions of people will be living in green and lush environment.

Entries are invited in accord with the motto reflecting recycling of waste products in cities, preservation of natural resources, environmental protection tasks which ought to be carried for public health and green cities. Essays are to be written at least four A-4 size pages by computer. Entries are to be attached with participant's name, citizenship scrutiny card number and address. Winners of essay competition will be awarded prizes at the ceremony to mark World Environmental Day for 2005. Entries are to be sent to office of NCEA opposite the building of the Ministry of Forestry on Kaba Ye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township not later than 27 May. MNA



Member of Administrative Body of Hninzigon Home for the aged Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin accepts cash by U Kyin Shein, Daw Khin Yi, U Ye Myint, Daw Li Li Shein of No 30 B, 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Mingalataungnyunt Township to mark the birthday of U Kyin Shein. — (H)

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Cocoa farmgate price downs in Nigeria

LAGOS, 7 May — Cocoa farmgate price in southwestern Nigeria, the world's fourth largest cocoa producer, has fallen again and farmers were selling at about 130,000 naira (about 985 dollars) a ton Friday from last week's 140,000 naira (about 1,061 dollars).

Julius Akinlotan, a buyer in Oyo State said that cocoa bean price was falling apparently because the bean size was still small and that buyers are showing less interest. "The bean size is not quite encouraging, buyers are not too keen to put money on the cocoa beans in the market now. We expect an improvement in size and weight since the rainy season has come," another buyer echoed in Ondo State. Heavy rains have been sweeping through the entire southwest cocoa belt since Wednesday when the first major rain of the 2005 rainy season fell. "The rains are welcome, they are good but we fear the downpours may make cocoa sun-drying very dif-

ficult in the days ahead," Akinlabi Omotayo, manager of the Cooperative Produce Marketing Union in Oyo State, said. Cocoa prices may go down further when the rainy season is fully established and cocoa sun-drying becomes difficult, buyers predicted. Meanwhile, a Lagos-based exporter, Kola Akinbami said the price of graded cocoa, which has been certified fit for export, stood at 150,000 naira (about 1,136 dollars) a ton Friday, some 5,000 naira (about 38 dollars) down from last week. The southwest cocoa belt accounts for 70 per cent of Nigeria's annual cocoa production of 242,000 tons. MNA/Xinhua

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Managing Director Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

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Most HK women expect to bear two children

HONG KONG, 7 May — A latest survey shows that nearly 60 per cent of Hong Kong women expect to bear two children while 9 per cent expect none. As the Mother's Day (10 May) is approaching, the Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (DBA) conducted the survey to raise social concerns about the special day. According to the survey, 16.5 per cent of the interviewees wish to have one child, 10.9 per cent three and 4.7 per cent more than three. Among those who have no child yet, they are more inclined not to bear a child or bear just one child. Nearly 40 per cent of the respondents agree that their decisions on bearing a child rely on two conditions: whether they have time to take care of the children and whether they are economically strong enough to raise them up.

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Three illegal gold miners killed in Zimbabwe

HARERE, 7 May — Three illegal gold miners have been killed and one was seriously injured in Kadoma in Mashonaland West Province when a disused mine collapsed and trapped them, Zimbabwean police said here on Friday morning. Police said the accident occurred Wednesday afternoon and rescuers immediately rushed to the spot. The four rummaged through the dumping site in search for clues of whether there was gold on the surface, and they ventured into the pit since not satisfied by what they had found. According to police, they had dug for over 30 minutes before the walls and roof of the mine collapsed, trapping the three. — MNA/Xinhua

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N-W China solicits donations for rare wild horses

URUMQI, 7 May — Donations are welcome to help raise the rare species of wild horse, Xinjiang Equus Przewalskii Poliakov, according to sources with the Wildlife Protection Association and Wild Horse Reproduction Research Centre of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The call for donations, the first of this kind ever in Xinjiang, targets both individuals and organizations. Anyone who donates 2,000 yuan (about 241 US dollars) can help raise a wild horse for a year. Donators can choose the horse they wish to raise, name it, and will receive certificates and medals. Those who donate for a 10-year tenure will be endowed with the lifelong raising right of wild horses. Thirty-six horses will be among the first raised, with the activity ending in late May. Similar activities will be held annually. Xinjiang Equus Przewalskii Poliakov originated in Xinjiang and is considered a rare species. In 1886, Russian traveller Przewalskii Poliakov captured some of the animals during a visit to the region and took them to Europe. The wild horse had become extinct in China, but there were about 100 in European and American zoos. — MNA/Xinhua

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### Study shows antioxidant enzyme prolong animal lifespan

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—Higher levels of an antioxidant enzyme in cells have significantly extended the life of genetically modified mice in lab, US scientists reported on Thursday.

The mice also exhibited less heart disease and other age-related declines, said researchers at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Their study, published online by the journal *Science* on 5 May, supports the controversial free-radical theory of aging.

The theory suggests that very reactive chemicals, called "free radicals", can be damaging to the body at the cellular level. Those reactive chemicals can take part in unnecessary chemical reactions that can damage the cell components including DNA.

Some researchers believe that free radicals could contribute to or hasten heart disease, cancer, and other age-related diseases. The theory also suggests that if the body could

be protected from those free radicals, then age-related diseases could be tamed and people may be able to live longer.

In this new study, the researchers led by Peter Rabinovitch, a professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine, focused the study on catalase, an enzyme in the body that helps convert hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen.

Hydrogen peroxide is a waste product of metabolism and it can be the precursor of free radicals that can damage the cell. The damage can in turn lead to more flaws in the cell's chemical processes, making a vicious cycle that leads to more free radicals and more cellular damage.

The researchers studied mice with a genetic variation that made them

produce more human catalase, the enzyme that breaks down hydrogen peroxide. They targeted delivery of the catalase to different areas of the cell: the cytoplasm, where catalase normally goes to decompose hydrogen peroxide; the nucleus, the DNA-containing "control centre" for the cell; and the mitochondrion, the cell's power plant that converts organic matter into energy.

They compared the different groups of mice to a control group and found that increased production of catalase could affect the mouse lifespan. The mice with higher catalase levels in the mitochondria, dubbed the MCAT group, had about a 20-per-cent increase in average and maximum lifespan, or about four and a half months.—MNA/Xinhua

### Mexican President calls for national unity

MEXICO CITY, 7 May—Mexican President Vicente Fox on Thursday called on the Mexicans for national unity in the celebration of the 143rd anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, in which the Mexican Army defeated the French expeditionary force.

"With the Battle of Puebla, we have to remember that national unity is our most important defence, which gets stronger in diversity and lays the foundations for our progress," he said.

"The path of fraternity, dialogue and unity is the one we could best use for the defence of our democracy," Fox said in Puebla, a city 125 kilometres east of the capital.

Fox made the appeal for unity after the National Attorney General's office dropped charges against

Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador that he abused his power by ignoring a judge's order to stop the construction of a hospital access road on private land.

Under the Mexican law, those charged with a crime cannot run for office. Lopez Obrador, who commands a strong lead in the latest opinion polls in the 2006 presidential race, argued that Fox's government trumped up the case to keep him out of the elections.

On 24 April, hundreds of thousands of Lopez Obrador supporters took to Mexico City's streets decrying the case against him as a "political witch hunt".

Three days later, Fox accepted resignations of Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha and a deputy of the case against Lopez Obrador. Just two days after taking office, Attorney General Cabeza de Vaca dropped the case.—MNA/Xinhua

### Indian scientists major contributors at Weizmann Institute

JERUSALEM, 7 May—Indian scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science, which is working with India in the field of biotechnology, are precious contributors to its growing reputation as a premier institute of scientific research.

Indian scientists form one of the three largest overseas communities at the Institute.

"The community is a precious contributor to the growing reputation of the institute as the premier institution for scientific research," Ilan Chet, President of the Weizmann Institute, told PTI.

Chet told Indian Ambassador, Arun Kumar Singh, at a meeting on Thursday that the institute has been cooperating with India in various research fields, especially in the field of biotechnology.

He lauded the efforts of the Indian scientists in various areas of research at the institute, mostly as post-doctoral fellows.

Chet has been recently on the Board of Directors at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Science in Hyderabad.

There has always been a large presence of scientists from India at the institute and they compete with the Chinese and the Germans for the top slot in terms of numbers," an institute official said.—MNA/PTI



Dinesh A Keskar, senior vice president-Sales, of Boeing in India, picks up a model of the Dreamliner during a Press conference in New Delhi, India recently.—INTERNET

### Official says climatic changes affects Rwandan economy

KIGALI, 7 May—Climatic changes have led to poor harvests and affected economic growth in Rwanda despite its gross domestic product (GDP) increased to 3.9 per cent in 2004 from 0.9 per cent in the previous year, an official said here on Friday.

According to Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Monique Nsanabaganwa, the government is investing to raise agricultural productivity by extending finance services to farmers to allow them invest in fertilizers, introduce improved seed varieties and better drainage and storage systems that can bear with the climatic changes.

Poor harvest had a bad effect on the economy since 90 per cent of the population depends on agriculture for its livelihood. As a result, there have been increased imports of food items which grew by over 53 per cent last year, she said.

The decline of food crops has led to price hikes at a rate of 28.4 per cent, she added.

According to the annual economic report, the country suffered from inconsistent rains that were insufficient and when it rained, it was heavy, leading to severe erosion and flooding.—MNA/Xinhua

### Mozambique to vaccinate 9 million children against measles

MAPUTO, 7 May—About 9 million children under the age of 14 in Mozambique will be vaccinated against measles during a national vaccination campaign that will run from 25 July to 10 September, local media reported on Friday.

This campaign will also be used as an opportunity for a further round of polio vaccination, and to administer Vitamin A supplements.

The campaign, which mobilizes about 40,000 workers including volunteers and technical staff, will cost about 10 million US dollars.

Naguib Gulamo, a pediatrician at the Mozambican Health Ministry, told Press that this is the third campaign against measles in the country, and the ministry is making an all-out effort to eradicate

the disease by 2010 or 2015.

He added that Mozambique has the highest rate of infection by measles in southern Africa while in most countries in the region, the disease has been eradicated.

The Mozambican Government's partners in this campaign include the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

MNA/Xinhua

### Tata motors sets 20% export target

NEW DELHI, 8 May—Tata Motors, India's largest integrated automobile maker, has set a target of exporting 20 per cent of its total production in fiscal 2005-06, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Saturday.

Tata Motors' Chairman Ratan Tata said in Bangalore on Friday night that the company had a lot of export markets to tap and cater to, besides eyeing Latin America and Africa as prospective markets this year.

On future plans, Tata said the company was working on exploring its product range in both the commercial and passenger car segments so as to meet the demands of motoring people and goods carriers.

MNA/Xinhua

# S P O R T S

## Relegation suspense kept to final round

**LONDON, 8 May** — Relegation candidates scored positive results to move the battle to the final round while newly-crowned Chelsea celebrated their first championship in 50 years with a 1-0 win over Charlton thanks to Claude Makelele's last-minute controversial penalty kick on Saturday.

The relegation battle will go to the last round of matches after Crystal Palace and Southampton drew 2-2, Norwich City beat Birmingham City 1-0 and West Bromwich Albion earned a surprise 1-1 draw at Manchester United.

Makelele had never scored for the Blues in his two-season career in English football but bundled in the rebound after missing a dubious penalty.

Frank Lampard stumbled outside the penalty box under minimal pressure from Jonathan Fortune to win the spot-kick before the League Cup winners were awarded their second domestic title, 50 years on from their

last championship. Chelsea's England midfielder Joe Cole, supporting Eidur Gudjohnsen in attack, created the two best chances of the opening exchanges.

His first effort from outside the penalty box 13 minutes in was well held by Andersen but after cutting into the area five minutes later, his curling shot sailed wide.

Blues left-back William Gallas created a good chance for Lampard in the 23rd minute but he headed the France international's cross just over the bar.

Andersen pulled off an excellent save ten minutes before the interval to keep matters level.

Cole's curling shot from

the top of the penalty box was heading in but Andersen's diving tip was enough to deflect the ball onto the crossbar.

Blues skipper John Terry was next to hit the woodwork, the England centre-half's header from a Glen Johnson cross, striking the bar eight minutes after the break.

Charlton could have taken the lead in the 64th

minute when Lisbie played in captain Matt Holland but the midfielder's strike across goal was well saved by Gudicini. Earlier, there was a flurry of red cards and plenty of thrills in the drop zone, where any one of the bottom four clubs could still survive on a dramatic final afternoon next Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ronaldo scores 100th goal in Spanish soccer

**MADRID, 8 May** — Ronaldo Nazario, the striker of Real Madrid, scored his 100th goal since he first arrived in Spain in the match against Racing Santander through a penalty kick, although he had time to score again in the second half.

The Brazilian striker is ending the season in perfect conditions. With the two scores he had eight goal in five matches, after a two-month period without a single goal.

Since he arrived in Spain with Barcelona, Ronaldo has scored on 101 occasions in the Spanish League, including 20 this season.

In the match versus Racing, he also gave a pass for the goal of English Michael Owen.

Thus now Ronaldo is exerting pressure on the top scorer of the Spanish League, Barcelona's Samuel Eto'o.

In the end, with two more goals in the second half by captain Raul, Real Madrid defeated Racing 5-0.

MNA/Xinhua

## Benitez denies move to Real Madrid

**LONDON, 8 May** — Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez denied on Saturday the rumours claiming he would be allured to join Real Madrid.

The Spaniard has been linked with Real for some time with the future of Wanderley Luxemburgo still looking uncertain.

Benitez insists he has no plans to quit Liverpool and is only concentrating on helping Liverpool back to the glory days.

"I am not thinking about my future," said Benitez.

"Someone says to me about a long contract. I am very happy now. I don't have any problems.

"I want to win trophies this season and the next seasons with Liverpool.

"I was happy with Extramadura where we were promoted and Tenerife, where we were promoted. "At Valladolid I was sacked and I was happy there also.

"Valencia was fantastic

the last three years and here it is the same. I enjoy my job.

"I don't want to think of a new contract. I don't want to put anyone under pressure. I don't need to think about it. "Jose Mourinho has 10 more years at Chelsea. That's fine. Good for him. If I have five or 10 years it's the same," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Abramovich vows to make Chelsea biggest

**LONDON, 8 May** — Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich broke self-imposed silence as he pledged his commitment to the club and vowed to make them the biggest in the world.

The Russian tycoon is savouring the title success and he claims that it is only the start of the glory trail.

"I view this championship as just the beginning of a new era for Chelsea and would like to reiterate my long-term commitment to the club," Abramovich told the club's match day programme.

"Much has been said about the financial outlay over the past two years.

"We have made solid investments on the field in players, management, training facilities and an academy that will nurture the next generation of home-grown talent.

"Off the field, a team of executives and senior managers has been put together to grow the business and capitalize on the playing success.

"All of this is a deliberate, long-term strategy with the aim of building the most successful football club in the world in the next 10 years and beyond.

"Under chairman Bruce Buck, chief executive Peter Kenyon and Jose Mourinho, we have a strong leadership team that shares my vision.

"I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the board of directors, Peter Kenyon, Jose Mourinho, John Terry, the staff and, especially, the players on bringing the title to Stamford Bridge.

"Winning the league this year is especially moving as it comes on the 50th anniversary of Chelsea's last title and at the beginning of the club's centenary year celebrations.

MNA/Xinhua

## Prague to host European League Final Four next year

**PRAGUE, 8 May** — Prague will host the elite European League Final Four men's basketball tournament next year in the Sazka Arena, Ceska sportovni agency spokesman Karel Tejkal said on Saturday.

Tejkal said that the contract to host the event was signed by agency head Tomas Petera in Moscow on Saturday.

The tournament will take place at the end of April. This is the first time that the finals of the top European club basketball competition will take place in the Czech Republic. Czech teams, however, do not participate in the competition, which began in 1988.

"It's a risky proposition, because the Czech Republic is not a European basketball power and will not have its own club in the Final Four. But this decision is in accordance with our long-term concept," competition chief Jordi Bertomeu said.

The newly-built Sazka Arena was the deciding factor for Prague, which can house 17,000 fans for basketball, as was the popularity of Prague as a tourist destination.

MNA/Xinhua



Former tennis player Anna Kournikova demonstrates tennis techniques at the grand opening of the Adidas store in New York, on 7 May, 2005.—INTERNET

## Answer for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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China's world record holder Liu Xiang (L) leads a pack in the men's 110m hurdles final at the IAAF Japan Grand Prix in Osaka recently. Liu won the race with a time of 13.12 seconds.—INTERNET

## GCC-China FTA talks on fast track

ABU DHABI, 8 May— The free-trade agreement (FTA) negotiations between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and China are on fast track and expected to be completed before the end of 2006, the *Times of Oman* daily reported on Saturday.

Abdul Malik Al Hinai, undersecretary for economic affairs at Oman's Ministry of National Economy, said a free trade agreement will be signed after the completion of talks.

GCC and China had signed a framework agreement on economic, trade, investment, and technological cooperation in July 2004 in Beijing.

Al Hinai said the two sides have made an excellent start, and the negotiations will first focus on goods and then on the services sector, investments and other areas. The two parts are now discussing various methods and means for trade expansion and promotion of trade liberalization, said Al Hinai.

Liberalization in trade will be visible soon after the agreement comes into force. However, a complete GCC-China free-trade area will become a reality by the end of the tenth year of the agreement.

GCC-China FTA will considerably reduce tariffs, simplify the flow of goods and facilitate mutual investments. It will also lay a solid foundation for bilateral cooperation.

Technically, the agreement will give a big boost to mutual cooperation in the field of energy, said the daily, adding China is believed to be the third largest trading partner of the GCC, after the US and Japan.

The GCC has more than 1.5 trillion US dollars overseas investments and has enormous demand for Chinese garments, fabrics, electronic and telecommunication products while the region's oil, natural gas, petrochemical and other chemical products will continue to attract Chinese markets.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## HK retail sales value up 6.4% in March

HONG KONG, 8 May— The value of Hong Kong's total retail sales rose 6.4 per cent to 16.5 billion Hong Kong dollars (2.12 billion US dollars) in March compared with the same period of 2004, the Hong Kong Government's Census & Statistics Department announced on Friday.

According to the department, after netting out the effect of price changes over the same period, the overall volume of retail sales increased 5.4 per cent.

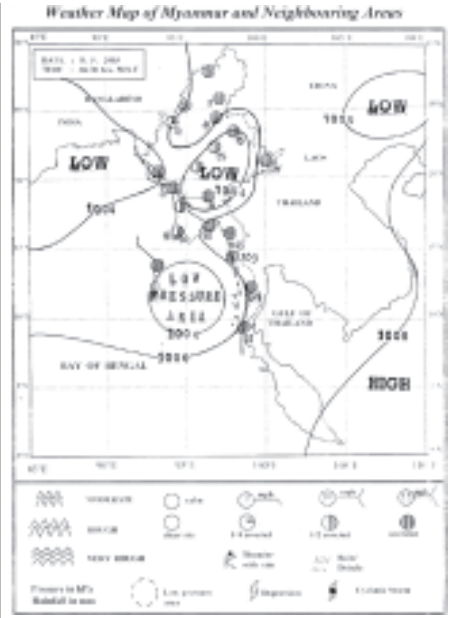
Taking the first quarter of 2005 together, retail sales increased by 8.5 per cent in value or 7.7 per cent in volume over the same period a year earlier.

Reflecting the solid revival in consumer demand, the growth in retail sales was rather broad-based in March, marked by double-digit growth in sales of commodities in department stores and in electrical goods and photographic equipment, as well as a further growth in sales of clothing, footwear and other consumer goods.

Sales of motor vehicles and parts fell 18 per cent, though, while sales of food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco slipped 0.9 per cent in volume in March compared with a year earlier.

Based on the seasonally adjusted series, the overall volume of retail sales increased 2.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2005 compared with the preceding quarter. The Census & Statistics Department said the overall volume of retail sales continued to record a solid growth in March, on the back of improved labour market conditions and generally positive sentiment.

The strength of local consumer demand was evident not only from the faster year-on-year growth in retail sales for the first quarter as a whole as compared with that for the preceding quarter, but also from the further increase on a seasonally adjusted basis over the fourth quarter, it said.— *MNA/Xinhua*



### WEATHER

Sunday, 8 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (5.00) inches, Dawei (4.29) inches, Yay (2.64) inches and Kawthong (2.01) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division (6°) below normal in Yangon Division. (7°C) below normal in Kayah State and Bago Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 7-5-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 8-5-2005 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-5-2005 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 7-5-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 8-5-2005 were (0.28) inch at Yangon Airport, (0.40) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.39) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 2.25 inches at Yangon Airport, 2.72 inches at Kaba-Aye and 7.26 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (00:30) hours MST on 8-5-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southeast Bay has moved eastwards into the North Andaman Sea and adjoining Southeast Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 9-5-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan State, Bago and Yangon Division and isolated in the States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mon, Kayin State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate seas are likely at times off and along Gulf of mottama. Mon-Taninthayi Coast Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Sea will be elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain in the lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-5-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-5-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### Special Weather News

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 8-5-2005)

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday low pressure area over Southeast Bay has moved eastwards into the north Andaman Sea and adjoining Southeast Bay.



Monday, 9 May  
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by missionary Sayadaw U Oaktamathara

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. Song of national races

8:00 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:10 am

7. အရေးကြီးသည့်

8:20 am

8. ကျွမ်းသားရေလှည့်တစ်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar made easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အစားသင့်တော်သည့်လမ်းညွှန်ရေး နှစ်ခြင်းသံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (စာတုပေးအထူးပြု) (စာတုပေး)

5:15 pm

6. Dance variety

5:30 pm

7. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာဇာတ်ကားများ

5:45 pm

8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar

Modern Music

Troupe)

6:00 pm

9. Discovery

6:10 pm

10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ဓမ္မာတိပဋိပညာ" (အပိုင်း-၉၁)

6:30 pm

11. Evening news

7:00 pm

12. Weather report

7:05 pm

13. Musical programme

7:20 pm

14. Industrial

achievement

7:35 pm

15. Musical programme

8:00 pm

16. News

8:15 pm

17. International news

8:30 pm

18. Weather report

8:45 pm

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ဓမ္မာတိပဋိပညာ"

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9:00 pm

20. The next day's programme



Monday, 9 May  
Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: I want to spend my life time loving you

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -Drive Road

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music: Other side of love

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: I need love

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Sound of silence

- Listen to the radio

- Into my dreams

9:00 pm Spotlight on the star "Crystal Gayle"

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Drug elimination

Women's affairs

9:35 pm Vocal gems

- I need to know

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development undertakings in Mon, Kayin States

YANGON, 8 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence together with departmental officials, on 6 May, arrived at Sittoung Bridge at the border of Bago Division and Mon State. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected Sittoung Bridge (Motpalin) project being implemented by Special Group of Sittoung Bridge (Motpalin) Construction



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects rubber plantation of Max Myanmar Co Ltd near Shweyaungpya Village of Bilin Township. — MNA

Project near Sittoung model village in Kyaikhto Township. Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin of the project reported to Lt-Gen

Maung Bo and party on work being carried out there and requirement.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on

timely completion of the bridge and minimize loss and wastage.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the com-

mander and party inspected 22-mile long road construction project near Kinmon Camp in Kyaikhto Township. Af-

ter hearing reports presented by officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements.

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## Production sharing contracts signed

YANGON, 8 May — A ceremony to sign production sharing contracts by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Minis-

try of Energy and Essar Oil Limited of India for exploration and production of oil and natural gas at Rakhine Offshore Block

A-2 and Rakhine Coastal Region Block L (Sittoung) was held at the Sedona Hotel here yesterday evening. Present on the oc-

casation were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa,

Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr R K Bhatia, President of Essar Group Mr S N Ruia, Man-

aging Director Mr A N Sinha, invited guests and departmental personnel.

After Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi had delivered an address on the occasion, Mr A N Sinha and Managing Director of MOGE U Hsan Lwin expressed thanks.

Managing Director U Hsan Lwin and Mr A N Sinha signed the contracts and exchanged documents.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi handed over notification on work permit of the Ministry of Energy and permit of Myanmar Investment Commission to Mr S N Ruia. — MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi speaking at ceremony to sign production sharing contracts between MOGE and Essar Oil Ltd of India. — ENERGY

## World Red Cross Day 2005 observed

YANGON, 8 May — The World Red Cross Day 2005 was observed at the meeting hall of Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here this morning.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an address, saying that as a gesture of honouring Henry Dunant, who initiated Red Cross humanitarian activities, his birth day was designated as World Red Cross Day. It is also the day, on which the volunteers all over the world are honoured for their noble minds and services.

Now the Red Cross is carrying out the tasks for promotion of the health of the people, and prevention

and alleviation of diseases.

In implementing the two objectives of the Ministry of Health, members of the Red Cross Society and voluntary participants are joining hands with the medical staff. The Myanmar Red Cross Society, in its drive to alleviate human suffering, is implementing three

work programmes —promoting the health, prevention of diseases, and rendering help to those in distress.

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**Due to combined efforts of Red Cross members and medical staff, success has been achieved in implementing the tasks, particularly in prevention and control of diseases, promotion of health standard, and giving health education talks to the people.**



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses ceremony to mark World Red Cross Day. — MNA