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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and party

YANGON, 9 May — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and party who are

paying a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander-

in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

The Indian goodwill delegation was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and Military Attache Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra.—MNA

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta. MNA



Entire national people do not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts misled people that out of 56 townships 48 supported announcement of secession from Union

Laikha Township, Shan State (South), holds mass rally to oppose and condemn announcement of secession of Shan State from Union

YANGON, 9 May —A mass rally to oppose and condemn the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts took place in the sport ground in Laikha Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South) yesterday.

Present were departmental officials, leaders and members of Pa-O National Organization (PNO), Brigades 1 and 7 of Shan State Army (SSA), Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO), Shan State National Army (break-away group) Mongyun, Shan State National Army (break-

away group) Wunyein, MTA (Homain), MTA (Nayai), MTA (Matkyan) and the group Shan State (North) special region-2 that returned to the legal fold, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women's Affairs Organizations, Township (See page 16)



Those present at the mass rally chanting slogans opposing and condemning the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strongly denounce terrorist acts and protect the Union from all kinds of danger

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy by building all the development infrastructures together with the people and the Tatmadaw. As a result, each and every sector is experiencing development.

There are some Western nations that cannot bear to see Myanmar developing rapidly and Myanmar people enjoying higher living standard and that have a strong bias towards a certain party or individual. Therefore, they have imposed economic sanctions upon Myanmar since 1988, resulting in the closure of 151 factories and workshops and leaving more than 64,000 people jobless. In Myanmar, young people join the military service of their own will while, in some countries, military service is a must by law. However, some Western nations and their accomplices misinterpret the strong desire of Myanmar youths to join the military service and often accuse Myanmar of forcing minors to do military service. Their accusations are totally fabricated.

In the meantime, self-centred and narrow-minded renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices declared the independence of Shan State and formation of Shan State provisional government and foreign media broadcast their declaration. Since 1948, destructive elements have been committing atrocious acts such as murder, robbery, arson, looting and planting bombs. The number of crimes they have committed are too many to count.

A Youth Seminar of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the sports ground near the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on the morning of 8 May. At the seminar, the motion calling for the building of a modern and developed nation was tabled and it was the most desirable national movement. In the same way, the motion condemning the terrorist acts that could break up the Union was also an important national concern.

Nowadays, all the nationals born in the Union of Myanmar are required to work towards the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy. We would like to call on the entire youth to protect the Union from all kinds of danger and to strongly denounce unscrupulous acts being committed by destructive elements within and without with the intention of encroaching upon the sovereignty of the Union and endangering the lives of the people.

Entries invited to Colour Photo Contest

YANGON, 9 May - The National Motto, Literary and Photo Competition Organizing Committee announced today it will hold the 16th colour photo contest. The title of the contest is Developing Myanmar. The

size of the photo entry should measure 10" by 12" or 10" by 14". Photo enthusiasts can send up to four entries.

The entry photo must be a never-before-prize winning work in local and foreign photo

competitions. Caption regarding the photo should be provided. The entrants are to submit their works together with admission of own creation, two passport photos and the brief biography. The entries are to be sent to U Tun Min, Director of Information and Public Relations Department, No 22-24, Pansodan Street, here not later than 15 October 2005. The committee will announce the winners in November. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

IAEA meeting at Sedona Hotel



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe makes an opening address at IAEA Regional Meeting on National Planning, Selection and Design of IAEA Technical Cooperation Projects. — MNA

YANGON, 9 May— IAEA Regional Meeting on National Planning, Selection and Design of IAEA Technical Cooperation Projects organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology and International Atomic Energy Agency-IAEA commenced this morning at Sedona Hotel here.

Present were Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, officials from IAEA, representatives from 15 countries, departmental heads

and guests. First, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe made an opening address. Afterwards, Department of Technical Cooperation of IAEA, Division for Africa, Asia and the Pacific Programme Management Officer Mr Reyad Kamel explained the purpose of the meeting.

Next, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe, officials of IAEA and departmental heads posed for documentary photos. The meeting continues at Sedona Hotel up to 13 May. — MNA

World Athletics Day commemorative T & F competitions held



Lt-Col Kyaw Win (Air) presents a prize to a winner at the ceremony to mark the World Athletics Day. — MTFF

YANGON, 9 May— To mark the World Athletics Day, track and field competitions organized by Myanmar Track and Field Federation was held on 7 May at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) here. Among the spectators were General Secretary of MTFF Assistant

Director U Mya Than Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and executives, guests and fans.

After the competitions executives of MTFF presented prizes to winners. — MNA

15th annual general meeting of MRMA held

YANGON, 9 May— Myanmar Rice Millers Association held its 15th annual general meeting at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda road here on 7 May.

First, President of MRMA U Tin Win gave an opening speech.

Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win delivered an address.

Next, a report of the executive committee of MRMA and financial statement were presented to the meeting. Those present unanimously approved the report and the statement.

Afterwards, the resignation of executive members for 2003-2005 was announced. General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry announced the names of 15 Central Executive Members including President U Tin Win and Secretary U Tint Aung.

Managing Director U Min Hla Aung of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading and officials presented certificates of honour to those who donated cash for the association and President U Tin Win to those who displayed booths on rice mills.

MNA



General Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing announces the names of Central Executive Members at the 15th annual general meeting.—UMFCCI

Cheng Siwei calls for closer ties between China and other countries

NEW YORK, 8 May — Cheng Siwei, a senior Chinese lawmaker, stressed here on Friday the need for better understanding and closer cooperation between China and the rest of the world in the context of economic globalization.

Addressing the 2005 conference on global entrepreneurship and economic development for Asia and the United States, Cheng Siwei, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) said China needs the world and the world also needs China.

He said that China's recent experience showed that opening up and reform are the two wheels pushing forward the rapid growth of China's economy. Further opening up has become a must for China, as the country needs to get integrated into the tide of

economic globalization in the world.

On the other hand, the world also needs China, a fairly large economic entity with the third largest foreign trade and the second largest foreign exchange reserve, he added.

China's membership in the WTO helps strengthen the voice of the developing world, address the irrationality of rules formulation dominated by developed countries, he noted.

Besides, China must understand the world, and vice versa, the senior legislator said, noting that

China needs to learn about market economy, especially its features, history and the experience, practice, organization modalities and management modes of Western market economies.

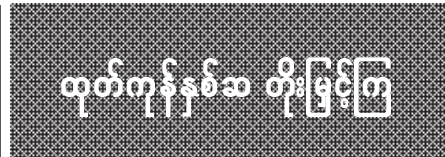
However, the world must also understand China, the biggest developing country with 1.3 billion people, a country still in transition from the traditional economy of central planning to socialist market economy, Cheng said.

China should cooperate with the world,

Cheng said, and the world should also cooperate with China. He noted that China has taken a serious and responsible attitude toward its WTO membership and has done a great deal over the past three years, including efforts at amending and revising laws and regulations, improving trade balance and cutting tariff by a large margin.

He urged people of vision from all countries to strive for consensus on fundamental trade issues by engaging in in-depth consultations and making necessary compromises, so as to achieve a win-for-all situation and promote the common prosperity and economic growth of the world.

MNA/Xinhua



HK officials to promote tourism in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur

HONG KONG, 8 May — Hong Kong Financial Secretary Henry Tang will lead a delegation of government officials, tourism industry leaders and new attractions operators to Bangkok of Thailand and Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia to promote Hong Kong tourism.

The "Discover the Hong Kong Magic" campaign will start on Sunday, a government Press release said on Friday.

"The opening of Hong Kong Disneyland in 2005 presents a unique opportunity for Hong Kong to reposition itself as a premier destination for family tourists," Tang said.

On 9 May, the delegates will meet with representatives from the Thai business community, in particular leaders of the local tourism industry and the media. They will introduce the range of key tourism attractions to be launched in Hong Kong.

The attractions include Hong Kong Disneyland and the Symphony of Lights II, to be launched this year, and the Hong Kong Wetland Park and Ngong Ping 360 — formerly known as Tung Chung Cable Car Project — in 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese shopkeeper arranges textile materials at a shop in Shanghai on 8 May, 2005. —INTERNET

NAM senior officials meeting begins

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May — Senior officials of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries on Saturday began their meeting in Malaysia to finalize the agenda for the Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women on 9 and 10 May.

The meeting, held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre, was opened by Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and is chaired by the ministry's secretary-general Faizah Mohamed Tahir.

Immediately after the opening ceremony, the officials from some 75 of the 114 NAM member

countries will meet behind closed doors in brain-storming sessions to fine-tune the draft of the Putrajaya Declaration.

The Putrajaya Declaration is expected to outline action plans which will reaffirm NAM's commitment to the empowerment of women and their full participation in all sectors and at all levels, touching on the

seven sub-themes of the meeting.

The sub-themes are women in economic, decision-making, information and communication technology, health, armed conflict and violence against women in line with the theme of the meeting, "Empowering Women in Facing the Challenges of Globalization."

MNA/Xinhua

US Marine killed in bomb attack in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 May — A US Marine was killed in a bomb attack in Iraq's western province of Anbar on Saturday, the US military said in a statement.

The Marine, assigned to Regimental Combat Team-8, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, died of wounds sustained in bomb blast during combat operations in Karmah, 80 kilometres west of Baghdad, said the statement.

The military gave no further details on the incident. Over 1,590 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

1,599 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 8 May — As of Sunday, 8 May, 2005, at least 1,599 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,216 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is six higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT on Friday.

The British military has reported 87 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,461 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,107 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. — Internet



A soldier kicks down the gate of a house during a raid in the Iraqi southern city of Basra, on 9 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Chinese, Japanese FM's vow to improve bilateral relations

Kyoro, 8 May — Foreign ministers of China and Japan held talks here Saturday, vowing to make joint efforts to improve development of Sino-Japanese relations.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and his Japanese counterpart Nobutaka Machimura met in central Japanese city Kyoto on the sidelines of the 7th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

During their meeting, Li said that Chinese President Hu Jintao pointed out the five-point policy for healthy and stable development of Sino-Japanese relations while meeting Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on 23 April in Jakarta. The policy is significant to set forth direction and principle for developing 21st Century's friendly and cooperative ties between the two countries.

Li noted that both sides should fully implement the achievement of the leaders' meeting and create

positive situation for improvement and development of bilateral ties. Referring to the difficulties encountered in recent Sino-Japanese relations, Li pointed out that it is a must to take a correct view on the root reason of the difficulties and both sides should make joint efforts to follow up the three political documents in dealing with history and Taiwan issues.

Li said that it is crucial for the Japanese Government to faithfully realize its promises on history and Taiwan issues and no longer hurt Chinese people's heart.

Machimura agreed with Li that the leaders' meeting in Jakarta is significant, saying that the Japanese Government will take serious attitude on the five-point policy, which provides important

direction to future development of bilateral relations. He said that Japan will follow up the spirit of the policy to make joint efforts with China to push the development of Sino-Japanese relations.

The Japanese Foreign Minister said the three political documents between China and Japan are basic for better dealing with history and Taiwan issues, adding that the Japanese Government will insist on "One China" policy on the basis of the three-document principle.

Li and Machimura also agreed to strengthen exchanges in a wide range of sectors, promote understanding, and enhance dialogues between the two sides.

During the meeting, the two foreign ministers also exchanged views on regional and international issues. — MNA/Xinhua

Philippine to set up anti-terror research centre with Japanese aid

MANILA, 8 May — The Philippine military is planning to build an anti-terrorism research centre inside an Army camp in Laur Town, Nueva Ecija Province, 150 kilometres northeast Manila, with Japanese aid, a defence official said Friday.

The research centre will rise in Fort Magsaysay, where the military is also planning to erect a training centre for joint exercises between Filipino and US troops, defence undersecretary Rodel Cruz said.

"We have come up with this idea because the problem of terrorism transcends boundaries and it is to our best interest, as well as the other countries, to have a single facility where we could meet and study the problems

of terrorism on a regular basis," Cruz said.

The centre will serve as a venue for security officials of different countries "to compare notes and exchange ideas".

The government will initially fund the centre's construction, though Japan has expressed desire to help finance the project, Cruz said. "It seems they (Japanese) are interested although specific details are still being worked out," he added. — MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese saleswoman looks for orders amidst stacks of shoe boxes at a shopping mall in Beijing on 8 May, 2005.—INTERNET

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A member of the motorbike display team Tornados jumps through a ring of fire during a display in Bangalore, India, on 8 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Plane carrying 16 people missing in northeast Australia

CANBERRA, 8 May — A plane with 16 people on board has been reported missing in northeast Australia on Saturday, *Australian Associated Press* reported.

Australian Search and Rescue under the Maritime Safety Authority was quoted as saying that the plane failed to arrive at the Lockhart River, on the Cape York Peninsula, on the northern tip of the state of Queensland.

The plane, departing from Bamaga on the peninsula, could not be seen on any aviation radar and a full-scale air search is underway, the report said.—MNA/Xinhua

Australian hurt in Iraq car bombing

BAGHDAD, 9 May — An Australian security guard was wounded in a weekend car bomb attack in Iraq that killed 22 people.

Security firm CTU Consulting says two of its US employees were killed and five other foreigners, including an Australian, were wounded in a suicide bomb attack on one of its convoys in the centre of Baghdad on Saturday.

An Australian, a colleague from Iceland and three more American security guards were wounded in the blast. Four were released from hospital after treatment, while the condition of the fifth, an American still receiving treatment, was not considered life-threatening, the firm said. The security convoy was attacked by two suicide bombers in cars, it said.

The US Embassy said a total of 22 people died in the blast, including the two Americans.

Iraqi security and medical sources said 18 were killed in the massive car bombing. At least 54 Iraqis were wounded, among them women and children, according to Iraqi officials. The capital has been hit by dozens of car bombs in recent days.

Hundreds of foreign security guards currently work in Iraq, providing security to prominent Iraqis and foreign diplomats. They are the targets of frequent attacks by guerillas.—Internet

Malaysia's Putrajaya Declaration to promote advancement of women

PUTRAJAYA, 8 May — A Malaysian minister has expressed hope that the draft Putrajaya Declaration will be another blueprint for advancement of women in developing countries similar to the Beijing Declaration adopted in 1995.

The draft would be discussed and fine-tuned at the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), which began Saturday morning at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here, Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil told reporters after opening the SOM meeting.

The meeting, attended by senior officials from 54 NAM member countries, will also finalize the agenda for

the two-day NAM Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women beginning Monday.

Shahrizat said the declaration would centre on seven sub-themes ranging from economics, decision-making and violence against women as agreed to by member nations. "I hope SOM will reach a consensus by tomorrow afternoon on the action plans we have outlined," she said.

Earlier, in her speech at the opening, Shahrizat hoped the delegates would deliberate on the issues

raised in the draft declaration.

The Putrajaya Declaration, aimed at accelerating progress towards gender equality, would outline the concerns of NAM on the situations faced by women in member nations and their commitment towards the advancement and empowerment of women in the various identified fields, she said.

The officials are to fine-tune the draft which contains various action plans for endorsement by the ministers.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese FM talks with Asia-Europe counterparts for closer ties

KYOTO, 8 May — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing has held a series of talks here with his Asian and European counterparts on the sidelines of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) 7th Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM7), which concluded here on Saturday.

The foreign ministers spoke highly of the sound development of China's relationship with their respective countries, and agreed to maintain bilateral high-level contacts, expand exchanges and cooperation in various fields, and strengthen consultations and coordination in regional and international affairs.

The foreign ministers reiterated adherence to the One China policy during their talks with the Chinese Foreign Minister, who arrived in this ancient Japanese city Thursday for the annual meeting aimed at deepening dialogue between Asia and Europe in tackling global challenges.

Li met with his Malaysian counterpart Syed Hamid Albar on Friday and the two reached a consensus on seeking common development in the South China Sea by setting aside their differences with a view to safeguarding peace and stability in the area.

During his meetings with foreign ministers of European Union (EU) member states, Li reiterated China's stance on the lifting of arms embargo against China. He urged EU to make political decision on lifting the arms embargo as soon as possible so as to remove the obstacle to the smooth development of Sino-European ties. The foreign ministers of EU members expressed willingness to push forward the process of embargo removal.

Li also discussed the reform of the United Nations with his Asian and European counterparts. Li said the reform should be comprehensive and multi-faceted with priority given to development. On the reform of the UN Security Council, Li said priority should be given to expanding the representativeness of developing countries and to maintaining solidarity of UN member states.

MNA/Xinhua

Dhaka's high-rises without parking lots create traffic congestion

DHAKA, 8 May — An alarming rise in high-rises without adequate parking facilities is hamstringing the government's ambitious drive to ease the traffic in the capital city of Dhaka.

Most of the city's 10-storey and higher buildings — estimated at 570 — do not have the parking space prescribed by the law, *The Daily Star* reported on Saturday.

The violation is fast contributing to the chaos on the already clogged city thoroughfares.

According to the Building Construction Rules, 1996, 23 square metres of parking space is a must for every 200 square metres floor space of commercial buildings, 100 square metres of

shopping complexes and 300 square metres of hospitals and clinics.

The law, however, has been pervasively flouted throughout the city. Traffic sergeants said on any working day roads and open spaces are choked with vehicles looking for a parking space.

The multitudes of visitors to the offices in the city have no option but to leave their cars on the roads, often in multiple rows, creating severe traffic congestion. Hun-

dreds of thousands of working hours are lost every day as more and more people are caught in the congestion.

Spending millions on improving traffic signals, intersections and roads will not solve the traffic problem, the sergeants observed.

They said the city's traffic situation is set to deteriorate rapidly if the high-rises do not arrange for their own parking spaces as required by the law.

MNA/Xinhua

Yunnan Province invests 25b yuan for technological upgrading

KUNMING, 8 May — South China's Yunnan Province plans to invest 25 billion yuan (3 billion US dollars) this year, a rise of 25 per cent year on year, to boost technological upgrading across the province, according to the provincial government.

Yunnan injected 19.95 billion yuan (2.4 billion US dollars) into technological upgrades in 2004, completing 88 key technological upgrading projects involving chemical items, fertilizers, steel production and energy use.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Govt digs organic fertilizer

BANGKOK, 8 May — The Thai Government is demonstrating its commitment to promoting the use of organic fertilizer by educating four million farming families on the theory and practice of its use.

The move, which will also see 400,000 farming families trained as organic fertilizer specialists, comes as part of wider government moves to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and slash soil preparation costs. Agriculture Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan said on Friday.

Sudarat was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying Saturday that next year the government would also spend 3-5 million baht (77,000-130,000 US dollars) on the construction of organic fertilizer production plants, with the eventual aim of building around 7,000 such plants across the country.

The way will be paved for the production plants this year with the provision of management training to agriculturalists hoping to run the fertilizer factories, which will use local raw materials to produce fertilizer at below market costs.

Within the next five years, the Thai Government hopes to have slashed the use of chemical fertilizer by as much as 50 per cent, saving the nation 20 billion baht (about 512 million dollars), the agency said. — MNA/Xinhua



Young women go window-shopping outside a jewellery store in the Nanjing Road shopping area of Shanghai, China, on 8 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Singapore Airlines flies world largest "Boeing 777" fleet

SINGAPORE, 8 May — A new Boeing 777-300 delivered on Saturday morning credited Singapore Airlines (SIA) as airways with the largest fleet of Boeing 777 aircraft in the world, said the company in a statement.

Now owning 58 Boeing 777s including 12 B777-300s, 31 B777-200s and 15 B777-200 Extended Range (ER) aircraft, SIA has ordered another batch of 19 777-300 ERs, which are scheduled to enroll since late 2006 onwards, along

with purchase rights on up to 13 more.

The new B777-300, arriving in Singapore eight years right after the delivery of the first of its family to SIA, is installed with 332 seats while the 777-300 ER may accommodate 365 passengers,

with both typically configured to three classes.

Boasting an average age of 64 months among 90 airliners, the fleet of the country's national airlines is one of the youngest in the world, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists watch the auction of frozen tuna at the world's largest fish market at Tsukiji in Japan, on 9 May, 2005—INTERNET

Nepali rafting business decreases by 80%

KATHMANDU, 8 May — There has been a massive decline in the number of tourists as well as rafters in Nepal, a rafting operator said here on Saturday.

"The number of rafters decreased by 80 per cent compared to last year," Nanikaji Thapa, vice-president of Nepal Association of Rafting Agents, a non-government organization, told reporters at a

Press conference.

As many as 10-15 per cent of the tourists visiting Nepal went rafting in the previous year, Thapa noted, adding: "That declined to about 5 per cent this year."

Apart from insurgency, the rising level of pollution in the rivers, construction of dams for electricity as well as the lack of attention from the

government towards promotion of the rafting also harmed the industry, he revealed.

The association is organizing the 17th rafting festival from Charaudi of Dhading District to Kuringhat of Chitwan District in central Nepal on 28 May in response to the desire of the domestic tourists for rafting.

MNA/Xinhua

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects roads and bridges in Kayin State

YANGON, 9 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu and senior military officers and officials of SPDC office and departmental officials, left Hpa-an for Dawlan Bridge in Hlaingbwe Township on 7 May. Chairman of Hlaingbwe District PDC

Lt-Col Ko Ko Gyi briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on situation of 19-mile long Kyawya-Winsein-Dawlan road and bridges on the road, arrangements being made to expand the road from 12 feet to 18 feet and regional development undertakings. Col Khin Kyu made supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected Dawlan bridge and development of villages along Dawlan-



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets Tatmadawmen and their families at the local battalion in Kawkaiek.

MNA

Nabu road by car.

At the Nabu village in Kawkaiek Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with Tatmadawmen

and their families at the hall of local battalion.

Later, they proceeded to Myapadaing village and inspected rural health centre there.

At 11.45 am, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at Kawkaiek and met Tatmadawmen and their families. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions to officials to attend the needs in education, health, social affairs and welfare tasks of family members.

At the District Hospital in Kawkaiek, Dr Win Zaw of Health Department reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on matters relating to the

health sector of the region, Director U Aung Moe Kyaw of Hontauk Construction Group on progress in construction of 100-bed hospital.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with officials, health staff, members of social organizations and local people and made a speech saying that the Head of State has been giving priority to equitable development of all regions in the country, that only when there is peace and stability in the region will it be possible to conduct development undertakings with might and main, that health staff are to perform their du-

ties with goodwill in order to win the trust of the people, that human resource development plays a key role in national development and that the health sector plays a leading role for turning out new generation youth with high caliber. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials concerned to pay attention to completion of the 100-bed hospital that will provide more health care services to locals.

Next, they inspected the construction of the hospital and proceed to Mawlamyine and arrived there in the afternoon. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo at Myapadaing Rural Health Care Centre in Kawkaiek Township.—MNA

National development drive needs Union Spirit USDA Secretary-General addresses Youth Seminar



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers an address at the Youth Seminar.

MNA

of the USDA held in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May.

He said that a firm resolve has already been made to reach a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the ultimate goal of the entire nation.

The nation will have to develop its sound foundations. All present at the meeting wish to see national development and modernization.

The nation has witnessed the unprecedented developments since the Tatmadaw Government has assumed State duties in 1988. Since yore, Myanmar people have been living in amity and unity, and the states and divisions have been existing as mini Unions.

The national development drive needs Union Spirit. The nation will develop only if all strive to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty. The task to

ensure non-disintegration of the Union, national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty cannot be carried out by a single organization or a person. It is the task of the people wishing to see national development, based on Union Spirit.

The basic factors of the national development are the correct leadership of the Head of State and the implementation of the task with Union Spirit. In addition to leading the progress of the nation, the developments in political stability, social sector, education are also the sound foundations to shape the future nation.

Today's youths will have to take over the duty of future nation. They should realize the goodwill and farsighted views of the Head of State in building a new developed nation. They should understand that the implementation of the political,

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YANGON, 9 May — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo delivered an address at the Youth Seminar



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economic and social objectives is in the interest of the present as well as the future state. Thus, youths will have to actively take part in the national development drive with full Union Spirit.

At the conclusion of the Public Relations and Knowledge Management Course held on 2 May 2005, USDA Patron Senior General Than Shwe said, "In any system and era, the human resources having the vision of unity, development and defence is required.

The nation at present is in the process of implementing the seven-point Road Map, which is the nation's political work programme. Peace and Sta-

bility, sound economic foundations of the nation and the people, and human resources development are the basic needs of a society practising democracy. Since its assumption of the State duties, the Government has been implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives with greater momentum and without fail to realize Our Three Main National Causes.

It will also implement the Road Map together with the people till achieving success. The goal of the nation-building task is the ensuring of peace and stability and unity and emergence of a democratic state.

Only the people who uphold Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and

perpetuation of the sovereignty — will be able to develop the nation throughout the successive eras and safeguard the Union. Our Three Main National Causes is the foundation of Union Spirit.

All will have to accept the guidance in marching towards the national goal. The USDA members will have to organize the locals to take part in the national development drive. The USDA members have already witnessed the objective developments of all the states and divisions. They are urged to strive in unity with the local people to achieve greater progress, to play their respective roles in shaping the future nation according to the guidance of the Head of State, and to strive to realize the nation goal while warding off all disturbances.

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Youth Seminar of Union Solidarity...

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During the ceremony, Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo presided over the meeting together with Secretariat member U

stock breeding and fish pond acres have also increased.

There is a land of jade in Kachin State. Therefore, the State earns

In road and bridge sector, a total of 226 bridges have been constructed. In health sector, the number of hospitals increased to 44 from 35 in the state.

In conclusion, he, on behalf of the youths, made a pledge to march

and 13 e-learning centres in Kayah State.

In agricultural sector, there are 10 dams and three river water pumping stations and progress has been made in posts and communications, electric power and rail transportation and cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy, beans and pulses, maize and forest plantation.

Development is the result of peace and unity. Members of Kayah State USDA at different levels are making concerted efforts for development of education, health, agriculture, communication and transport sectors to enable the people from Kayah State

furlongs of tar road have been constructed and 35 miles of road have been upgraded, she said. In addition, 100 bridges, small and big, have been built. As regards the health sector, two hospitals, three dispensaries and 13 rural health care centres have been opened so far. For the education of the state, she said 208 teachers are now teaching 10,567 students in 27 primary schools, two middle schools and four high schools.

Six agricultural camps were opened and electricity is being supplied through 18 generators, she added. Five river-water pumping projects have been implemented for the

media classrooms and 18 e-learning centres, and 33 pre-primary schools have been opened. Four universities and colleges have been established for the higher education, she noted.

In Kayin State there have been 26 hospitals, up from 17, and one traditional medicine hospital. As for the communication, the number of post offices has increased to 33 from 27, and 229 auto radio phones, four rural telephone exchanges and one ISP have been opened.

There are 13 above-180-foot long-bridges and 263 bridges of under 180 feet. She said 1413 miles of rural road have been



Members of the Panel of chairmen of USDA Youth Seminar.—MNA

Thein Zaw, CEC members U Aung Min, U Thein Swe and Thura U Aye Myint.

Ma Pont Pont Aung Than Oo of Mandalay Division USDA acted as master of ceremonies and Ma Sandar Win of Mandalay, co-MC.

First, master of ceremonies read out the agenda.

Next, meeting chairman Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo delivered a speech.

Next, Maung Maran Baran Shaung of Kachin State USDA reported on development of Kachin State.

He said in agriculture sector, cultivated area has increased from 440,000 acres to 580,000. Live-

foreign currency from selling jade.

At present, electricity consumption also increases. Three hydel-power stations have been constructed and two hydel power projects are underway in the region.

In education sector, the number of schools reaches over 130 and there are over 280,000 students in the state. Moreover, there are one university, two degree colleges, two computer colleges and two science and technology colleges in the state. In communication sector, 79 post offices, 29 telegraph offices, six internet service providers and six satellite communication stations have been set up.

towards the future peaceful, modern and developed nation, while keeping patriotism alive and dynamic.

Next, Ma Mya Sandar Aung of Kayah State USDA said Kayah State is situated in the East Heights of Myanmar and it is 4,530 square miles. There was no roadwork in Kayah State but now there are 179 miles of earth roads, 176 miles of gravel roads and 13 miles of tarred roads. There were 396 miles of motor road and now there are 581 miles of roads.

The number of hospitals, dispensaries and rural health care centres and schools has increased in the state. There are 21 multimedia teaching cen-



Mandalay Division USDA members singing Pyi Myanmar song at opening of Youth Seminar of USDA.—MNA

to enjoy peace and fruitful results.

Afterwards, Naw Bway Pha Zaw Phaw of Bway Pha Zaw Phaw of Kayin State USDA reported on development of Kayin State. In her discussion, she said Kayin State is made up of Hpa-an District, Kawkareik District and Myawady District. With seven townships, the state has the area of 11730 square miles. Diverse national people including Kayin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan live in the state, accounting for a population of 1,653,000. Due to the efforts for the development of the region, 159 miles of earth road, 229 miles of gravel road and 32 miles and 3

agricultural sector, and 31,284 baskets of paddy have been produced up from 16,019 baskets. In the state 240 acres of land are being used now for the raising of paddy-plus-fish. Regarding the education sector, there are now 1,295 schools although there were 1,149 in the past. The schools have been facilitated with 42 multi-

built and 175 rural bridges built. In conclusion, she said USDA members have been making efforts for the development of rural areas in cooperation with local people and with the assistance of the government.

(The presentation of USDA Youths will be published tomorrow's paper.)



Maung Maran Baran Shaung.—MNA



Ma Mya Sandar Aung MNA



Naw Bway Pha Zaw Phaw—MNA



Ma Sandar Win acts as MC —MNA



Sayadaw U Tejinda.
MNA



U Nandaw (a) U Lon
Hein Taw. — MNA



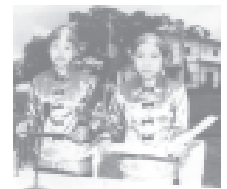
U Zawana. — MNA



U Sai Twe. — MNA



U Maung Hla. — MNA



Daw Nan Su Su Thwe
and Daw Nan Mya Aye.
MNA

In fact, no national races...

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independence of Shan State on 17 April. This poses a grave danger to the Union of Myanmar and the entire national people and thus the government declared the above-mentioned group unlawful association on 19 April. Similarly, social organizations, political parties, armed groups and peace groups did not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa. They also made announcements opposing and condemning the acts. The entire people comprising over 100 national races, who have been living in the

Union of Myanmar for thousands of years, did not accept the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa that could lead to breaking up the Union and so they opposed it. National people living in Laikha Township are one with those in other states and divisions. They could not accept the acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts that would endanger the national solidarity. That was why the mass rally to oppose and condemn their announcement was being held. It was learnt that renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts mis-

led the people that out of 56 townships 48 supported the announcement of secession from the Union. In fact, no national races in Shan State knew the announcement in advance nor supported it. All national races with patriotism would not totally accept such acts in any time. The deeds of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are different from what they said. The chairman urged all national races to make efforts for development of the Union in unity.

Next, U Sai Than Sein of Wanpan Village, Wanhaing village-tract, Laikha Township, tabled a motion, condemning the

announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. (U Sai Than Sein's speech is reported separately.)

Daw Nan Kham Lauk of Kaungkham Village Wansang Village-tract, Laikha Township, tabled the motion. (Daw Nan Kham Lauk's speech is reported separately.)

Then, U Sai Tun Aung Lay of Tatmauk Village, Tatmauk village-tract, Laikha Township, tabled the motion.

(U Sai Tun Aung Lay's speech is reported separately.)

Afterwards, Daw Nan

Hlaing Kham of Matlan village, Wanse village-tract, Laikha Township, tabled the motion.

(Daw Nan Hlaing Kham's speech is reported separately.)

U Zawana of Wanpan Village, U Nandaw (a) U Lon Hein Taw of Naungyasaing Village, U Sai Twe of Tathauk Village and Sayadaw San Naw (a) U Tejinda of Thiri Mingalar Kyaungtaik in Wanpan Village admitted that they took the stage at the ceremony held by the expatriates in Wanpan Village since they were forced to do so; that the motions tabled and discussions made at the ceremony reflect the true situations; that like local peo-

ple he strongly condemned the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts. Afterwards, Chairman of Shan State National Army (SSNA), on behalf of ten national race groups who had returned to the legal fold, opposed and denounced the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts and seconded the motions.

Later, U Aw-wada announced the motion condemning the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts after seeking the approval from those present.

The rally concluded at 10 am with the chanting of slogans. — MNA

Conspirators lie to the world that 48 townships out of the 56 in Shan State support them



U Sai Than
Sein of
Laikha
Township
tables a
motion.
MNA

YANGON, 9 May—The following is a translation of speech delivered by U Sai Than Sein.

U Sai Than Sein of Wanpang village, Wanhaing village-tract, Laikha Township, tabled a motion denouncing the secession plan of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. He said, the innate nature of the people in Shan State is to live in peace, and unity and

amity among all through thick or thin. Thanks to the national consolidation drive, like all other states and divisions, Shan State is also witnessing peace and stability. Laikha Township and Panglong where the Union Spirit was conceived is located in the same region. Laikha Township is developing thanks to the 24-development zone project, and five rural tasks. The Government has built the Panglong University and a Government Computer College in Panglong, at which students from Laikha are attending. It has also built a 200-bed hospital in Loilem. The locals are angry because of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and a handful of cohorts' perpetration to announce the setting of a parallel government in Shan State. It is an unacceptable act for all the local people. The local people are angry as renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, and drug bandit Ywet Sit of SSA and unit 758 under the SSA tricked and used them for their own interest. Those perpetrators summoned the villagers to attend a meeting held near the nat shrine. Villagers thinking that they were going to hold a traditional ceremony to pay respect to the nat attended the meeting without knowing their conspiracy.

In reality the people were not attending the meeting, but attending the traditional ceremony. Then, about 50 SSA terrorists in plainclothes came out from their hiding places with guns and surrounded the people. They forced a Buddhist monk and the village head to come out onto the stage and to declare the establishment of a Shan Republic, with Sao Hkam Hpa as the head. The locals knew nothing about their scheme in advance and had no right to say anything. Thus, the people of Laikha are totally against the perpetration. The conspirators have also lied to the world that 48 townships out of the 56 in Shan State supported them. Their announcement is unacceptable to the nation as well as the world. The sawbwas had invited intruders into the state and made the people to get involve in gambling from which they are receiving large amounts of taxes. They also collected various kinds of taxes to lead a luxury life. But they did not do anything good for the region and the people. They only exploited the people. Now they have announced the establish of a parallel government to show their ugly face again. They are just the puppets of the colonialists.—MNA

All national people will never accept the acts of those who attempt to cause disintegration of the Union and Shan State and the secession of Shan State from the Union



Daw Nan
Kham Lauk
of Wansang
Village-
tract,
Laikha
Township.
MNA

YANGON, 9 May—The following is a translation of speech delivered by Daw Nan Kham Lauk.

Seconding the motion, Daw Nan Kham Lauk said the Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation where over

100 national races have been living together in unity and amity since time immemorial. They tried to achieve the independence with Union spirit by warding off the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists that reigned over 100 years.

The ultimate goal of the entire national people is to build up a peaceful, modern and developed nation. She said all the people would never turn back to feudalism and colonialism that reigned in the country 100 years ago. She said people of Laikha region alongside all national people will never accept the aims and acts of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts, who are looking back to the past age of feudalism, in which they announced Shan State was to secede from the Union. She said it is Ywet Sit of SSA and his insurgent members of Brigade-758 who support the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa, not the people of Shan State. The SSA has been instigated since 1958 by Shan sawbwas who had to relinquish power, she noted.

She said among those who incited narrow-minded

spirit and instigated to cause Shan insurgency is Mahadevi Nan Hein Hkam, mother of Sao Hkam Hpa. Due to Shan insurgency, the people of the region had to face all kinds of difficulties. It can be witnessed by those who were attending the rally. A month ago, she said, as Sai Chit and members of SSA set fire to houses and schools of Hitakhu, Naungtay and Panmon villages, people of the village got into trouble. They are committing destructive while shouting for Shan national development. The people were relieved when they received assistance and protection from the Tatmadaw columns and departments. She said the people of Shan State know very well who are SSA insurgents and the provisional government led by Sao Hkam Hpa. Their government is nothing but the government which oppresses the people, she commented.

All in all, she said all national people will never accept the acts of those who attempt to cause the disintegration of the Union and Shan State and the secession of Shan State from the Union.—MNA

National traitors misleading and deceiving Myanmar people and those far away as if there are many supporters in favour of their activities



U Sai Tun Aung Lay of Tatmauk village, Laikha Township seconds the motion.
MNA

YANGON, 9 May—*The following is a translation of speech delivered by U Sai Tun Aung Lay.*

The Union of Myanmar, where various national races have been residing in unity and amity, is rich in natural resources. Myanmar was in deep recession when she regained her independence since the

colonialists exploited Myanmar for over one hundred years and self-seeking Shan Sawbwas let gambling collected various kinds of taxes and oppressed the people.

In the time of the caretaker government those heinous and immoral acts receded. However, the Shan insurgency, which arose due

to the instigation of Shan Sawbwas, dealt a great blow to the nation again.

Since its assumption of State responsibilities in 1988, the Tatmadaw government has been able to bring about peace and tranquillity. Hence, marked progress has been made in economic, education, health, transport, agriculture and industrial sectors. The national people are now enjoying the fruits of development and the taste of independence.

At such a time like this, expatriates, who are acting to the liking of colonialists, are resorting to various ways and means to harm and hinder the momentum of national development.

The announcement of the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts amounts to undermining the national develop-

ment which has so far been on the right track with added momentum. The national traitors are misleading and deceiving Myanmar people and those far away as if there are many supporters in favour of their activities. Their activities cannot totally be acceptable as they are renegades and insurgents with every intention of undermining the national solidarity. Renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts from a foreign nation on 17 April announced the secession of Shan State from the Union. On 18 April, Mein Hsin of SSA and his party gathered local people from some villages in Laikha Township and forced them to listen to the announcement. We the people from Laikha Township oppose the acts of renegade Sao Kham Hpa, that are detrimental to national solidarity.

The SSA insurgents have been bringing miseries and distress to local people for long. They committed murder, robbery, looting and plundering, bullying. In addition, they are recruiting new members by force. No one joined the SSA as their despicable acts have been objected.

Therefore, they are recruiting new members in a quota system. As they are recruiting minors by force the local people have to face bitter experiences. This is the origin of the accusations of some Western nations to the effect that there has been forced recruitment of minors in Myanmar.

How do we believe the norms of the Western nations which do not point out the forced recruitment of the insurgents darely and frankly although they know about it? There is the truth among over 54 million of

Myanmar people. To stay away from forced recruitment of the insurgents, minors of some families had to get novitiated in such cities as Mandalay and Magway. Local people in the township had to pay unless they satisfy the forced recruitment. There have been conflicts among the SSA insurgents due to unfair advantage in the sharing of money fetched from extortion, robbery and plundering.

It is an inborn duty of the entire national people to ward off and crush the internal and external elements who are endangering the lives and property of the entire national people including local people. That is why I seconded the motion on opposing and denouncing of the announcement of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts tabled by U Sai Than Sein.—MNA

The SSA insurgents murdered one woman near Mongkai, six men near Kunhing and seven Intha nationals near Kengtung recently



Daw Nan Hlaing Kham of Matlan village, Wanse village tract, Laikha Township.
MNA

YANGON, 9 May—*The following is a translation of speech delivered by Daw Nan Hlaing Kham.*

Renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts announced the formation of Shan State provisional

government on 17 April. This is a dishonest act. They who are relying on colonialists did so with the intention of bringing the Union into disarray although they are citing that they cherish Shan State and Shan nationals and wish Shan State to meet with success.

We the national people, upholding in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, do not support the acts of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts.

Those in favour of renegade Sao Kham Hpa misled the local people as if the people from Laikha Township supported the

announcement. The villagers have been at the mercy of the insurgents as the latter are heavily armed. I would like to present some points on brutal acts committed in the region by SSA insurgents, who have become the minions of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts.

The SSA insurgents murdered one woman near Mongkai, six men near Kunhing and seven Intha nationals near Kengtung recently. Who are responsible for the massacre in Pantawi Village, setting fire to houses, schools and monasteries in five villages

of Hopong Township and blowing up bomb in Wunhein Village in Laikha Township. They are indeed the SSA insurgents.

Only when there is the Tatmadaw column in our villages and nearby will our lives be secure. If there is no Tatmadaw column we are in a state of anxiety for fear that the insurgents enter the villages for extortion. They bullied, robbed and killed the people and did as they wished, saying that they were doing for the good of Shan people. Again, they are giving troubles to the people. Frankly speaking, the national people do not want to secede

from the Union and they want to live unitedly in the respective regions in the Union in the form of small unions without discriminating the regions or talking about racial issue. In fact, those who breaks up the Union are our common enemy. Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his group are saying that 48 townships in Shan State support them. This means that they destroys the Union spirit and patriotism. Local people do not accept the act at all. Therefore, I second the motion tabled by U Sai Than Sein.

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Those attending a mass rally held in Laikha Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South).—MNA

General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and wife leaves for home

YANGON, 9 May — The visiting Indian goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh, his wife and party left here

by air this afternoon.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Htun, Maj-Gen Sein Lin of the Ministry of De-

fence, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officials, Indian Military Attache' Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and wife.

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Maj-Gen Khin Maung Htun sees off Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh of Indian Armed Forces. — MNA

Foreign Minister arrives back from Japan

YANGON, 9 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here this afternoon by air after attending the 7th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers Meeting held in Kyoto from 5 to 7 May.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nobutake Odano and officials of MOFA.

Members of the delegation U Thaug Tun, Director-General of the Political Department and U Soe Lynn Han, Deputy Director of the Political Department of MOFA also arrived back together with the Foreign Minister. —MNA

Youth plant trees in Bagan Archaeological Region



USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo and secretariat members plant a tree.

MNA

YANGON, 9 May — Youth delegates from state and division Union Solidarity and Development Associations who would attend Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region, on 7 May, planted 1290 trees in the region.

The tree-planting ceremony was held at the Thiripyitsaya junction in Bagan Archaeological Region attended by member of Patron of USDA Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Secretary General U Htay Oo, secretariat members and CEC mem-

bers and youth delegates from state and division USDAs.

At the ceremony, Maj-Gen Ye Myint, U Htay Oo, secretariat members, CEC members and guests planted star and gangaw trees.

Youths from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin states, Taninthayi division, Mon state, Mandalay and Yangon divisions, Shan State (South), Rakhine State, Shan State (East) and (North) planted 890 trees at the entrance to Eindaw (the House).

Similarly, youths from Bago Division (East) and Ayeyawady Division planted 160 trees at the corner of Eindaw road and Thiripyitsaya road, youths from Sagaing Division, Magway Division and Bago Division (West) planted 240 trees at the entrance to Thiripyitsaya Hotel. In the afternoon, the youths in three groups paid homage to Shwezigon Pagoda, Arnanda Pagoda, Dhammayangyi Pagoda and Lawkananda Pagoda.

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Energy Minister inspects Nyaungdon Oil and Natural Gas Field



Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects new oil well No 26 in Nyaungdon. — ENERGY

YANGON, 9 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with officials inspected Nyaungdon Oil and Natural Gas field in Nyaungdon, Ayeyawaddy Division yesterday afternoon.

The minister, at the briefing hall, heard reports on successfully drilling new oil well No 26 and its oil production by chief engineer (drilling) U Maung Ko and, maintaining drilling machines by Director U Sein Win. The minister then gave necessary instructions on drilling new oil wells in Nyaungdon, extension of drilling oil wells in Nyaungdon, Maubin and future tasks.

The minister presented the staff cash of honour.

No 26 new oil well produces over 5 million cubic feet of natural gas and 48 barrels of condensate.

At present, there are totally 21 oil wells producing over 100 million cubic feet of natural gas and 800 barrels of condensate in Nyaungdon Oil and Natural Gas field.

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Pannandin TV Retransmission Station telecasts MRTV programmes

YANGON, 9 May - Pannandin TV Retransmission Station in Kachin State was completed on 1st May 2005.

The station has aired MRTV programmes as of 2nd May.

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Myanmar delegation attends 38th ADB Annual Meeting

YANGON, 9 May - Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the 38th Asia Development Bank Annual Meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey from 4 to 6 May.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for F & R Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, heads of departments and families.

During the meeting, specially invited guest Minister of State in Charge of Economy of Turkey Mr Ali Babacan, meeting chairman Minister of Finance Mr Ibrahim Canakci and Governor of ADB Mr Haruhiko Kuroda extended greetings. Next, ASEAN+3 Finance Ministerial Meeting was held at Swissotel Istanbul. Economic development and policies and financial cooperation were discussed among the member countries. After the meeting, finance ministers replied to queries raised by mediemen at the press conference. On 5 May, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ADB was held at Rumeli Hall of the Convention Centre. The Myanmar delegation attended meetings together with meeting chairman Minister of Finance Mr Ibrahim Canakci and Governor of ADB Mr Haruhiko Kuroda at Hilton Hotel Ballroom and a luncheon. Members of Board of Governors Meeting was held at Rumeli Hall of ICEC. Next, Asian Regional Director of OPEC Fund Mr Fuao Albassam and President of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co Ltd Mr Takeo Inokuchi called on Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and they frankly discussed mutual cooperation. Governor of CBM U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe, Director of CBM Daw Ohn Mar Sein and staff officer of the Ministry of F&R U Min Han Soe accompanied Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun. — MNA

Myanmar's sincere and frank attitude at Asian-African Summit, Commemoration of Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference

Aung Moe San

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe, at the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, attended the Asian-African Summit (2005) and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference held from 22 to 24 April in Jakarta and Bandung. The Senior General arrived back home on 25 April afternoon.

Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Assistant to the SPDC Chairman Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Than Aung, Director-General of the SPDC Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of Political Department U Thaug Tun, senior military officers and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

During the visit to Indonesia, the Senior General attended the opening of the Asian-African Summit in Jakarta on 22 April. Also present on the occasion were heads of State/Government and vice-presidents of 105 Asian and African nations, 58 special delegates, and representatives of 18 organizations.

Starting from 8 am, the heads of State/Government and vice-presidents of Asian and African nations, and representatives arrived at the Jakarta Convention Centre, where the Indonesian President warmly welcomed them.

After the opening ceremony, they posed for documentary photos and cordially greeted one another at the main lobby of the Centre.

The Senior General was accompanied by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister U Nyan Win, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, and Director-General U Thaug Tun at the ceremony.

The Summit went into recess at noon for luncheon. Meanwhile, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Hae-chan and Prime Minister of Japan Mr Junichiro Koizumi called on Senior General Than Shwe. The Senior General delivered an address in the afternoon session.

The Senior General and heads of State/Government of other nations signed the communique.

The Indonesian President hosted a dinner in honour of the Senior General and heads of State/Government of other nations and representatives of organizations at Istana Negara in Jakarta.

The Senior General paid a courtesy call on President of the People's Republic of China Mr Hu Jintao at the Ballroom No 3 of the Hotel Mulia in Jakarta on 23 April morning.

At the meeting, the Senior General told the PRC counterpart that thanks to its relentless efforts, the Myanmar government was winning the trust, understanding and cooperation of the nationalities. The results of the National Convention were satisfactory. The majority's wish to strive for successful materializing of the future policy programme had become obvious.

The Chinese President said that China accepted that Myanmar had the right to choose and practise the most suitable system. He added that all must respect Myanmar sovereignty, and China opposed outside interference in Myanmar's internal affairs. China would never change its stand concerning Myanmar. He expressed his belief that Myanmar Government and people would be able to overcome the difficulties.

The Senior General also met with the Indonesian President at the guest chamber of the Jakarta Convention Centre later that morning.

On the occasion, the Senior General said that in the world, small nations were facing many difficulties. So, it was important for Asian and African nations to cooperate more. He said he would like to give an account of Myanmar. The nation regained her independence more than 50 years ago. However, she lagged behind in development due to the internal armed insurgency, and had to strive for development up till now.

The Indonesian President said that all nations need to understand the situation of Myanmar. Myanmar, Indonesia and the ASEAN had common interests. Indonesia and Myanmar need to continue to deal with each other to make efforts to be able to catch up with other global nations. It was unwise to interfere in other's internal affairs. He pledged that Indonesia would never interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

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The Senior General also held a cordial meeting with Secretary General of the United Nations Mr Kofi A Annan at room No 4 of the Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta at 12.10 pm on 23 April. The Senior General said Myanmar was making democratic reforms and it had laid down the seven-point Road Map on 30 August 2003 for a transition to democracy. The National Convention was being held for drafting the State Constitution. Based on basic principles agreed at the National Convention the draft of the State Constitution would be drawn up. A referendum would be held for the approval of the draft. Free and fair elections would also be held and a government would be formed.

The UN Secretary General said that he was glad to learn the efforts to draft the State Constitution by holding the National Convention in political aspect. He said he believed that the government was exerting utmost efforts for all the citizens of Myanmar and national races and the UN praised the efforts. There were critical comments and misunderstanding because of some foreign nations and news agencies. According to the statements, some assumed that the UN was the enemy of Myanmar. In fact, the UN was not an enemy of Myanmar but a friend. International communities should provide assistance for Myanmar for its development.

Such an improvement of the understanding and cooperation between heads of state and government, and further understanding between Myanmar and the UN Secretary General are the fruitful results of the Bandung principles.

Together with heads of state/government of Asian and African nations, the Senior General attended the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Asian-African Conference 1955 held at Bandung in Indonesia on 24 April.

After the conference, the Senior General and the heads of state/government of Asian and African nations planted commemorative trees at the Tegalle Garden.

At 1 pm, the Indonesian President and the

governor of West Java Province of Indonesia hosted a luncheon in honour of the Senior General and the heads of state/government of Asian and African nations at Pakuan building in Bandung.

Non-aligned movement does not represent the policy of opportunists, but is the fair and just policy that is not involved in the rivalry of the two giant blocs of the world.

The non-aligned nations came into existence based on mutual cooperation and principles of peaceful co-existence, with which they wanted to be under the domination of neither blocs — capitalist bloc and socialist bloc (West bloc and East bloc) who formed economic, political and military groups to vie each other during the period of the cold war. The Non-Aligned Movement was conceived with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence held in Bandung in Indonesia in April 1955. Based on these principles, the first conference of the non-aligned nations was held at Belgrade in Yugoslavia in 1961. One more principle was added to the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence at the conference held in Lusaka, Zambia, in 1970. The number of the membership of the non-aligned nations has now increased to more than 100 nations from 29.

The Asian-African Conference which was held from 18 to 24 April 1955 reached its golden jubilee on 24 April 2005.

Now, the cold war was over, and almost all the world nations are taking steps to introduce democracy in respective nations through the market-oriented economic system. The world nations are shaping their future freely. They continue to exist with no strings attached. And they are striving for enhancing friendship and cooperation with other nations and promotion of the world peace and development of their own. It was because they had faced bitter experiences from the subjugation of the colonialists, threats of military blocs, hegemonism, and interference in internal affairs of other nations.

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Spain, US to reinforce anti-terror cooperation

MADRID, 8 May— The Spanish Government vowed on Friday that it will further cooperate with the United States against terrorism despite the difference of viewpoints between the two governments.

Robert Mueller, director of the US Federal Bu-

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Philippine President revamps military senior officers

MANILA, 8 May— Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Friday approved a revamp in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

The revamp affected 22 senior officers including a former chairman of the RP (Republic of the Philippines)-US Balikatan exercises who was named the top Abu Sayyaf hunter in Western Mindanao.

AFP Public Information Office chief Lieutenant-Colonel Buenaventura Pascual said the reshuffle, endorsed by the AFP Board of Generals, was triggered by the retirement of at least three flag officers and generals.

Heading the list of officers affected by the revamp was Brigadier-General Horacio Lactao, vice-commander of the 6th Infantry Division, who was named the new chief of the AFP's Joint Task Force Comet based in Jolo, Sulu.

The composite task force is tasked to go after Abu Sayyaf elements in Western Mindanao. The task force was created by the AFP leadership in 2001 at the height of Abu Sayyaf atrocities in the region.

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G-4 to meet "Coffee Club" Group on UN expansion issue

UNITED NATIONS, 9 May — Envoys from India, Japan, Germany and Brazil, known as Group of Four (G-4), will meet with representatives of the Coffee Club led by Italy and Pakistan on Monday in an effort to narrow down differences over the expansion of the Security Council issue.

President of the 191-member General Assembly Jean Ping has taken the initiative to bring them face-to-face as they hold vastly different positions on how to expand the Council.

Diplomats expect little from the discussion except reiteration of their known position and at the most an agreement to continue their discussions.

Both agree that there is need to expand the 15-member Council to reflect the current ground realities but the consensus ends there with G-4 calling for expansion in both permanent and non permanent categories and "United for Peace" or the "Coffee Club" group only in the non-permanent membership.

India, Japan, Germany and Brazil, strong contenders for permanent seats in the Council, argue that expansion in the permanent category is necessary for the effective and credible functioning of the Council.

The other side contends that it would only divide the membership and that the increase in the number of only non-permanent members would give chance to more countries to serve on the coveted powerful Council which decides the issues of war and peace.

Diplomats said the "Uniting for Peace" group claims that China is also on their side though not an active member and that it is trying to convince the regional groups that the model proposed by it would empower them as it is they who would be deciding on the candidates who should occupy the seat from

the region at a particular point of time.

It would also allow the seat to be rotated among more countries, it contends.

Ping's idea, they said, is to make them confront each other, state their positions and then discuss ways to narrow down their differences.

Italy and Pakistan had submitted to Ping for considerations two models which envisage expansion of the non-permanent category only with the addition of ten members.

They said they are prepared to discuss the non-permanent members having a term of three or four years with the provision that they can be re-elected. Currently, the 10 non-permanent members serve a two-year term and are not eligible for re-election immediately after retirement.

Besides, G-4 advocates that if consensus among 191 members of the Assembly is not possible as is likely to be the case, the issue should be decided by vote in the Assembly.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan also favours this approach and has repeatedly said that the issue could be decided by vote in the absence of a consensus. Over next few weeks, the two groups are expected to come under intense pressure as Annan would like the issue to be resolved by the time world leaders come here in mid September for the Summit at the United Nations to discuss the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. — MNA/PTI

Zimbabwe reviews SADC trade protocol for free trade

HARARE, 9 May — The Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) said on Saturday that the government has started reviewing Customs duties in line with the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) trade protocol, which aims for free trade by 2008.

The CZI said in a statement said captains of Industry and Commerce as well as the government have been involved in discussions during the past three months to reduce tariffs on imports from SADC countries.

The statement said the plans to comply with the SADC trade protocol were at an advanced stage.

The government has invited submissions from the industry relating to the reduction of Customs duties under the SADC trade protocol.

However, the statement said, concern has been raised on whether the reduction of tariffs would

enhance trade or harm other strategic sectors of the economy.

SADC has targeted to have a free trade area by 2008. With the exception of clothing and textiles and sugar, South Africa has removed tariffs all SADC exports from January this year in an attempt to accelerate the programme.

It said South Africa has done its best in relaxing duties in a development anticipated to enhance cooperation given the fact the nation is the regional economic powerhouse for SADC.

"The relaxation of trade barriers will only be important in the event that

countries export goods at normal prices rather than subsidized rates. Regional economic cooperation will only increase if nations do not export standard or dumped goods," said the CZI.

"Provided fair competition is there, the reduction of tariffs will not harm the industry in fact it will increase the market share for companies," it said.

Zimbabwe was lagging behind other nations in implementing the trade relaxation systems.

It also said that the government should solve inflationary pressures to compete with other SADC nations. — MNA/Xinhua



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Meningitis cases in New Delhi touch 141

NEW DELHI, 9 May — Hospitals confirmed 141 cases of meningococcal meningitis in New Delhi with 30 new patients reported Saturday, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

"While no new deaths have been reported, the number of patients has risen to 141 with 30 more cases being admitted till Saturday forenoon," said JN Banwalikar, director of hospital administration.

The worst meningitis outbreak in the Indian

capital in two decades has killed 15 people since it was first reported on April 22 by Hindu Rao Hospital to the authorities.

Banwalikar described meningococcal meningitis as very sensitive to antibiotics. "(But) It's curable and not an epidemic," he said.

Denying any shortage

of vaccines, he said hospital staff and relatives attending to the patients or at home were being vaccinated.

Meningococcal meningitis is caused by the *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria serotype A and spreads through droplet infection and close contact. — MNA/Xinhua

Syria regrets over renewed US sanctions

DAMASCUS, 8 May — Syrian Finance Minister Mohammed al-Hussein on Saturday expressed regret over the renewed US sanctions imposed on the country a year ago, describing them as "unfair and illogical".

Syria will continue to exert efforts for reform in the area of economy and other areas, the minister told a Press conference without further comment.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese violinist attracts shoppers during a cosmetics promotion in the Nanjing Road shopping area of Shanghai, China, on 8 May, 2005. — INTERNET

S P O R T S

Arsenal beat Liverpool to benefit Everton

LONDON, 9 May — Arsenal beat Liverpool 3-1 on Sunday to help fourth-ranked Everton secure a berth for next season's European Champions League for the first time.

The Gunners' win left Liverpool languishing in fifth ranking with 55 points, 6 points adrift of Everton with only one game remained.

Arsenal look virtually certain to finish as runners-up and qualify directly for the European Champions League as goals from Robert Pires, Jose Antonio Reyes and Francesc Fabregas put Arsenal six points ahead of Manchester United with two games left.

Pires' precision free-kick put Arsenal ahead and soon after Jose Antonio Reyes' run and angled shot exposed some lax Liverpool defending.

Steven Gerrard's deflected free-kick on 51st minutes gave Liverpool hope but in stoppage time Cesc Fabregas rounded off a sweeping move for Arsenal's third.

As so often this season Liverpool packed their midfield, leaving Milan Baros up on his own in attack, in an attempt to stifle Arsenal.

For the start of the second half manager Rafael Benitez introduced Djibril Cisse and Harry Kewell, a change that saw a more ambitious approach, but the poverty of their play in the opening period proved too much of a mountain to climb.

A flavour of Liverpool's insipid first-half display came on 10 minutes when a mistake from Sami Hyypia and a Jerzy Dudek fumble allowed Reyes to score from close range, only for the goal to be disallowed for offside.

Dudek did better to thwart Lauren, pushing the Cameroonian's header on to the bar, though the Arse-



Thailand's Vachiraphan Markmee, left, challenges for the ball with Nenem, right, from Brazil during their FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2005 match in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 8 May, 2005.

Brazil won 9-2. — INTERNET

Olympique Lyon win fourth consecutive French title

PARIS, 9 May — Olympique Lyon clinched their fourth consecutive French Ligue 1 soccer title with a 2-1 win over AC Ajaccio on Sunday with goals from Sidney Govou and Claudio Cacapa.

Lyon have an unassailable 11-point lead over second-placed Lille in the 20-team league with three matches remaining.

The champions opened the scoring with a diving header from striker Govou in the 35th minute.

AC Ajaccio goalkeeper Stephane Porato saved a penalty and a dangerous freekick in the first half and the Corsican side played the second half with 10 men after defender Mamadou Seck was sent off for deliberate handball in the 42nd minute.

Striker Johan Dumont pulled a goal back for the visitors just after the interval before Lyon captain Claudio Cacapa scored the winner in the 62nd minute.

Lyon join the former giants of French club football, St Etienne and Olympique Marseille, as the only club to win four league titles in succession.

Les Verts were in a class of their own from 1967 to 1970 while Marseille dominated between 1989 and 1992. — MNA/Xinhua

nal defender fluffed his shot in trying to convert the rebound.

Arsenal had their own lucky escape when John Arne Riise eluded the Arsenal defence to collect Dietmar Hamann's pass.

With Luis Garcia calling for the ball, Riise opted to shoot, an effort deflected away by Jens Lehmann's feet. By the midway point of the first half Arsenal had gathered a head of steam, demonstrating wonderful individual play allied to a great collective ethic.

First Pires curled a shot narrowly wide and in the 25th minute the Frenchman punished Liverpool following Hamann's crude tackle on Patrick Vieira.

From just outside the box Pires flighted the ball over the Liverpool wall into the net with Dudek only able to look on from the other side of the goal.

Four minutes later, Reyes waltzed his way through the Liverpool defence and slipped the ball past the advancing Dudek for the second.

After the interval Liverpool quickly pulled a goal back, Fabregas turning his back on Gerrard's free-kick and deflecting the England international's shot past Lehmann. Gerrard then unleashed a fierce drive that produced an athletic Lehmann save. — MNA/Xinhua

Kuala Lumpur to host 2007 badminton worlds

BEIJING, 9 May — The International Badminton Federation (IBF) has awarded the right to hold the 2007 World Championships to Kuala Lumpur, it announced here on Sunday.

"Denmark and Malaysia had a fierce competition in the bid for hosting the 2007 World Championships. Through democratic procedures, the International Badminton Federation decided to award the right to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia," said Kang Young Joong, newly elected as president of the sport's world governing body Sunday morning.

It will be the first time since 1989 an Asian country hosts a badminton World Championships following the successful bid of Kuala Lumpur, becoming new headquarter of the IBF in October this year.

Europe has been hosting the world championships since 1989 until the 2005 version was awarded to California, United States.

The new IBF council also decided that Incheon of South Korea will play host to the 2006 junior world championships.

The IBF held the annual general meeting here Sunday morning, naming Punch Gunalan from Malaysia deputy president and selecting six vice-presidents as well as 17 council members.

The newly elected IBF officials will preside over the Sudirman Cup, to be held here through May 10 to 15. — MNA/Xinhua

Russian motor rally arrives Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 9 May — A 15-member Russian motor rally arrived in Kathmandu Saturday from Zhangmu Port of China, after completing a 14-day journey from Russia.

The rally comprising five jeeps had begun the journey from Novosibirsk of Russia on April 24, and crossed over to Mongolia and China before arriving in Kathmandu.

Nepal is the final destination of their journey, which covered a distance of 5,000 kilometers.

Nepal Tourism Board organized a welcome programme in honour of the visiting members of the rally. On the occasion, Alexey Zhadanov, member of the team, recalled his journey as "exciting and memorable" and said he loved to be in Kathmandu again to see its beauty and culture. — MNA/Xinhua

Wigan beat Reading 3-1 to win promotion

LONDON, 9 May — Wigan won promotion to the English soccer Premiership with a 3-1 win over Reading on Sunday.

After a promising start, Lee McCulloch slotted home from close range on 18 minutes following good work by Jason Roberts and Ian Breckin.

Roberts doubled the lead moments later having been played in by Nathan Ellington, who capped the win with a late header from Jason Jarrett's cross.

The result ended Reading's own play-off hopes but Steve Sidwell turned in Dave Kitson's cross for a consolation goal.

Wigan were only elected to the Football League in 1978 and the win caps a remarkable climb through the game's tiers and sparked scenes of mass celebration at the JJB Stadium.

Both teams came into the game with plenty to play for, Wigan knowing a win would see them go up while the visitors needed points to keep up their push for the play-offs.

MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong's national rugby team FB Paul Morehu (R) tries to evade a tackle by Japan's national team scrumhalf Takashi Tsuji in their 2007 Rugby World Cup Asian qualifying match in Tokyo on 8 May, 2005. Japan beat Hong Kong 91-3. — INTERNET

Qatari Attiyah wins Jordan Int'l Rally

AMMAN, 9 May — Nasser Al Attiyah of Qatar on Sunday clinched victory in the Jordan International Rally-5th round of the 2005 Middle East Rally Championship.

Attiyah and co-driver Chris Patterson in a Subaru Impreza WRX Sti cruised through the two-day 19 special stages and stopped Amjad Farrah, who was the first Jordanian to win the last year's rally, of defending his title.

With this win, Attiyah leads the standings for this season with 50 points.

Attiyah clocked 2 hours 31 minutes and 23.4 seconds, leaving UAE's Suhail Ben Khalifa Al Maktoum and co-driver Ahmed Ghaziri in the second place with 2:35:12.6, and his rival UAE's Khalid Al Qassimi and co-driver Michael Orr in the third place with 2:35:19.2.

The 23rd Jordan International Rally and the 5th round of the Middle East Championship started on Thursday with a spectacular ceremony in downtown of Amman.

A total of 38 participants, including a record number of 12 Jordanian teams, from 11 countries and regions competed in the event considered as one of the toughest rounds and most unique in the Middle East Championship.

MNA/Xinhua

Myanmar's sincere and frank attitude...

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According to the modern science political economics, the transition to democracy through the market-oriented economic system all over the world:

- (1) constantly contributes towards modernization and development of human societies.
- (2) makes members of human societies decide their future freely. (It gives priority to personal freedom.)
- (3) continuously boosts production, so supply always exceeds demand.
- (4) encourages collective production, so it helps productive forces develop speedily.
- (5) makes development of productive forces compulsory for private entrepreneurs in human societies
- (6) the entrepreneurs, who fail to do unlimited expansion of enterprises for modernization and development, face the threat of being bankrupt.

In his speech at the first day session of the Asia-Africa Summit (2005) at the Jakarta Convention Centre in Jakarta, Indonesia, Senior General Than Shwe said " the spirit of Bandung remains a potent force for closer cooperation between the two regions. What needs to be done now is to galvanize our efforts by adopting an effective and sustainable mechanism for interregional dialogue and cooperation.

"We live in an era of rapid change. In recent years, we have witnessed significant transformations in many fields. However, the challenges we face are complex and can only be overcome with vision and fortitude. I am confident that the new strategic partnership we have agreed to launch at

this summit will serve as an effective means to enhance solidarity of the two regions.

"In view of the common challenge we face, the creation of strong linkages between Asia and Africa is an imperative of the times. Although the countries of our two regions have made progress in the political field, the vast majority of our peoples still remain mired in abject poverty due to the adverse external environment. Our nations are blessed with vast human and natural resources. We must seek ways to complement each other's strength, and develop workable political, economic and social, cultural programmes to achieve our full potential.

"In this regard, we recognize the crucial role that regional organizations such as the ASEAN, the African Union, the Asian Cooperation Dialogue and the East Asia Summit can make in promoting economic, social and cultural cooperation. I am also convinced that growing people to people contacts will contribute to the success of the new partnership between our two continents. Let us rededicate ourselves to the Bandung principles and strengthen the ties that bind us. Myanmar fully supports the call to reinvigorate the Bandung spirit and to forge a new strategic partnership."

The Senior General's speech, in fact, envisions peace, cooperation and development of the world, and lets international community know Myanmar's sincere and frank attitude at the Asian-African Summit (2005) and the Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Asia-Africa Conference.

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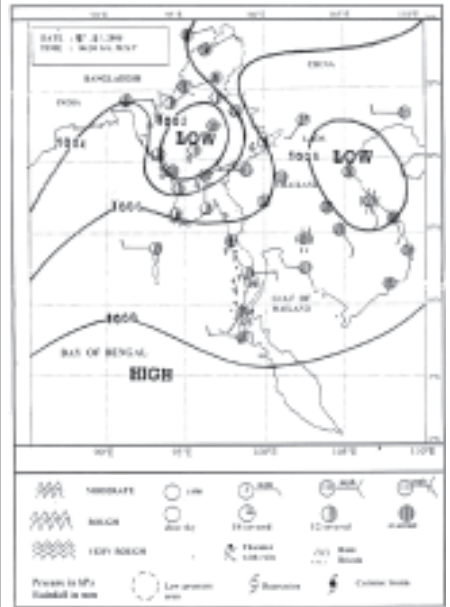
Magway Division WAO gets new building

YANGON, 9 May — A new building of Magway Division Women's Affairs Organization was inaugurated on 7 May morning in Magway. President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Nwe unveiled the signboard of the building.

After the opening ceremony, MWAFF President met with members of Magway Division, District and Township organizations at the meeting hall.

Daw Than Nwe also met with members of NyaungU District/township WAOs at the office of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council yesterday. At the meeting, she contributed K 50,000 to the fund of NyaungU Township WAO. — MNA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 9 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions. weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (2.72) inches and Myeik (1.14) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions. (6°C) below normal in Kayin State, (7°C) below normal in eastern Shan State and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Aunglan (40°C) each. Maximum temperature on 8-5-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 9-5-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-5-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 8-5-2005 was (7.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 9-5-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 2.25 inches at Yangon Airport, 2.72 inches at Kaba-Aye and 1.26 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South-west at (12:00) hours MST on 8-5-2005. **Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over north Andaman Sea and adjoining Southeast Bay has become unimportant and weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 10-5-2005:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain in the lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-5-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-5-2005:** Partly cloudy.

ဒေါ်တင်တင် (မင်းကင်း)

(အသက်-၇၈ နှစ်)

မြို့နယ်ဝန်ထမ်း (ငြိမ်း) ကျောက်တံတားမြို့နယ်

ရန်ကင်းမြို့၊ တာမွေမြို့နယ် ၁၃၆-လမ်း၊ အမှတ် (၅၇) နေ (ဦးမြို့သာ + ဒေါ်ဒေါ်တင်) တို့၏သမီး၊ ဦးမောင်မောင်လေး (ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး-ငြိမ်း) (ပြည်ထောင်စုအဖွဲ့) ၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောမိန်းမ (ဦးမောင်ဦး)၊ (ဦးညို)၊ (ဒေါ်ကြည်ကြည်)၊ (ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်) တို့၏ညီမ၊ ဦးကျော်တင် + ဒေါ်အေးအေးတို့၏ အစ်မ၊ ဦးတင်တင်လေး (လ/ထ အထွေထွေမှန်နေရာ) (မြန်မာစီးပွားရေးတော် ဘဏ်) (၃) ရန်ကင်းမြို့ + ဒေါ်တင်တင်နု (ဌာနခွဲမှူး၊ စက်မှုစာကုန်-ငြိမ်း) တို့၏ ချစ်လှစွာသော မိခင်၊ မအုပုမှန်မှန်စစ် (ပထမနှစ်၊ ဆေးတက္ကသိုလ် (၁))၊ မောင်ဟိန်းသစ်စော် (ဆေးတက္ကသိုလ် အ-ထ-က (၁) တာမွေ) တို့၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောအဖွားသည် (၈-၅-၂၀၀၅) ရက်၊ တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့၊ ည (၁၀:၄၀) အချိန်တွင် ရန်ကင်းမြို့-ရန်ကင်းမြို့ ကွယ်လွန်သွားပါသဖြင့် (၁၀-၅-၂၀၀၅) အင်္ဂါနေ့၊ ညနေ (၅:၀၀) နာရီအချိန်တွင် ရေခဲအေးအေးတိုက်မှ ရေခဲသင်္ဘောသို့ ဖိုဆော့ဒ်ဒီးသင်္ဂြိုဟ်မည်ဖြစ်ပါကြောင်း ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်သံသရာအပေါင်း အားအကြောင်းကြားအပ်ပါသည်။

(ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု)

(နေအိမ်မှကားများ (၃:၃၀) နာရီတွင် ထွက်ပါမည်။)

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Eldest son of U Min Swe-Daw Tint Tint of Room 7, 42-D Pantra Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, beloved husband of Daw Marlar Than and beloved father of Dr. Thet Chaw Su (IM1), son in law of (U Than Yee-Daw Kyi Kyi), elder brother of U Wint Swe-Daw Ei Ei Tin (Singapore), U Yu Swe-Daw Khin Aye Mu (Laos), U Than Naing-Daw Ei Ei Swe (Singapore), uncle of 3 nephews and 3 nieces, passed away while on duty at 6:00 pm local time on 7 May 2005 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Bereaved family



Tuesday, 10 May
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာနှင့်ဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

6. အစိုးရသံ

8:10 am

7. Song of yesteryears

8:20 am

8. မအိမောင်တံတား

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. အစားအသောက်ကွဲလွန်မှုတားမြစ်ရေးရန်ပြင်ဆင်ခြင်း သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

5. Dance of national races

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

7. မိမိတို့အားဆောင်ထားစေတံဝင်

5:45 pm

8. Sing and Enjoy

6:15 pm

9. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဗျောက်မင်းဂူနန်း" (အပိုင်း-၉၂)

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. Musical programme

7:20 pm

13. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုးမြှင့်တင်ရေး

7:30 pm

14. The mirror images the musical oldies

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International news

8:00 pm

17. Weather report

8:00 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ပေမန်ဆောင်း၏ ချစ်သံစဉ်"(အပိုင်း- ၁၆)

8:00 pm

19. The next day's programme

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

In fact, no national races in Shan State knew the announcement in advance nor supported it

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War Veterans Organization, People's Militia and Red Cross Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Brigade. local people from nearby villages totalling 8,000.

National people holding placards entered the sport ground.

U Aw-wada presided over the rally together

with U Maha Wuntha and U Tun Aye as members of the Panel of Chairmen. Daw Nan Su Su Thwe and Daw Nan Mya Aye acted as master of ceremonies and co-MC and announced the agenda in Myanmar and Shan languages.

The chairman of members of the Panel of

Chairmen and those present saluted the State flag.

U Aw-wada delivered an opening speech. He said as it known to all, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his group from abroad declared the formation of Shan State government and

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U Aw-wada delivers an address at the mass rally to oppose and condemn announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union.— MNA



**Youth Seminar of Union Solidarity and Development Association held in Bagan Archaeological Region
Development in states and divisions presented and discussed
Youth pledge to march towards peaceful, modern and developed nation, while keeping patriotism alive and dynamic**



Youth Seminar of Union Solidarity and Development Association in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 9 May — A Youth Seminar of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place on a grand scale at Aungmyingalar Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May morning.

It was attended by the Secretary-General, secretariat members, CEC members, regional coordinators of state and division USDAs and officials of USDA Headquarters, secretaries and executives of state and division USDAs and USDA youth members.

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