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## National Convention Convening Commission Meeting No 2/2005 held



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the meeting No 2/2005 of the National Convention Convening Commission. — MNA

YANGON, 10 May — National Convention Convening Commission Meeting No 2/2005 took place at its meeting hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds at 3 pm today, with an address by Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of NCCC Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Member of NCCC Chairman of NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung

and Members of NCCC.

During the meeting, Joint-Secretary-2 of NCCC Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

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## Traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism and nationalistic sentiment always resort to all possible wicked means to wreck Union Mongrai in Lashio District denounces announcement on secession from Union

YANGON, 10 May — A mass rally to oppose and condemn the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts took place in the Myoma sports ground in Mongrai, Lashio Dis-

trict, Shan State (North) today.

Present were departmental officials, members of the Mongrai Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Women's Affairs Organization, Township War Veterans

Organization, Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people totalling 5,200.

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A mass rally to protest against and denounce declaration on secession of Shan State from the Union in progress in Mongrai. — MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Abort any attempt to disintegrate the Union**

The Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation and home to more than 100 national races, who have been living in amity and unity for ages. Union-born nationals won their independence back by putting an end to more than 100 years of divide-and-rule policy of colonialists with the strength of their Union Spirit.

Therefore, the land of Myanmar belongs to all national people and it is the heritage of their forefathers.

Destructive elements within and without will never be able to break up the Union because all the nationals living in it are determined to remove all kinds of danger to their motherland. The common goal of the entire national people is to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy. They will never go back to the age of feudalists or colonialists.

From somewhere abroad, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices on 17 April declared independence of Shan State and formation of Shan State provisional government and foreign media broadcast their declaration. As the declaration was a grave danger to the State and the entire national people, the government outlawed Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices on 19 April. In the same way, social organizations, political parties and peace groups in Myanmar made public that they all were totally against the declaration of Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices and denounced it. Moreover, the national people who have been living together in the Union for many years are totally opposed to the declaration of Sao Hkam Hpa that could lead to the disintegration of the Union.

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 at the sports ground in Laikha Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South) on 8 May. National races living in Laikha Township, like their brethren living in other states and divisions, could not accept the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts at all. Therefore, they held a mass rally to denounce it.

We believe that the entire national people will go all out to abort all the attempts to disintegrate the Union, to destroy Shan State and to give the national people a lot of trouble.

**258 drug-related cases exposed in April**

YANGON, 10 May — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department managed to expose 258 drug-related cases in April 2005.

The drug seizures by the authorities were 24.1602 kilos of opium in 27 cases, 86.6437 kilos of heroin in 100 cases, 0.48 kilos of morphine in one case, 1.7673 kilos of opium oil in five cases, 1.9322 kilos of low grade opium in 13 cases, 11.3612 kilos of marijuana in 22 cases, 103,260 stimulant tablets in 52 cases, 87.5 kilos of Ephedrine in one case, 12.038 kilos of opium speciosa in five cases, 0.1 litre of cough syrup in one case, 30,001 diazepam tablets in two cases, 970 ampoules of diazepam in one case, 250 Phenobarbital tablets in one case, 25 cases for failure to register and six other drug-related cases.

Action was taken against 378 people—318 men and 60 women—in 258 drug-related cases in April 2005.

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**People's Desire**

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

**Myanmar delegation arrives back**

YANGON. 10 May— A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than arrived back here this morning after attending the Third Officials Meeting on Kaladan Multi-purpose Project held in New Delhi, India, from 5 to 7 May. The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and departmental heads. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe welcomes back Deputy Minister U Pe Than and party. — TRANSPORT

**Water supply tasks in Magway Division inspected**

YANGON, 10 May— Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, together with Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint and officials, inspected water supply and greening tasks carried out by township DADs in Magway Division on 7 May.

At the office of DAD in Chauk, the minister heard reports on work being carried out and gave instructions on work to be done as soon as possible spending the funds of DAD, seeking cooperation of locals in water supply tasks and digging drinking water ponds. He also inspected saplings at the nursery of DAD in Seikpyu. In NyaungU the minister attended a coordination meeting on water supply task to be carried out in Kyaukpadaung. The minister urged officials to seek ways and means to supply more water to the town and gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage. On 8 May, the minister arrived at the office of Kyaukpadaung Township DAD and heard reports presented by officials and attended to the needs. The minister also inspected water supply tasks in Magway and Taungwingyi and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

**Why did they do like that**

- \* Peace and quiet, tranquillity Have been disturbed, human lives Have been destroyed, by them The reason for it, if analysed
- People and Government, working together With the help of the military, the nation-building Carefully thought out, Road Map laid Journey ahead, ever progressive We are seeing, these days
- We Myanmars, from being divided Cleared of conscience, work together Strive together, rejoicing We are seeing, these days
- Asia-Africa, hand-in-hand together At the Summit, Myanmar Head of State To all nations, about Myanmar Explained well, and how it was accepted All aspects, in detail We are seeing, these days.
- To other nation, went and took refuge And to destroy homeland, with savage plan Condemning Sao Hkam Hpa groups thoroughly We are seeing, these days.
- \* Seeing all these, they feel unhappy That what they plan, will not materialize These kind of people No matter who dies, it's alright if I survive With that in mind, and dirty plan What they did, inhumanely We can automatically know.

Byan Hlwa (Trs)



Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects nursery of Chauk Township Development Affairs Department. — PBANRDA

**Cash donated to Monyin Vipasana**

YANGON, 10 May— A ceremony to drive stake, lay cornerstone and donate cash for Golden Jubilee Seintoe Dhammayon of Monyin Vipasana on Mindhanna Road in Bahan Township was held this



A wellwisher presents cash donation to an official. — MNA

morning. The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Joint-Secretary Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Dwipidakadhara Dwipidakakawvada Bhaddanta Jagarabhivumsa Sayadawgyi. Also present were Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of the Committee for Building the Monastery U Kyaw Thin and members, wellwishers and guests.

At 8 am U Hla Myint Oo, wellwishers and officials drove stake. Afterwards, cornerstone laying ceremony was held. At the cash donation ceremony, U Hla Myint Oo and officials accepted K 15,291,410 donated by 62 wellwishers and later presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Next, the joint-secretary Sayadawgyi delivered a sermon followed by sharing of merits gained. — MNA



# Pakistan, India hold talks over controversial dam

ISLAMABAD, 9 May — Pakistan and India on Sunday opened talks to remove differences over India's building a controversial 330-megawatt hydro-electric project in Indian-controlled Kashmir, local media reported.

Talking to the Press at the opening of the four-day parleys in eastern Pakistani city of Lahore, DK Mehta, chief of the Indian delegation, said that Pakistan and India had till now two rounds of talks on this issue — Lahore's in November and New Delhi's in February, local news agency *News Network International* reported.

Pakistan says that India's construction of Kishan-Ganga Hydro-power Project at Jhelum River is in violation of the Indus Basin Treaty, signed in the 1960s, which distributes water between the two countries, and that it would affect its downstream projects.

India maintains this project is not in violation of the water distribution treaty, the report said.

Mehta said that India honoured Indus Basin Treaty and if he could not remove Pakistan's objections and doubts on Kishan-Ganga Hydro-power Project, he would even go to the extent of altering the design of the under-construction project for the cause of peace in the region.

Indus Basin Treaty enshrined Indian right to store limited quantity of water on River Jhelum and this was for irrigating 3.6-million-acre area, he said.

"We have designed Kishan-Ganga Hydro-power Project keeping in

view of our share of the quantum of water and Pakistan was informed about it in 1994. Pakistan was also briefed about the latest position of construction work in February meeting," Mehta said.

Jamaat Ali Shah, chief of Pakistan's delegation, was quoted as saying the project is against the treaty, which he said does not allow diversion of water.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese performers show traditional recreational games during the opening ceremony of 'Beijing-An Olympic City in view' photography contest in Beijing, on 10 May, 2005.

INTERNET

# Japan speaks highly of Hu Jintao's proposal on bilateral ties

BEIJING, 9 May — A Japanese senior official said here Sunday that Japan attaches importance on its relations with Asian countries, China in particular, and spoke highly of Chinese President Hu Jintao's proposal on promoting development of China-Japan ties.

"Only by keeping sound relations with other countries across the world, especially the neighbouring countries, can Japan subsist, develop and maintain prosperity," said Yamazaki Taku, assistant to the Japanese Prime Minister, quoted by a Chinese Foreign Ministry official.

Japan will continue to adhere to the three cornerstone political documents it signed with China, stick to the one-China policy, properly handle the history issue, he said during a meeting with Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju.

"Japan will work with China to push the steady development of Japan-China relations in the long

run," he said. Chinese President Hu Jintao made a five-point proposal for the improvement of the relations between China and Japan during his meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on the sidelines of an Asian-African Summit in Jakarta last month.

The proposal emphasized dialogue, exchange and cooperation between the two countries, especially when they are facing difficulties in bilateral ties, urging Japan to abide by the political documents which serve as the basis of their diplomatic ties and to properly handle the issues

concerning history and Taiwan.

"The five-point proposal is the principle and general aim for developing China-Japan relations, which shows China's sincerity on improving and promoting relations with Japan," Huang said.

MNA/Xinhua

# Thai Govt works to promote Bangkok as City of Fashion

BANGKOK, 9 May — The Thai Government plans to complete its "Bangkok Fashion City" project by the end of 2007, the *Thai News Agency* quoted government officials as saying on Saturday.

The scheme under the supervision of Director-General of the Industry Ministry's Industrial Promotion Department, Pramode Vidtayasak, is aimed to boost the country's tourist revenue.

Representatives of Thailand's fashion industry and government officials will discuss the project at a workshop here on 3-5 June, a senior government official, Panpri Pahitanukool, has said.

The participants will review the progress of the project so far and establish targets for 11 small programmes under the scheme.

Three other programmes under the project, yet to be approved, will be implemented immediately. These are boosting the competitiveness of the local shoes and leather industries, promoting a strong image of Bangkok as a city of fashion, and setting fashion trends, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

# China reports rising export of textiles

BEIJING, 9 May — China's textile export grew steadily in the first quarter of 2005, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

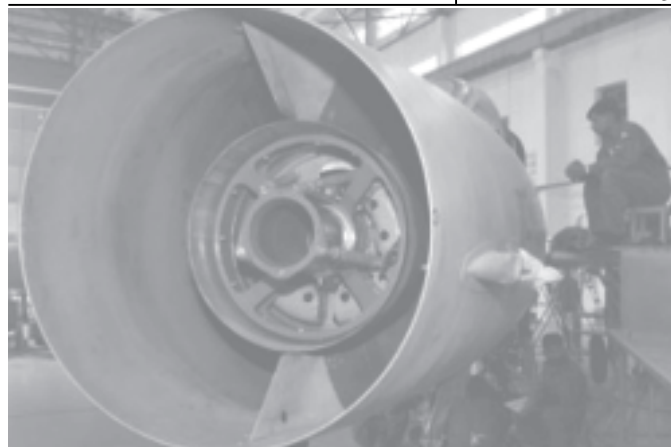
The export value reached 22.4 billion US dollars during the period, growing 19.1 per cent year-on-year. The growth rate dropped 5.6 per cent year-on-year.

The export of textile yarn, fabric and products grew 24.8 per cent and that of

clothes grew 15.9 per cent. The rate of growth for all products was lower than in first quarter 2004.

Meanwhile, the export of electromechanical products rose by 34.4 per cent to 85.4 billion US dollars, and that for high-tech products also grew by 32.3 per cent to 43.7 billion US dollars in the first three months.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani Air Force technicians work on an aircraft at the F-7P Rebuild factory at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex Kamra (PAC) in Kamra, 80 km (50 miles) west of Islamabad, on 9 May, 2005. —INTERNET

# 1,603 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 9 May — As of Monday, 9 May, 2005, at least 1,603 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 1,224 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

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

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, 1,465 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,115 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet

# ASEM FMs' meeting calls for cooperation to tackle global challenges

Kyoto (Japan), 9 May — The 7th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Foreign Ministers' Meeting closed on Saturday afternoon in central Japanese city Kyoto, calling for cooperation between Asia and Europe through ASEM in tackling global challenges.

During the two-day meeting, foreign ministers or representatives from 38 countries and an international organization Commission discussed issues of common interest, including strengthening of multilateralism, sustainable development and dialogue among cultures and civilizations, under the theme "Deepening of Asia-Europe Dialogue on Global Challenges".

The ministers expressed their determination to strengthen cooperation and welcomed the "Asia-Europe Partnership to Tackle Global Challenges."

They also discussed the future of ASEM in the areas of substantive cooperation, improvement of the efficiency of ASEM institutional mechanisms, and future membership enlargement.

Their focus also include Asian consulta-

tions about a planned East Asia Summit, regional security, UN reform, environment as well as fence-mending efforts between Japan and China, and Japan and South Korea, through a series of talks on the sidelines of full sessions of the formal ASEM foreign ministers' meeting.

Participants from the 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Japan, China,

South Korea and the 25 European Union members as well as the European Commission joined the full ASEM talks.

Foreign ministers from the ASEAN members, China, Japan and South Korea held the so-called ASEAN-plus-three meeting before the ASEM meeting and discussed which countries outside the framework can join an East Asia Summit, based on an agreement ASEAN foreign ministers reached

last month in the Philippines.

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

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysian, Indonesian warships to remain in disputed area

KUALALUMPUR, 9 May — Malaysia and Indonesia agreed through negotiations on Friday to peacefully resolve a dispute over an oil-rich territory of the Sulawesi Sea but will not pull back their warships from the area.

"We don't need to withdraw our troops. They have their duties. As long as there is no show of strength, just a normal presence, I think that should not be a problem," Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Abdul

Razak told reporters after meeting with Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla.

In the same Press conference, Kalla said navies from the two countries would continue to "undertake friendly

patrols that will not raise any conflict."

Tensions between the neighbouring countries have escalated with both of them deploying Navy ships and military planes to the oil-rich area known as Ambalat, off the east coast of Borneo, and trading accusations of encroachment into their respective territories.

Things got heated when on 8 April warships from the two countries collided. However, both countries have vowed to resolve the conflict through peaceful means.

MNA/PTI



Iraqi police examine the scene following a car bomb attack in southern Baghdad, on 9 May, 2005. — INTERNET

## Deadline set by kidnappers of Australian hostage in Iraq expires

BAGHDAD, 9 May — The deadline for the withdrawal of Australian troops set by guerillas in Iraq holding Australian engineer Douglas Wood, has expired.

The kidnappers had given the Australian government 72-hours to withdraw its troops from Iraq.

Reporting from the Jordanian capital, a correspondent in Amman, says the kidnappers, calling themselves, the Shura Council of the

Mujahadeen in Iraq, have released two videos showing 63-year old Douglas Wood, 63, being held by armed men.

In the second video broadcast at the weekend the group gave the Australian government 72-hours to pull its troops out of Iraq.

The kidnappers did not say what would happen if the ultimatum was not met.

The deadline for the withdrawal of Australian troops has now passed as the spiritual leader of Australia's Muslim community travels to Baghdad to try to win Mr Wood's freedom. —Internet

MNA/Xinhua



## China to build world's biggest panda museum

CHENGDU, 9 May — China is expected to build the world's largest giant panda museum in Chengdu, the capital of southwestern Sichuan Province, an official of the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base said Sunday.

The 5,000-centiare museum, named China Giant Panda Museum, will be located in the breeding and research base, the official said.

The management of the base has decided on the design of the museum after reviewing designs submitted by domestic and overseas designers.

The museum will serve as a venue for promoting awareness about giant panda protection and the relevant knowledge of giant pandas as a rare species, the official said. A similar museum was built in the Wolong Giant Panda Nature Reserve in the province in 2002.

As one of the most ancient and endangered species, giant panda is called "national gem" in China. The total population of wild giant pandas at large worldwide stands at about 1,500, dwelling in high mountain areas of China. China built its first natural preserve for giant pandas and started to ban poaching in the 1950s. The pandas have been placed under state protection in the past 43 years since 1962. — MNA/Xinhua

## Seven US soldiers killed in Iraq in last two days

BAGHDAD, 9 May — Seven US soldiers were killed in action in Iraq in the last two days, the US military said on Sunday.

The military said in a statement that one soldier was killed and another wounded in a bomb attack near Samarra, 100 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Sunday.

Two more soldiers were killed during operation in the same day in Khaldiyyah, between the restive cities of Ramadi and Fallujah west of Baghdad.

On Saturday, three Marines and a sailor were killed when fighting with guerillas in Haditha, 220 kilometres northwest of the capital, according to the statement.

The troops were first attacked by a suicide car bomb and were engaged with the fighters taking position in a nearby civilian hospital, added the statement.

Over 1,590 American soldiers have been killed since the US-led war on Iraq started in March 2003, according to media reports. — MNA/Xinhua

## ICRC grants \$600m for Aceh, Nias

JAKARTA, 9 May — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has agreed to provide a 600-million-US-dollar fund for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the catastrophe-hit provinces of Aceh and North Sumatra.

The funds would primarily be used for construction of some 20,000 permanent houses in Aceh province and some 2,500 more in Nias Island in North Sumatra province, according to the reconstruction plan set by the Indonesian Government.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Singapore Universe 2005 Cheryl Tay poses during registration and fittings for the Miss Universe 2005 competition in Bangkok, on 9 May, 2005. —INTERNET



## VECC unveils largest superconducting magnet of India

**KOLKATA, 8 May**— The largest-ever superconducting magnet of India with applications in advanced nuclear science has been developed by scientists in this eastern metropolis.

The superconducting magnet, the sixth largest in the world, was recently energized at the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), a premier body of the Department of Atomic Energy here.

Announcing this here on Friday, VECC Director Bikash Sinha said the superconducting magnet, with a very high magnetic field of about 48 kilogauss, would make the centre a hub of global nuclear science research with the international nuclear physics community showing interest in using the facility. "Such a magnet has not earlier been constructed in the country and that makes it a unique achievement," Sinha said.

Similar magnets exist in the US, Netherlands and Canada (closed down for financial reasons).

On the technical aspects, he said the energizing coils remained at minus 269 degrees Celsius with the help of about 300 litres of liquid helium in special vessel called the cryostat.

The entire endeavour involved developing cryogenic technology on an industrial scale, he said.

The total weight of the magnet, is about 100 tons, he added.

"Till now, we have been outsourcing this technology but now on we will be able to provide the technology to our colleagues from across the world," Sinha added. — MNA/PTI

## French PM's operation completed with no difficulty

**PARIS, 8 May**— French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin's operation was completed "without any particular difficulty", Paris Val-de-Grace military hospital announced Saturday in a statement.

According to the statement, he was asked to stay in hospital for several days for "simple" post-operative treatment.

Raffarin, 56, was hospitalized earlier in the day and tests showed an "acute inflammation of the gall-bladder". The Prime Minister cancelled his scheduled presence at the eastern French town Reims, where the ceremony of the 60th anniversary of the signature of the German Armed Forces' capitulation in World War II took place on Saturday.

According to a source close to the Prime Minister, Raffarin celebrated

Friday the third year of his assumption of the premiership and he will also cancel his scheduled activities to commemorate the end of the World War II in Europe.

French Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie presided over on his behalf the Reims ceremony in the day and she is often considered as a possible successor to him.

Raffarin would probably not attend the 29 May referendum on the European Constitution in about three weeks because of his after treatment according to the source.

MNA/Xinhua

## 23 Nepali girls rescued from Indian circus

**KATHMANDU, 8 May**— A total of 23 Nepali girls living a pathetic life in a circus company in India were rescued and returned back home on Friday, an official said here on Saturday.

"The girls who were forced to work in the Kohinoor Circus company of Karnatak State of India were rescued following a long arduous effort," Khem Thapa, chief of the Nepal Child Welfare Organization, a non-government organization, told reporters.

The girls ranging between 16 to 22 years of age were rescued by the organization with support of the Non-resident Nepali Friends' Forum of India, he revealed.

MNA/Xinhua

## Pakistan, Malaysia enter new era of partnership

**KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May**— Visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has said his country and Malaysia are entering into a new era of economic partnership that will include a free trade agreement (FTA).

Negotiations for FTA had started and it would have an early "harvest clause" so that both countries could move in certain items quickly, Shaukat Aziz said in an interview with *Bernama*, Malaysia national news agency, on Friday.

Since Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's visit to Islamabad three months ago, there had been a resurgence and energizing of economic ties between the two countries, he said.

Malaysian companies

coming to Pakistan would obtain many opportunities in various sectors including housing, construction, telecommunication, information technology, agro-based industries, petroleum and energy, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Cars on a busy road in Beijing, on 8 May, 2005.

INTERNET

## Beijing shells out to control sandstorms

**BEIJING, 9 May**— Beijing plans to spend more than 234 million yuan (28.1 million US dollars) this year to reduce the effects of sandstorms and to bring them under control at the source, the municipal government said.

Under the city's sandstorm source treatment project, the city will handle and control the sources of sandstorms along three major rivers and in the two sandy areas by 2008, covering 13,333 hectares of sandy land.

The country launched a project to control sandstorm in north China region and Beijing in 2000.

As part of the project, Beijing will plant 11,333 hectares of sandy land with trees, launch 882 water-saving and water resources treatment projects and replace 2,000 local residents.

The project will address sandstorm sources in 75 counties in Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi and Inner Mongolia in north China.

It will cost a total of

50 billion yuan (6.02 billion US dollars) by 2010, the city government said.

By the end of 2004, Beijing had developed forests totalling 255,000 hectares and turned 13,000 hectares of sandy lands into grasslands.

In addition, water treatment had been conducted over 482.5 square kilometres.

MNA/Xinhua



A goat and a monkey

perform in the

Nanning Zoo in

Nanning, capital of

southwest China's

Guangxi Zhuang

Autonomous Region,

on 7 May, 2005.

INTERNET

## S Korea seeks to expand free trade with Latam states

**SEOUL, 9 May**— South Korea is making progress in its efforts to promote free trade with some Latin American states, including Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, Seoul officials said Sunday.

South Korea, which already has a free trade agreement in effect with Chile, is trying to make similar arrangements with other countries in the region.

Delegates from South Korea and the four South American countries met in the Paraguayan capital of Asuncion on 4-5 May

and agreed to come up with a joint free trade proposal in 2006, the South Korean officials said.

The proposal, to be explored by May next year, will seek to facilitate trade between two or more countries and is not necessarily a precursor to a free trade agreement (FTA) or a prefer-

ential trade agreement, officials said.

During the meeting, the sides discussed plans to conduct joint feasibility studies, trade and FTA policies as well as issues such as investment, service-sector liberalization and product trade, they said.

MNA/Xinhua

## National Convention Convening Commission ...

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First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address on the occasion. In his speech he said the reason to hold the meeting was that National Convention Convening Commission, NCC Work Committee and Management Committee were to coordinate its future tasks to be carried out as the NCCC was adjourned temporarily as of 31st May. Arrangements were to be made for sector-wise tasks in time, he added.

Next, Secretary of NCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented reports regarding the financial matters of National Convention, NCCC reports and issuing of NC delegate list.

Likewise, Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presented reports on arrangements being made and tasks to be carried out by NCC Work Committee and Chairman of NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung on buildings and maintenance of furniture and

materials at Nyaungnapin Camp of Hmawby Township the venue of National Convention.

Afterwards, those present at the meeting made suggestions on general matters.

In response to the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen

Thein Sein fulfilled the requirements and made concluding remarks and the meeting ended in the evening.

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NCCC Secretary Minister  
for Information  
Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

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NCCC Member NCC  
Management Committee  
Chairman Auditor-General  
Maj-Gen Lun Maung.—MNA



NCCC Vice-Chairman NCC Work  
Committee Chairman Chief  
Justice U Aung Toe.

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## Members of Chin State USDA endeavouring...

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Over 1061 miles of road have been built although there were only 695 miles in the past. There are five above 180-foot-long bridges and 47 bridges of under 180 feet. A total of 47 hospitals have been established in the state, up from 28 in the past.

In the communication sector, 45 post offices, 11 telegraph offices, 11 rural telephone exchanges, six microwave stations, two e-mail Internets and three

creased from 158 acres to 5533 acres. As for the livestock breeding, about 1.9 million of farm animals are bred now, up from 1 million. A total of 39,000 mythan are being bred as a new project. She said over 50 miles of urban road and 415 miles of rural road have been constructed. In addition, altogether 26 new bridges have been built in the state. Kyauk-htu Airport was inaugurated on 10 July, 2004, for better transport of Chin State.

She said members

195 miles of earth road, over 81 miles of gravel road and over 16 miles of tar road have been

4.1 million acres of plantations in the region. A total of 34 dams including Thaphanseik Dam

over 1037 miles of tar road, although they are 345 miles in the past. Moreover, the number of

In relation to the science and technology sector, Dawei and Myeik have been facilitated with a government technological college and Dawei a government computer college.

With regard to the education sector, the number of basic education schools has increased to 1,132, up from 962. The government has also built two arts and science universities and 21 e-Learning centres in the region.

With respect to the agricultural sector, sown acreage of high-land cultivation has increased to 676,860 from 536,904 acres, monsoon paddy to 322,589 acres from 193,317 acres, rubber to 108,147 from 88,449 acres, and oil palm to 135,825 from 16,878 acres. The government built three irrigation facilities and four water supply projects. So, the region has been able to put 30,100 acres under summer paddy, and 6,532 acres under beans and pulses.

As regards the

**As for the health, the government has built 10 hospitals and the number of the hospitals has increased up to 89. In the agriculture sector, there are over 4.1 million acres of cultivated land in the region. A total of 34 dams including Thaphanseik Dam which is the largest one in South East Asia and 60 river water pumping projects have been built. There are 1445 sq miles of forest reserve area and a total of 291,000 acres of forest are under protection. At present, a total of 1500 acres are put under Thitseint trees.**

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which is the largest one in South East Asia and 60 river water pumping projects have been built.

There are 1445 sq miles of forest reserve area and a total of 291,000 acres of forest are under protection. At present, a total of 1500 acres are put under Thitseint trees.

As part of a mass media, 19 re-transmission stations have been set up in the division. Altogether 53 fax machines and eight computer telegraphs have been equipped and they will improve the communication between Sagaing

bridges of over 180-foot-long has increased from 17 to 180. Now, rail travel has a distance of over 460 miles in the division, she said.

In conclusion, she said as the government has provided assistance to implement the development tasks in Sagaing Division, local people have been participating actively in the tasks. The development of the Sagaing Division representing the fruits of the cooperative activity is the strength for the State, she said.

Next, Maung Ye Htut Lwin of Taninthayi



Maung Ye Htut Lwin. — MNA



Ma Khin Thandar Hnin. — MNA

local satellite communication stations have been set up.

Regarding the education sector, 91 new schools have been opened, Government Technological College and Government Computer College including 16 e-learning centres have been established in the state.

In Chin State, there were no dams and reservoirs in the past. At present, two dams have been built. The number of the acres of tea in-

of the Chin State USDA have been making efforts for the regional development tasks in cooperation with locals. She concluded her presentation calling on the new generation youths to participate actively in building the peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Next, Ma Kyaw Yin Win of Sagaing Division USDA said Sagaing Division has a population of over 5945000 and made up of eight districts and 37 townships. At present,

of road and 995 bridges have been constructed.

In the education sector, she said the number of schools and colleges increased from 3603 to 4597 and two to six respectively in the division. In Sagaing Division, there are 152 multimedia classrooms and 68 e-learning centres now.

As for the health, the government has built 10 hospitals and the number of the hospitals has increased up to 89. In the agriculture sector, she said there are over

Division and other regions.

In the industrial sector, the number of private factories has increased from 1426 to 4464. As for the electricity, three hydel power plants have been built.

In the transportation sector, there are now

Division USDA said that 16,736-square-mile Taninthayi Division is home to various national races such as Bamar, Kayin, Rakhine and Shan.

Regarding the health sector, the region has 22 hospitals in the past, and now the number has grown to 29.

communication sector, the region has got 43 post offices, compared to 29 in the past, 20 telegraph offices, compared to nine in the past, and nine microwave stations, compared to two in the past.

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**More dams were built for increase of cultivation acreage of summer and monsoon paddy, beans and pulses, cotton and sugarcane. There are teak and Thitseint plantations and natural forest conservation for greening of Bago Yoma was launched.**



## Main building of GTC (Mawlamyine) put up

YANGON, 10 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence on 8 May morning drove a golden stake and laid the cornerstone to construct the three-storey building of Government Technological College in Mawlamyine.

At a stake driving ceremony held at the site chosen, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of the South East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials also laid the cornerstones.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo views the site chosen for construction of the three-storey building of GTC (Mawlamyine). — MNA

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the site chosen to construct the building. The main building will be put up on 138,286 sq ft of land and the construction will be completed by 12 February next year. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects regional development task in Mon State

YANGON, 10 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon

Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than reported on progress of work and future tasks.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thura

Bridge (Mawlamyine) Approach Road Construction Project Site. At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported on work being carried out and tasks to

Gen Thura Myint Aung reported on other salient points to Lt-Gen Maung Bo.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected driving of bole piles for construction of the jetty of the approach railroad leading to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) and gave instructions to officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party then inspected Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

They proceeded to the Yesetdaung Rubber Plantation in Kyonkadat Village, Thanbyuzayat Township, where the owner of Asia Rubber

interest of the State and the people as rubber is in high demand in foreign nations.

He added that Mon State will surely meet with success in rubber growing, for relevant ministries will provide rubber growers with rubber saplings and technology.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted the rubber growers.

After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects the project site for construction of the approach railroad (Mawlamyine bank) to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). — MNA

State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials concerned on 8 May morning attended a ceremony to drive a stake for the new building of Government Technological College (Mawlamyine) and inspected the worksite that is linking old Mawlamyine-Ye Railroad and the new one near Thayetkon Village in Mawlamyine.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and party inspected the Tunnel Construction Project Site under Mawlamyine-Mudon motor road in Daungzayat Ward where Deputy

Myint Aung and party proceeded to Thanlwin

be undertaken. Commander Maj-

Aung and party looked into new Mawlamyine Railway Station construction project and gave necessary instructions.

After that, they proceeded to the Highway Bus Terminal (Mawlamyine) construction project site, where Director of Hontauk Co U Hla Myint reported on measures being undertaken and Deputy Minister U Pe Than gave a supplementary report.

At the construction site of the Approach Railroad leading to new Mawlamyine Railway Station, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed work being carried out with use of heavy machinery.



The tunnel being built under Mawlamyine-Mudon Road in Daungzayat Ward, Mawlamyine.—MNA



The railroad under construction in Daungzayat Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State. — MNA

International Ltd's Rubber Plantation reported on progress of rubber growing.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions, calling upon rubber growers to engage in rubber growing from manageable scale to commercial scale, to do so in the

Aung and party looked into rubber plantations there.

After inspecting the production process of rubber industry, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived back in Mawlamyine in the afternoon.

MNA

## Union Spirit consists of noble mind, positive attitude and the spirit of cherishing the motherland

YANGON, 10 May —The following is a translation of the introductory speech delivered by meeting chair-

in amity and unison. Shan nationals have been committed to the perpetual existence of the Union that all the

unity of the Union with peace, and the spirit of all-round development of the Union are combined.

ion Spirit are always willing to serve the interests of the Union.

The traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism and nationalistic sentiment always resort to all possible wicked means and ways to wreck the Union. Such evil elements

but also stab the locals of Shan State in their back.

Therefore, he said the local people of Shan State strongly protest against the acts and aims of fugitive Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts who are supporting the nation's enemies.

The act committed by expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts is the evil perpetration that can have dire consequences on the Union, which has a promising future with national

solidarity, security, stability, peace, and prospects for development.

Together with the entire national people, the local residents in Shan State do not accept and denounce the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices.

In conclusion, he called on the people of Mongrai Township to present their attitude and discuss the announcements of the fugitives.

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*U Saing Htwan  
Hsa delivers  
introductory speech  
at the mass rally.  
MNA*



*Panel of chairmen U Saing Htwan Hsa, U Saing Hsan Leik and Sao Yar Pe.—MNA*

*Local people of Shan State attending the mass rally. — MNA*

man Shan national farmer U Saing Htwan Hsa of Ward 3 in Mongrai Township.

U Saing Htwan Hsa in his speech said that since yore Shan nationals with nationalist fervour have been living

national people have safeguarded and protected.

Union Spirit, the characteristic of the national brethren, comes into being when the spirit of perpetual existence of the Union, the spirit of

Indeed, Union Spirit consists of noble mind, positive attitude and the spirit of cherishing the motherland.

The national brethren who have been armed with Un-

are good for nothing for the nation.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa and his fourth wife Mahadevi Sao Hein Kham, and cohorts from Canada issued an announcement on 17 April to secede Shan State from the Union.

They announced the formation of Shan provisional government without the wish of the people of Shan State.

In other words, they not only betray the nation and the people



*Local Shan nationals Daw Nan Kathy acts as MC together with Daw Nan Kham Hla.—MNA*

**Traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism and nationalistic sentiment always resort to all possible wicked means and ways to wreck the Union.**



## The mass of Mongrai Township will never accept acts and expressions of descendants of self-seeking renegade Sao Kham Hpa

**YANGON, 10 May** —A mass rally to denounce the announcement of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts on secession of Shan State from the Union was held on 10 May morning in the sports ground of Mongrai Township, Lashio District.

The following is a translation of the speech of the speech delivered by U Sai San Myat of Ward 3, Mongrai. Seconding the motion, he said that the national races in Shan State had been in a state of misery and anxiety for long.

They also experienced a series of constructive situations. Hence, they are in a state to categorically distinguish between the good and the bad.

Shan State is blessed with natural beauty. There is also tribes in colourful costumes in Shan State. It has been subjected to exploitation of colonialists and Shan Sawbwas for over a hundred years.

After the independence was regained, there arose conflicts among national races due to ism and sectarian, forcing the local people to live in utter misery. Some Shan Sawbwas created Shan insurgencies in the aftermath of 1959 as they had to relinquish power.

They also hatched a plot to disintegrate the Union through the federal policy activities. The Tamadaw and the people had to deter and ward off the then federalists who are to disintegrate the Union.

For the time being, self-seeking renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his accomplices made an announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union. They did so to the liking of colonialists as they have to rely on the latter.

At a time when all the national races under the leadership of the government are making concerted efforts for national development, it is known to all that the entire national people including political parties, peace groups and other organizations strongly denounced the plot and scheme of Sao Kham Hpa and his accomplices to break up the Union. In the declarations of the national race peace groups, there have been protests and objection against any acts of

secession from the Union and acts and expression detrimental to disintegrating the Union.

Altogether 17 national race armed groups, which were launching armed insurgencies against the government due to suspicion and discord sown by colonialists, had returned to the legal fold. As a result, peace prevails in the entire Union. Peace and security have been restored in the region since Brigade-11 of SSNA led by U Kan Na and PSLA led by U Aik Mone unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. At such a time, the entire national people who cherish peace and independence felt angry and furious as Sao Kham Hpa and his accomplices committed such subversive acts.

Sao Kham Hpa and his accomplices misled and deceived the people to the effect that those from 48 townships of Shan State supported them. In addition, they also cited that the Tamadaw in the execution of the security and national defence duty was to withdraw from the Shan State and peace-keeping forces were to step in instead. They resorted again to the old tactics calling for secession of Shan State from union and entry into west military bloc.

The remaining Shan Sawbwas turned out to be hindrances and obstacles to the Union. This cannot to all be acceptable by the people. The mass of Mongrai Township will never accept the acts and expressions of descendants



U Sai San Myat  
MNA

of self-seeking renegade Sao Kham Hpa.

Putting in the fore the wishes of the national people who are desirous of developing the Union, I tabled the motion calling for denouncing and condemning the announcement of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts.

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## There is not even a single piece of truth in the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts

**YANGON, 10 May** — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Sai Tin Nyunt of Ward 3, Mongrai.

Seconding the motion, he said, there is not even a single piece of truth

in the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts to destroy the Union. Singing to the tune of the colonialists, they are trying to break up the Union of Myanmar blessed with unity and patriotism. They are like burning their own house. They lie to the

people that 48 townships in Shan State and 85 per cent of the locals are in support of them.

In reality the entire nation condemn the act of setting up a shan parallel government. The people whom they have tricked and

forced to support them have already denounced them in the strongest terms. They have used the Internet to make a false list of their supporters. Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts even lie to the people that some of the countries have supported

them. But the people do not believe their lies. And if a certain nation supports them, it will surely face the opposition of the entire people according to the four-point People's Desire.



U Sai Tin Nyunt.  
MNA

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## Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, cohorts making false announcements, news reports through some foreign media, Internet

**YANGON, 10 May** — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Daw Nang Ei Ei Mon of Ward 3, Mongrai.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are making false announcements and news reports through some foreign media and Internet to win the trust and assistance of some foreign nations. They

are like cheap magicians making lies and tricks at villages and wards.

They are issuing from the Internet the hand written documents of the supporters in Shan language. But the hand writings and styles of writing are all the same.

It is obvious that they are organizing the locals through the Internet

with false names and addresses. In reality they do not win the support of even a single people of the Union. All the people dislike them.

The Mongrai mass rally stands witness to the fact how loathsome they are for the people. The people condemn the plot to break up the Union. The entire people honour the



Daw Nang Ei Ei Mon  
MNA

acts of the armed groups that have returned to the legal fold, and welcomed the unconditional exchange of arms for peace of the SSNA brigade 11 led by U Kan Na and PSLA led by U Aik Mone.

The Tamadaw has won the trust of the peace groups and its noble needs are in the interest of the people. Peace, stability and

all-round development of the entire Shan State prove the fact that the national political cause is on the right track. The national developments are totally different from the sabotages of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. The entire Mongrai Township is against them and condemn them.

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## All the national people of Mongrai totally oppose and denounce the announcement of the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Pha and his cohorts

**YANGON, 10 May** — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Sai Aung Nyunt of Ward 3, Mongrai.

U Sai Aung Nyunt of Ward-3, Mongyal, seconded the motion, condemning the announcement of the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Pha and his cohorts. He said all the people of the region had to suffer from the destructive acts of exiled insurgents such as planting

mines, shooting, committing arson and rapes, extorting money from local people and undermining efforts for development projects.

He said bomb detonations and shooting are rife these days as insurgents of KNU, SURA led by Ywet Sit, KNPP and NCGUB of runaway Sein Win are committing such inhumane acts while Renegade Sao Kham Pha and descendents of some



U Sai Aung Nyunt.  
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Sawbwas are attempting to establish a Republic of Shan State.

On 7 May, they committed the destructive acts, planting bombs at three places — Trade Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt Township where Thai Trade Fair was being held, Junction-8 Department Store in Mayangon Township and Dagon Centre Department Store in Sangyoung Township — which left eleven people dead and over 160 injured, he said.

Likewise, last April, innocent people were dead

when a bomb blast occurred in Mandalay Zaycho Market, and a convoy of excursion tour was shot on Dawei-Ye motor road that killed faculty members and students of Dawei University and passengers.

Why are they in disguise in public committing such subversive acts? Naturally, destructive elements will always be committing their acts to massacre innocent people and to cause the disintegration of

the Union if they do not meet with their needs and wants.

All in all, U Sai Aung Nyunt said, all the national people of Mongrai totally oppose and denounce the announcement of the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Pha and his cohorts who are going the same way as national perpetrators and terrorist insurgents.

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## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on tour of Kyaikkhami, Lamine

YANGON, 10 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected progress in sinking of a four-inch tube well being undertaken by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in the compound of pre-primary school in Dhamazedi Ward, Kyaikkhami, Thanbyuzayat township, Mon State, on 8 May morning. In his inspection, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said tube-wells are being sunk one after another for the supply of clean drinking water for the local people as the region is a coastal one. It is necessary to build a tank for the storage of water, and systematic measures are to be taken for the sinking of two more tubewells.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party looked into the digging of a lake for the storage of water and left necessary instructions to officials.

On 9 May morning Lt-Gen Kyaw Win together with Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and officials visited Khawza BEHS where they oversaw the construction of a new school building and gave necessary instructions to officials. They also inspected the site chosen for construction of a departmental complex, Khawza Station Hospital, and township police station.

This morning, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met departmental personnel at the meeting hall of the



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gives instructions to officials at BEHS in Khawza, Ye Township . — MNA

township. An official reported on the area and population of Laming, Ye township, and development and agricultural work.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the

importance of combined efforts for implementation of five rural development work and attended to the needs.

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### Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo encourages summer paddy harvest, collection of per acre yield

YANGON, 10 May — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, accompanied by departmental heads gave encouragement on summer paddy harvest and collection of per acre yield in special zone 500 acres in Kunchangon village tract, Taikkyi Township on 5 May evening.

The minister together with farmers inspected summer paddy harvest and collection of the per acre yield by the use of farm equipment manufactured by Agricultural Mechanization Department. Hsinthwelat paddy strain produces 130 baskets of paddy per acre and Hmawby-3 paddy strain, 120 baskets of paddy per acre. Hsinthwelat paddy strain has already been cultivated in place of Manawthukha paddy. To-

talling 76,910 acres of paddy — 33,410 acres of moonson paddy and 43,500 acres of summer paddy— put under cultivation in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady, Magway and Mandalay Divisions during 2004-2005. Extension of paddy cultivation will be performed up to 250,000 acres in 2005-2006. Totaling 74,227 acres of paddy — 32,118 acres of moonson paddy and 42,109 acres of summer paddy put under cultivation in Bago Division (West). This cultivation volume reached atop in the nation. Farmers expressed appreciation on Hsinthwelat paddy as it produces from 120 baskets of paddy to 140. On arrival at Thayawady Township, Bago Division, the minister and party looked into tasks carried out and

progress of work and water supply in Thonse Dam. Due to its irrigation facilities built, summer paddy could be grown on 21,500 acres of farmland in coming year. The minister met with officials of Magway Division Agriculture Coordination Committee at the meeting hall of Magway Irrigation Department on 6 May morning and gave instructions on reclamation of farmland and cultivation of paddy and other crops. Next, the minister said the officials are to make field trips to designated crops according to farmers' desire to generate more income, to provide agricultural methods to farmers, to carry out land use permits in line with rules and regulations and to perform data of land record correctly.

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### Members of Chin State USDA\*...

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As to the mining sector, after 1988, the region has produced 105,470.57 tonnes of pearls, 447.29 tonnes of tin and tungsten, and 119,162.83 tonnes of coal. In connection with the livestock sector, the region breeds 3.245 million live-stock animals, and fish in 935.21 acres of fish breeding ponds.

For better transport, the government has constructed 95.68 miles of railroads, one airport, and four jetties. The length of roads has increased to 689 miles and two furlongs, up from 397 miles and one furlong. The government built seven above-180-foot bridges and 56 under-180-foot bridges.

When it comes to the industrial sector, the region has been facilitated with one industrial zone with 19 industries, along

with 489 factories.

In conclusion, he pledged that Taninthayi Division USDA, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, will continue to participate actively in the public welfare services and the five rural development tasks, while implementing the seven objectives and nine future work programmes laid down by the Association.

Afterwards, Ma Khin Thanda Hnin of Bago Division (East) USDA said Bago Division is 24793 square miles wide and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan nationals are living there. There were 333 miles and seven furlongs and there are now 591 miles and one furlong. There are 28 water supply projects and 2,578 miles and four furlongs of rural

roads were built. The number of bridges 180 feet and above increased to 56 from 36 and there are 619 bridges (under 180 feet). There are three airports in the division and progress has been made in roads and rail roads.

More dams were built for increase of cultivation acreage of summer and moonson paddy, beans and pulses, cotton and sugarcane. There are teak and Thitseit plantations and natural forest conservation for greening of Bago Yoma was launched. She said members of Bago (East) USDA have determined to participate in rural development tasks and nation-building tasks. (The presentation of USDA youths will continue to be published in the paper tomorrow.

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects harvesting of summer paddy on 5 May.— (A & 1)



Presentation of research papers on ancient pagodas in Thanlyin-Kyauktan region organized by English Language Teaching Diploma Course of the University of East Yangon on 6-5-2005.— (H)



# Be on alert against destructionists

Htet Khaung

It may have become a usual practice of all the service personnel to look forward to the weekend, for rest and recreation as they are working with heart and soul every week days to earn their living. In addition, all the people including students and members of the Sangha also long for the weekend.

Schools close on the weekend, and the families would like to enjoy their stay together at home, or go to a cinema or shopping malls or visiting parks and pagodas. Thus, shopkeepers are also waiting for the weekend during which all the shops, stores and recreation centres are crowded.

In reality, the whole world unanimously agrees that the Saturdays and Sundays marked with red colour on the calendar as joyful holidays, and especially for the urbanites the weekends are the days on which they can refresh their mind and body. As I am a service personnel too, it is not strange for me to always look forward to the holidays. My family is always dreaming of a fine weekend during which we will do some gardening or visit pagodas. And then particular Saturday which fell on 7 May 2005 arrived. The drizzle welcoming the monsoon had reduced the summer heat, and we were in our garden concentrating our mind fully in tending flowers and plants. So, we did not know what had happened in the city till a friend of mine phoned me.

It was about four in the evening, when my friend Ko Myo Khin rang me. On the line, he said, "Hello, Ko Htet Khaung. Are all your family members at home? A bomb went off at Dagon Centre at about 3 pm. There were death and injury. I am worried about your family."

"Oh, what a dirty plot. Are you sure?"

I phoned some of my friends to confirm the news, and heard about a brutal incident. They told me, "The news is true. There were also explosions at Trade Centre the venue of the Thailand Exhibition, and Junction 8 Centre at the Eight-Mile Junction in addition to Dagon Centre. And the three bombs went off almost simultaneously. Eleven persons died and another 162 were wounded in the explosions."

"Barbarians!" I shouted. "They are inhuman, brutal and wicked to the degree beyond human mind, and have no sense of sympathy for others at all."

My blood began to boil at that moment, with sympathy for the victims and anger at the terrorists

running high. "Now, a Saturday I am longing for is stained with blood." None of my relatives and friends are included in the dead and wounded, but the victims of the bomb blasts are the kinship of every people of Myanmar. For us, there is no difference between killing or harming our relatives and the other people of Myanmar. As even a person like me, whose relatives and friends are not included in the victims, is suffering from terrible sadness, the anguish of the relatives of the victims will be beyond imagination.

With what intention the terrorists do such a loathsome act? Whom do they dislike? If they do want to oppose the Government, they should openly challenge and face it. But they blew off bombs at the places where only innocent people go. So, all the dead and wounded were innocent civilians and Buddhist monks. Those places are always crowded with people doing shopping with peace of mind. Terrorist bombing do not represents any political system nor concern democracy. It is not a just act, but a clan-

**For the terrorists who made innocent people cry and suffer will surely face their tragic end as they will be punished by the people for their crimes. Hence, all the Myanmar should rise up and make collective efforts in the hunt for the terrorists whose days are numbered.**

destine act of the persons with extreme cowardice.

Terrorist bombers too may have relatives and friends. They committed the carnage relying on their relatives and friends to hide themselves from the authorities and hatch the murder plot. It is difficult for the authorities to expose and arrest the terrorists and foil their attempts in advance as they look like other ordinary citizens. However efficient the security personnel are, it is still impossible for them to ensure full security for the people, without the public help. The terrorists disguising themselves as ordinary citizens can be exposed and crushed only with the public participation.

**The act of blowing up a bomb to kill innocent people does not amount to opposing and challenging the Government. It is the act of opposing and challenging the entire people. It is not an attack on the Government, but against the entire people.**

The killers are now hiding themselves among the public, while challenging the innocent people. How barbarous they are!

The terrorists have no respect for the members of the Sangha. They have no sense of sparing even the lives of children. Rich or poor, they will target everyone. And the religion is what they do not have in mind. They are now indiscriminately targeting the innocent people to realize their wicked scheme at the expense of others' lives. They are more savage than the beasts. They are just cannibals. Massacres of innocent people will continue as long as the brutish terrorists do exist.

Myanmar is a peaceful country in which civilized people have been living with hospitality and strictly adhering to the Four Cardinal Values according to the teachings of Buddha that have been flourishing in it since yore. Sincerity, kindness and openness are the Myanmar features. However, Myanmar has the innate nature of never tolerating any insults on the race and prepared even sacrificing lives for the religion, and it is their national character since the very early periods of history. Myanmar are flexible, but are not yielding.

Oh! Myanmar people of the noble race, the terrorists blew up bombs to murder our kinship, while challenging our characters and traits. Who have agitated the terrorists and ordered them to commit the cold-blooded massacre? Who are assisting and protecting them? The people will have to always live in fear and face sorrows as long as the terrorist murderers live. It is time people will have to stay with high awareness and to help the authorities by providing information about the suspicious looking persons or objects.

First, I thought that the rain on that Saturday would relieve the people from the intense summer heat. In reality, the day itself was mourning for the death and injuries of the innocent victims. The day was stained with blood. Unlike rain drops, tear drops are not cool, as they originate from painful and sorrowful hearts. For the terrorists who made innocent people cry and suffer will surely face their tragic end as they will be punished by the people for their crimes. Hence, all the Myanmar should rise up and make collective efforts in the hunt for the terrorists whose days are numbered.

"All terrorists shall surely be defeated."

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 10.5.2005.

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## IFRC unveils five-year tsunami aid plan

GENEVA, 10 May — The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said Monday that it has unveiled a 1.5 billion-Swiss franc (1.25 billion US dollars) long-term aid plan in countries affected by last December's tsunami.

The plan, outlining programmes from 2005 to 2010, includes rebuilding or upgrading homes, hospitals and clinics, water and sanitation systems, providing psychosocial support and livelihood support to people, as well as training community-based volunteers and putting in place sustainable disaster preparedness measures, the IFRC said in a statement. It also includes improving disaster management, logistics, replenishment of relief stocks and training in first aid and disaster response for Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers, the Geneva-based organization added. "We felt it was essential to draw up these

plans as quickly as possible, so that we can help those in need appropriately both now and in the future, and to demonstrate how resources will be used to help those affected recover from the tsunami and rebuild their lives," said Johan Schaar, the IFRC's special tsunami representative. "These long-term plans seek to put in place sustainable solutions that meet the real needs of the tsunami-affected communities in each country and will empower people to protect themselves in this very disaster-prone region," added Simon Missiri, head of the Asia Pacific Department of the agency. — MNA/Xinhua

# ADVERTISEMENTS

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၅။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတို့ဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ဝန်ကြီးရုံးသို့ တင်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ၃၁-၅-၂၀၀၅ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၁၈-၆-၂၀၀၅ နေ့နှင့် ၁၉-၆-၂၀၀၅ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်း စစ်ရေးဖြေ စာစစ်ပေးမည်။ ၁၆-၆-၂၀၀၅ နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

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**Mozambique, Malawi to strengthen cooperation in transport**  
MAPUTO, 9 May — Mozambique and Malawi will step up bilateral cooperation, especially in the sector of transport, said Mozambican President Armando Guebuza on Saturday during his first working visit to Malawi.  
According to local media, Guebuza discussed with his Malawian counterpart Bingu Wa Mutharika the prospects for increasing bilateral cooperation, particularly in Malawian use of Mozambican railways and ports, and the possible Malawian purchase of Mozambican electricity.  
Guebuza said that the Nacala and Mtwara Development Corridors were projects in which Mozambique and Malawi can work together with other neighbouring countries such as Tanzania and Zambia. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Sealed Tenders are invited for the supply of Road Bitumen 80/100 Grade to Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy/Tenders are to be submitted under the following terms and conditions:-  
Quantity - 20,000 ± 10% MT  
Price (in bulk) - USD/MT CIF Exship Thanlyin  
Price (in drum) - USD/MT CIF (LO) Yangon  
Payment - LC at sight  
Country of Origin- Thailand  
Closing Date - 16-5-2005 12:00 HRS  
Tender Documents are available at Finance Department, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No.(23), Min-Ye-Kyawswa Road, Yangon starting from (10.5.2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC.  
Only tender bid purchased officially will be accepted for evaluation.

**Managing Director  
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise**

## ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

**M.V "MANDALAY" VOY: NO .153/N**  
Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. "MANDALAY" VOY: NO 153/N are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived at Yangon port on 11.5.05 and will be berthing on/about 12-5-2005 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-laws and conditions of the port of Yangon.  
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm into Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.  
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
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## INVITATION TO TENDER

**TENDER NO. 1(T) AMD-FR (2005-2006)**  
1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of the following Machines which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr; No	Lot No.	Description	Quantity
1.	1	Machinery & Equipment for Power Tiller Production ( 8 Items)	9 Unit
2.	2	Machinery & Equipment for 4-Wheel Mini-Tractor Production (6 Items)	9 Set
3.	3	Machinery & Equipment for Painting Line	1 Set

2. **Tender closing date (31-5-2005) (Tuesday)** (12.00 HR)  
3. Tender documents are available at the Factory and Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours.  
4. For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext. 323.  
**Director General  
Agricultural Mechanization Department**

## S America to seek to improve eco ties with Arab countries

BRASILIA, 9 May — South America will seek to improve economic and trade relations with Arab countries during the South American-Arab League Summit due for Monday and Tuesday in Brazil, Brazilian authorities said Saturday.  
The summit will bring leaders and ministers from 12 South American and 22 Arab countries together for the first time, which could serve as an initial step toward negotiations for a free trade agreement between the two regions that have insignificant business links with each other.  
Although South America has been the destination of millions of Arab immigrants, the region and the Arab countries have inadequate economic relations with each other, analysts said.  
The Middle East is South America's weakest regional trading partner, with Brazil, South America's largest economy, exporting just 4 billion US dollars annually to the Middle East and importing 4.1 billion dollars, mostly in petroleum.  
Exports to South America from Egypt, for example, accounted for only 1 per cent of the country's total exports in the first 11 months of 2004.  
Nevertheless, trade between South America and the Arab region has a great potential, according to experts.  
At present, advances in economic cooperation have been made between the two regions, which include talks for a commercial treaty between the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) and Morocco, and an agreement on preferential tariffs that the bloc is currently negotiating with Egypt.  
The Brazilian authorities also consider South America the ideal destination for Arab investments.  
Brazil, Argentina and Chile are the South American countries with the largest number of Arab immigrants who started to arrive since late-19th Century. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## INVITATION TO TENDER

**(Tender No. 4(T) MPE/HSD (2)/2005-2006)**  
1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise the Ministry of Energy for the Supply of (24,000 ± 10%) Metric Tons HSD (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).  
2. Tender Closing Date: 19-5-2005 at 12:00 noon.  
3. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No(23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hour commencing 11.5.2005 on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.  
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.  
**Managing Director  
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise**

## Ugandan PM calls for eradication of poverty in Africa

KAMPALA, 9 May — Ugandan Prime Minister Apolo Nsibambi has called on African countries to support the Blair Commission for Africa that aims at addressing poverty on the continent.  
Nsibambi was opening a panel of discussion on the theme, Developing Africa's Competitiveness to make poverty history organized by Action Aid Uganda and Makerere University on Friday, ahead of the G-8 summit scheduled to be held in Scotland.  
Prime Minister Nsibambi called for accurate definition of poverty in Africa so that appropriate solutions to it can be found.  
He said that Africa faces various forms of poverty such as poverty of accountable and enterprising leaders, poverty of knowledge, poverty of morality and poverty of science and appropriate technology.  
He said the government is currently implementing the Poverty Eradication Action Programme as a principal guide to all development activities in the medium term. — *MNA/Xinhua*



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# Pentagon notifies Congress of proposed missiles sale to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 9 May —The Pentagon has notified the US Congress of a proposed sale of anti-ship missiles to Pakistan, including 40 air-launched and 20 ground-launched *Harpoon Block II* missiles and associated equipment valued at about 180 million US dollars.

The proposed sale would also include 300 *Sidewinder* missiles, a release said Friday.

The US Defence Security Cooperation Agency which handles foreign arms sales for the Pentagon, informed the Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Pakistan of 40 *AGM-84L* and 20 *RGM-84L Harpoon Block II* missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as 180 million US dollars, it said.

The US had on March 25 cleared the supply of about two dozen nuclear-capable *F-16* fighter planes to Pakistan and in an apparent balancing ex-

ercise paved the way for sale of the same aircraft and offered civilian nuclear energy cooperation with India.

Pakistan intends to use the purchase to upgrade and modernize its existing *Harpoon* missile capability, it said.

"The modernisation will enhance Pakistan's legitimate self-defence capability," the Pentagon told Congress, which has 30 days to move to block any such government-to-government arms sale.

"The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the US by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be a key ally in the global war on

terrorism," it said, adding the proposed sales will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The *AGM-84 Harpoon Block II* missile features satellite-guidance systems designed to attack targets in congested off-shore locations.

The Agency has also notified the Congress of a possible Foreign Military sale to Pakistan of 300 *AIM-9M-1/2 Sidewinder* air-to-air missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are

exercised, could be as high as 46 million.

The Pakistani Navy currently has *AGM-84 Block I* air/ surface/ sub-surface launch capability.

The principal contractors for the 40 air-launched and 20 surface-launched *Harpoon* missiles will be the Boeing Co of St. Louis, Missouri, and Delex Systems, Inc of Vienna, Virginia. Raytheon Systems Corporation in Tucson, Arizona will be the prime contractors for the *Sidewinder* missiles.

MNA/PTI

# East African nations to work toward monetary union

NAIROBI, 9 May — Central bank governors from the East African Community (EAC) member states of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania have agreed to work toward a common monetary union.

The monetary union, one of the preconditions of arriving at a political federation, will see the three partner states adopt a common currency.

Tanzania's Daudi Ballali, Kenya's Andrew Mulei and Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile of Uganda also reaffirmed their commitment to support sustainable development in the region, according to a statement from the EAC Secretariat issued here Saturday.

"The governors reaffirmed their commitment to support sustainable development in the region and maintain prudent monetary policies and a sound and stable financial system," the EAC said.

The governors who were meeting to discuss progress being made toward implementation of decisions of the Monetary Affairs Committee of the EAC, agreed to work together in the design and implementation of government policies directed toward achieving and sustaining macroeconomic convergence targets in the region and monetary union in particular.

"They deliberated on interest rates, savings, and instruments and institutions of monetary policy, as well as the need to ensure sustainable fiscal deficits," the statement said.

The three governors observed that in spite of unfavourable weather conditions and high world oil prices, the three nations achieved higher gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates last year.

MNA/Xinhua



Eleven-month-old Lokman Hakim Mondol, who weighs 22 kilogrammes (48 pounds) is brought at a hospital by his grandfather Tabarak Mullick, in Kolkatta, India, on 9 May, 2005.—INTERNET

# Czech PM honours war dead at Prague cemetery

PRAGUE, 9 May — Czech Prime Minister Jiri Paroubek attended a memorial ceremony honouring dead Czech and foreign soldiers on Saturday as part of the 60th anniversary marking the end of World War II at the Olsany Cemetery in Prague.

Also present on the occasion were World War II veterans, other Czech politicians, representatives of the military and foreign delegations.

The first stop was at the 264 graves of British, Polish, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand airmen, sailors and soldiers who died fighting to liberate Czechoslovakia or in war camp prisons.

The next stop was the graves and monument to Soviet soldiers where members of delegations from Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine paid their respects.

The event then moved to a monument to Bulgarian troops and to the monument to the Prague Uprising.

"After 60 years, I am surprised to find that one-third of people in polls say that the war is only a distant ripple in their memories," Paroubek said.—MNA/Xinhua

# Colombian astronomer picked by NASA to participate in research

BOGOTA, 9 May — Colombian astronomer Alfredo Quijano said Saturday that he was selected by the United States National Aeronautics and

Space Administration (NASA) to participate in the exploration of *Tempel* comet.

Quijano, director of the Astronomic Observatory of the University of Narino, in Colombia, said he was elected along with a group of researchers.

The astronomer said his team was selected from 50 observatories across the world competing to join in the NASA project to explore the inside of the *Tempel*.

"We sent our registration to participate in the Deep Impact Mission, which will produce an explosion that will allow identifying the dust that composes *Tempel* comet," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

# Airbus controversy not to affect Franco-Indian relations

SANTINIKETAN, 9 May — The controversy over Air-India's decision to buy aircraft from the US-based Boeing company and not from Airbus Industrie would not affect relations between India and France as both were "mature and friendly countries," External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh said Saturday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the ceremony to hand over Nobel medallion replicas at the Visva-Bharati University here, Singh said that French Ambassador Dominique Girard had clarified that he had been misquoted in the media over the issue.

"If that is so, then the matter ends here," Singh said.

Singh said India had already expressed displeasure over the kind of language used by the French envoy.

"This is not the kind of language one should use for a friendly country. Such language is not part of diplomatic norms. However, the French Ambassador has already said that he was misquoted and I hope the matter ends here," he added.

Asked whether India was "cosying up" to the US too much, Singh said, "Indo-US relations are not at the expense of some other country. So, why should it affect relations with any other country?" — MNA/PTI



Russian fighters fly over St Basil's Cathedral in Red Square in Moscow during the military parade, on 9 May, 2005.

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# S P O R T S

## UEFA President backs Liverpool bid

LONDON, 10 May — UEFA President Lennart Johansson said on Monday that he backed Liverpool's bid to defend the UEFA Champions League if they lift the trophy in Istanbul later this month.

Johansson said that he supports the Merseysiders' cause but stressed the final decision rests with The Football Association and it is their responsibility to submit a formal proposal.

Of course, nothing can be done until the outcome of the final with Milan is known and at least Everton know there is no question of any repeat of the situation in Spain four years ago when Real Madrid usurped Real Zaragoza despite finishing below them in the table.

"Let's deal with it when we know the facts after the final of the Champions League," explained Johansson. "And then see to it that we are crystal clear that the champion must always be given its opportunity to defend the title. "That we see to it in the future that we have rules and regulations that are understandable from the very beginning.

"In the view of the reactions that came now, I personally, on one hand, think that someone has qualified under the present regulations for the next Champions League and, on the other hand, I understand the champions like to defend its title.

"If the association (FA) would like to do so, if they are taking contact with us, they should make a proposal that would mean extending the number of teams from England in the Champions League next time from four to five." — *MNA/Xinhua*



Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil serves during his match against Andrei Pavel of Romania at the ATP Masters Series tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany. Kuerten won 6-2, 6-1.—INTERNET

## Italian Serie A top scorers

ROME, 9 May — Following are the top scorers of the Italian Serie A on Sunday:

- 22 — Alberto Gilardino (Parma)
- Cristiano Lucarelli (Livorno)
- 21 — Vincenzo Montella (AS Roma)
- 17 — Luca Toni (Palermo)
- 16 — Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)
- 15 — Mirko Vucinic (Lecce)
- Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Juventus)
- Adriano (Inter Milan)
- Mauro Esposito (Cagliari)
- 14 — Francesco Flachi (Sampdoria)
- David Di Michele (Udinese)
- 13 — Valeri Bojinov (Fiorentina)
- 12 — Andrea Caracciolo (Brescia)
- Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
- Tommaso Rocchi (Lazio)
- Francesco Totti (AS Roma)
- Vincenzo Iaquinta (Udinese)
- Christian Vieri (Inter Milan)
- 11 — Fabrizio Miccoli (Fiorentina)
- Hernan Crespo (AC Milan)
- Riccardo Zampagna (Messina)
- Obafemi Martins (Inter Milan)

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## Iberia-American sport ministers to meet in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 10 May — Twenty-two sport ministers of Iberia-American countries are to meet at the eastern Mexican city of Merida, Yucatan State, on May 10-11 to analyze issues such as the combat against doping, violence and racism. The secretary of State for Sport of Spain, Jaime Lissavetzky, will present in the meeting of the Iberia-American Sport Council (CID), a National Anti-Doping Plan, as a central part of the meeting.

This meeting comes in advance to the 5th assembly of the American Sports Council (CADE).

The agenda is based on the issues of racism, xenophobia along with violence, to be completed with a conference on ties between governmental organizations with the national Olympic committees and federations, in charge of Mexican official Nelson Vargas.

CID, founded in 1994 as an initiative of Spain, Guatemala, Mexico and Uruguay, has become consolidated in its first decade, as the forum to discuss and reach consensus around regional policies.

The council aims at being "a forum of communication between countries with similar structures and problems, as well as a way to exchange technical cooperation, competition organization and exchange of athletes." The organization has met in Santiago, Chile (1996); Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (1997, 2001), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1998, 2003); Mexico City, Mexico (1999); Madrid, Spain (2000); Lima, Peru (2002), and Puerto Rico (2004). — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Zico calls up Inamoto, Ono for Japan warm-ups

TOKYO, 10 May — Japan national soccer team coach Zico on Monday called up Europe-based pair Junichi Inamoto and Shinji Ono for this month's home friendlies against Peru and United Arab Emirates.

The May 22 and 27 games will serve as warm-up matches for next month's Asian World Cup qualifiers against Bahrain and North Korea.

Hamburg striker Naohiro Takahara was also called up to face Peru and UAE in Niigata and Tokyo. Fiorentina's Hidetoshi Nakata is set to join the squad after May 27.

"Both teams have different styles but that will stand us in good stead for the two qualifiers," said Brazilian Zico. Peru and UAE will face each other in between the two Japan games at Toyota Stadium on May 24. Japan play Bahrain away on June 3 and North Korea five days later.

Squad:

Goalkeepers: Yoichi Doi (FC Tokyo), Seigo Narazaki (Nagoya Grampus Eight), Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi (Jubilo Iwata)

Defenders: Atsuhiko Miura (Vissel Kobe), Makoto Tanaka (Iwata), Tsuneyasu Miyamoto (Gamba Osaka), Alex (Urawa Reds), Yuji Nakazawa (Yokohama F-Marininos), Keisuke Tsuboi (Urawa), Akira Kaji (FC Tokyo)

Midfielders: Takashi Fukunishi (Iwata), Mitsuo Ogasawara (Kashima Antlers), Masashi Motoyama (Kashima), Junichi Inamoto (West Bromwich Albion), Shinji Ono (Feyenoord), Yasuhito Endo (Gamba Osaka).

Forwards: Takayuki Suzuki (Kashima), Naohiro Takahara (Hamburg), Keiji Tamada (Kashiwa Reysol), Masashi Oguro (Gamba Osaka).

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## Maradona says "Sacchi, Luxemburgo need more time"

MADRID, 10 May — Diego Maradona, the former captain of the Argentine national soccer team, analyzed the present situation of the Spanish league, saying Barcelona "will be a worthy winner of this year's league" and added that Real Madrid's "Sacchi and Luxemburgo need time" to leave their mark in the club.

Maradona said "with the players Real Madrid has, the team will never have a crisis," although "Sacchi and Luxemburgo need time to organize the team and prepare them to win championships."

Diego Maradona did not doubt the capacity of Real Madrid and assured "it has players, a coach and a president who like their team to look good on the pitch," that is why it will "win titles" in the future.

He added that Barcelona's coach, Rijkaard, "has done a superb job" and that "all the players collaborate and balance the team."

"Barcelona deserves to win the championship," said he, but added that "Real Madrid will not make it easy" for the Catalonians.

With respect to the players Maradona said "Ronaldinho is the world's best player, without a doubt. He plays happy and attractively, and these are important things in soccer," said Maradona.

As for the offer by Boca Juniors to become a member of the club's technical staff, he said "we're talking about it." "Professional soccer does not interest me, as I am rather keen on getting involved with junior forces of Boca," he added. He also addressed the departure of Jorge Valdano from the sport direction of Real Madrid and said "I was sad about it, but soccer is like this." "When no victories come, heads start to be chopped, and Jorge's turn came," Maradona said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## French Ligue 1 top scorers

PARIS, 9 May — Following are the top scorers of the French Ligue 1 after soccer matches on Sunday:

- 17 — Alexander Frei (Stade Rennes)
- 13 — Pauleta (Paris St. Germain)
- Mickaël Pajis (Racing Strasbourg)
- Ilan (Sochaux)
- 12 — Pascal Feindouno (St. Etienne)
- Juninho Pernambucano (Olympique Lyon)
- ... (Olympique Lyon).
- 11 — Matt Moussilou (Lille)
- Benjamin Mwaruwari (Auxerre)
- Sebastien Mazure (Caen)
- 10 — Mamadou Niang (Racing Strasbourg)
- Waldir Lucas (Ajaccio)
- Marama Vahirua (Nice)
- Mohammed Kallon (Monaco)
- Frederic Piquionne (St. Etienne)
- 9 — Olivier Monterrubio (Stade Rennes)

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Arsenal's Jose Antonio Reyes has a chance at goal as he beats Liverpool's goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek during their Premiership match at home to Arsenal. The gunners won 3-1 at Highbury to send Everton into the Champions League.—INTERNET



ကမ္ဘာ့သွေးတိုးရောဂါကာကွယ်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေးနေ့ ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ (၁၄) ရက်

သွေးတိုးရောဂါကာကွယ်ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ

- ၁။ ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ရန် ထိန်းသိမ်း၍ အဝမလွန်အောင် နေထိုင် စားသောက်ပါ။
၂။ ပုံမှန်ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။ နေ့စဉ် နာရီဝက်၊ တစ်နာရီခန့် ခပ်သွက်သွက် လမ်းလျှောက်ခြင်းကို သို့သော် ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
၃။ ဟင်းသီးဟင်းရွက်၊ အသီးအနှံ များစားပါ။
၄။ စိတ်ပိုမိုနှစ်ခြိုက်အောင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
၅။ အခန်းစာတိုပါသော ငါး၊ ငါးခြောက်၊ ဟင်းချိုမှုန့် စသည် အစားအစာများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
၆။ အဆီကို လွန်ကဲစွာ စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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၉။ သွေးတိုးရောဂါရှိပါက သွေးပေါင်မှန်မှန်ချိန်၍ စနစ်တကျ ဆေးကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Police pick up 200 illegal migrants in southern Italian island

ROME, 10 May — Over 200 illegal migrants landed on the small island of Lampedusa in southern Italy on Monday, after being helped to shore by Italian police and Navy officers, local media reported Monday.

According to the report, the group, all of whom claimed they are Palestinians, were spotted floating in a boat some 40 miles south of Lampedusa and have now been taken to the island's immigrant holding centre.

The tiny island south of Sicily, a stepping stone between Africa and Europe, has frequently made headlines in recent months following the arrivals of large numbers of illegal migrants and their subsequent deportation.

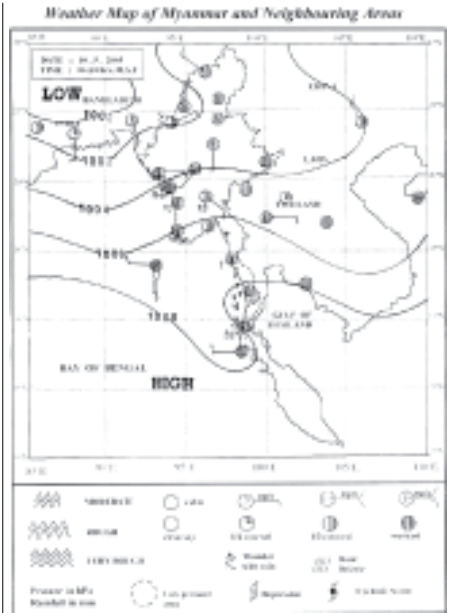
The Italian Government has come under fire for its decision to collectively deport large groups of migrants under secret bilateral accords with Tripoli, report said.

Over a thousand migrants thought to have started their sea voyage in Libya were airlifted back to Tripoli last October, while nearly 200 met the same fate in March.

The move triggered outcry from the United Nations Refugee Agency, while the European Parliament has approved a resolution condemning the policy and urging Italy to examine all asylum requests individually.

But Italy's centre-right government, which has made cracking down on illegal immigration a key priority since coming to power in 2001, has defended its policies, insisting that each asylum request has been examined on a case-by-case basis.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 10 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine State and isolated in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 9-5-2005 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 10-5-2005 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-5-2005 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 9-5-2005 was (10.2) hours approx.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-5-2005: Partly cloudy.

More foods withdrawn in Britain over banned dye

LONDON, 10 May — A further 19 food products have been withdrawn from sale in Britain because they contain the banned dye Para Red, which may cause cancer, British food safety watchdog said on Monday.

The Food Standards Agency said Para Red is chemically similar to Sudan 1, a potential carcinogen that was found in a batch of sauce.

"At the levels found, the risk from eating any of these foods is very small, but as a precaution it would be sensible not to eat them," the FSA said.

The food safety watchdog issued a warning about 35 products

containing Para Red on 5 May and named a further 12 products to be banned from sale the following day. The list includes ready-made meals stocked by British supermarkets.

Earlier this year the FSA issued a list of 350 products containing Sudan 1, which resulted in their withdrawal from food shelves in supermarkets across the country.

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Wednesday, 11 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: -Oh baby I
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: - Sweetness
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: -Love and affection
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music -You gotta be News/Slogan
1.30 pm Lunch time music
1.40 pm -Goodbye my love goodbye -Love song -Let your love flow -If I sing you a love song
9.00 pm "Variations on a tune" Take me home country road
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request -Dear diary -Fly with me -Get happy
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 11 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
7:55 am 5. မြေပြေကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:15 am 7. မိုင်းကျော်ထိန်းတံခါး
8:30 am 8. International news
8:45 am 9. Let's Go

- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
5:00 pm 5. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုရပ်ခြင်းသံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
5:15 pm 6. Song of national races
5:30 pm 7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအမွေ (ရုပ်သေး)
5:35 pm 8. Classical song
5:50 pm 9. "သစ်တီရိယူးစာ" (သွားညို၊ နီဒီ၊ မြင့်မြင့်နီနီ၊ နီနီနီနီ) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ကြည့်နီထွန်း)
6:00 pm 10. ဂျပန်လင်အားတီထွင်အစဉ်
6:10 pm 11. Discovery

- 6:15 pm 12. Musical programme
6:30 pm 13. Evening news
7:00 pm 14. Weather report
7:05 pm 15. Musical programme
7:20 pm 16. Strong and healthy Myanmar
7:30 pm 17. Musical programme
7:45 pm 18. မြန်မာ့ငြိမ်းလုံး
8:00 pm 19. News
20. International news
21. Weather report
22. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် ရှိဒသမအကြိမ် (၁၅) ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အဇရာ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ(ရုပ်သေး) "မဟော်သမာဓာတ်တော်ကြီး" (ဒုတိယဆု) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း)
23. 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

Traitors to the nation lacking Union Spirit, patriotism ...

(from page 1)

U Sai Htwan Sar of Mongyai presided over the rally together with U Sai Hsan Leik and Sao Yar Pai.

Daw Nan K Thi and Daw Nan Hkam Hla acted as master of ceremonies and co-MC.

First, those present at the rally saluted the State flag. Next, U Sai Htwan Sar delivered an opening speech. (U Sai Htwan Sar's speech is reported separately.)

Afterwards, U Sai San Myat of Mongyai tabled a motion condemning the announcement of secession of Shan

State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. (U Sai San Myat's speech is reported separately.)

U Sai Tin Nyunt, Daw Nan Ei Ei Mon and U Sai Aung Nyunt of Mongrai seconded the motion. (Speeches of U Sai Tin Nyunt, Daw Nan Ei Ei Mon and U Sai Aung Nyunt are reported separately.)

Later, after seeking the approval from those present, the chairman of the rally approved the motion.

The rally concluded at 8.15 am with the chanting of slogans.

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Members of the panel of chairmen and those present chanting the slogans at the rally. — MNA



Members of Chin State USDA endeavouring for regional development in cooperation with locals Govt has provided assistance on implementation of development tasks in Sagaing Division Taninthayi Division USDA will continue to participate actively in public welfare services

Members of Bago (East) USDA determined to participate in rural development and nation-building tasks

YANGON, 10 May — Youths from state/division USDAs reported on development in their respective regions at a Youth Seminar of USDA at Aungmyingalar Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda

in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May.

Ma Lin Myuu Man of Chin State USDA said, in her discussions, that Chin State is situated in the north-west of Myanmar and its area is

13907 sq miles. Chin State has a population of about 540,000. It is constituted with two districts and nine townships.

Now, there are over 169 miles of extended earth road and over 28 miles of gravel road. Three new hospitals have been built in the state. As regards the education sector, four basic education high schools, three middle schools and 10 primary schools have been added.

(See page 6)



Ma Lin Myuu Man. — MNA



Ma Kyawt Yin Win. — MNA

INSIDE

The act of blowing up a bomb to kill innocent people does not amount to opposing and challenging the Government. It is the act of opposing and challenging the entire people. It is not an attack on the Government, but against the entire people.

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