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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Israel

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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Israel

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The Union of Myanmar The State Peace and Development Council The Law Amending the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923

(The State Peace and Development Council Law No 4/ 2005)
The 4th Waxing Day of Kason 1367 ME
(11th May, 2005)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following law: -
1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

2. Clause (n) (i) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 shall be substituted as follows:

“(i) any person employed otherwise than by way of manual labour whose monthly wages exceed the amount prescribed by notification by the Ministry of Labour, with the approval of the Government; or”

3. In the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, the expression “ Kyats 2,160 and Kyats 7,200” contained in clause A (i) of sub-section (1) of section 4, the expression “two hundred Kyats” contained in clause A (ii) of sub-

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All 54 million people of more than 100 national races in the nation are protesting with one voice against destructive acts of expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices Mongnaung in Loilem District, Shan State (South) denounces announcement on secession from Union



Meeting Chairman U Sai Ohn Khaung delivering an opening address at a mass rally in Mongnaung. —MNA

YANGON, 11 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 compound of Basic Education High School in Mongnaung Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South) yesterday attended by local people from Kehsi, Mongshu and Kunhein townships.

Also present were departmental officials from

Mongnaung Township, members of Pa-O National Organization, Brigade-1 and Brigade-7 of Shan State Army, Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO), Shan

State National Army (break away) (Wan Yein), Shan State National Army (break away) (Mongyong), MTA (Homein), MTA (Narai), MTA (Matkyan), national (See page 16)

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The people of our nation had already faced a lot of sufferings in the internal armed conflicts in the past. Thanks to the armed groups that came back to the fold, they themselves and the local people are now enjoying the fruits of peace and stability.

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

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Safeguard the Union for its perennial existence

If we look back at the events in the long history of the Union of Myanmar, we can easily see Myanmar people's characteristics such as spirit of national unity, Union Spirit and anti-colonialist spirit.

And it is with the national spirit and national strength that they have always safeguarded their Union in order that it can exist as long as the world does.

To make the future of the nation brighter, the government has placed a special emphasis on further consolidation of national unity by taking lessons from the past.

The Union is now on the right path to national development and it is due to the united strength and enthusiastic cooperation of the people with the government.

While the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are making concerted efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, some destructive elements within and without the nation are obviously plotting to undermine national unity.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts declared the independence of Shan State and the formation of Shan State provisional government and foreign media broadcast their declaration — a wicked design to break up the Union.

Their act was a treasonable offence and it could lead to the deterioration of peace and stability in Shan State. And the people not only in Shan State but also in the entire nation are totally opposed to the scheme of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts and they publicly express their opinions and stance at the mass rallies being held all over the nation.

Such a mass rally to oppose and condemn Sao Hkam Hpa's announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union took place at the Myoma sports ground in Mongrai, Lashio District, Shan State (North), on 10 May. Local people numbering about 5,200 were present at the ceremony.

At the rally, a motion calling for the condemnation of the wicked scheme of Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts to secede from the Union was tabled and it was unanimously approved.

We believe that all the Union-born nationals will always safeguard their native land by keeping constant vigilance against the danger of renegades and crushing their attempts to destroy the Union.

F&R Deputy Minister inspects banking services

YANGON, 11 May — Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe inspected the banking services being carried out with on-line network system in Myanmar Investment and Commerce Bank at the corner of Merchant Street and Bo Aung Kyaw Street this afternoon and gave instructions to the officials.

The deputy minister proceeded to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank on Maha Bandoola Park street and looked into the banking services. After hearing the reports by the officials, the deputy minister left instructions.

On arrival at the meeting hall of Myanmar Economic Bank (Head Office), the deputy minister heard reports by managing directors and general managers of the banks and gave necessary instructions on the work plans to the officials. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Dam projects inspected



Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspect Lawkananda river water pumping project site in Bagan-NyaungU.—AGRI&IRRI

YANGON, 11 May— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, on 8 May, went to Ngathayauk dam project being implemented by Construction-7 of Irrigation Department near Ngathayauk in NyaungU District, Mandalay Division.

Deputy Director U Myo Tun briefed the minister on building the dam. Director-General U Kyaw San Win of Irrigation Department made a supplementary report.

The minister discussed matters relating to land preparation, crop cultivation and water supply tasks after completion of the dam.

With the length of 7,550 feet and height of 64 feet, Ngathayauk dam is of an earthen type. Its water storage capacity to the full brim is 7,000 acre-feet and the dam will benefit 2,000 acres.

In the afternoon, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and the minister

arrived at Lawkananda river water pumping project site and met with farmers and departmental officials and discussed matters on crops cultivation.

Next, the minister inspected thriving paddy, water supply tasks and land preparation.

The minister and party proceeded to Taungye dam project near Tebinte village in Kyaukpadaung Township. Deputy Director U Myo Tun reported to the minister on work being carried out there.

Next, the minister inspected the project site and gave instructions on early completion of the dam, work site safety and timely cultivation of crops.

On 9 May, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut inspected Paunglaung Multipurpose Dam Project in Pinyinman Township.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo also inspected thriving summer paddy and sugarcane plantations in Pinyinman Township. — MNA

Minister U Aung Thaung and Brig-Gen Lun Thi receive Chinese guests

YANGON, 11 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received CEO Mr Deng Chongyun of Tsingda Daring Biotechnologies Group of the People's Republic of China and party at Ministry of Industry-1 this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Directors-General and Managing Directors under the Ministry of Electric Power and the Ministry of Energy. — MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi receive CEO Mr Deng Chongyun and party of Tsingda Daring Biotechnologies Group of China.—INDUSTRY-1

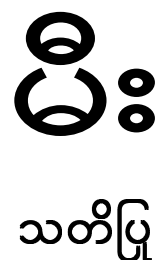
Myanmar delegation arrives back

YANGON 11 May— After attending the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on the advancement of Women held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 7 to 10 May, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thinn Thinn arrived back here this morning. Mem-

bers were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads, General Secretary of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Professor Dr Daw Khin

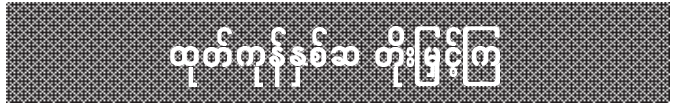
Mar Tun, Secretary Daw Htu Raw and officials.

Acting Managing Director Daw Mya Mya of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Director U Myint Thein of Social Welfare Department and Deputy Director Daw Khin Htar May also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA





Chinese nurses holding candles stand to form a heart shape to celebrate the upcoming International Nurses Day at the First People's Hospital in Wenling, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 10 May, 2005. International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every 12 May, which is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale.—INTERNET



Pakistan PM in Thailand seeks stronger ties with ASEAN

BANGKOK, 10 May — Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has started his visit to Thailand to seek backing for a full dialogue partnership with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and forge stronger links with the kingdom, local Press reported on Monday.

Pakistan has an East Asia Vision in developing closer ties with ASEAN and just concluded another step with the hosting of the fourth ministerial meeting of the Asian Cooperation

Dialogue last month. Aziz said when arrived in Bangkok on Sunday.

"We have come from nothing to become a member in the ASEAN Regional Forum and now we are seeking full dialogue partnership and greater integration with ASEAN in all fields from diplomatic, economic, political, trade and investment," he was quoted by *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying on Monday.

Pakistan has won support from Malaysia and Brunei for its partnership with ASEAN during his

four-nation tour, with Singapore being the last leg.

It is also willing to share its structural reform experiences and ready to enter into free trade agreement talks with ASEAN members.

During the three-day state visit, Aziz is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to discuss the breadth of bilateral ties before an audience with the King. On Tuesday, Aziz will make a speech at the Asian Institute of Technology and then leave for Singapore.

MNA/Xinhua

China denies disrupting textile market order of other countries

BELING, 10 May — A spokesman with the China National Textile Industry Council denied the allegation that China's increased textile export has disrupted the market order of other countries, the overseas edition of the Beijing-based *People's Daily* reported on Monday.

Spokesman Sun Huaibin accused the United States and European Union (EU) of violating the rules of the World Trade Organization by imposing restriction to curb China's textile exports.

He cited cotton underclothes as an example. In the January-March period of this year, China's overall export of cotton underclothes grew

only 17 per cent, he said.

Meanwhile, according to the statistics of the US Customs, although China's exports of cotton underclothes to the US grew in the period, the volume accounted for only half of those imported to the United States from Honduras during the same period. It is hard to say that China grabbed others' textile market shares, he noted.

According to Sun, in the first three months of 2005, China's textile export volume amounted to 22.91 billion US dollars, an increase of 18.99 per cent over the same period last year. The growth rate was down 5.95 per cent over the first quarter of the previous year.

China's textile exports to the United States and the EU grew 56.07 per cent during the period, 31.16

per cent higher than the corresponding period of 2004.

He ascribed the increased export to the US and the EU to the abolishment of the worldwide quota system on certain textile products on 1 January.

Meanwhile, Sun acknowledged that China's textile industry reported a stable growth in the first three months of this year, mainly due to strong domestic demand.

The EU Executive Commission last Thursday decided to open an inquiry into Chinese exports to Europe of nine categories of clothing, a move that could lead to the imposition of formal limits on such shipments.

The EU fears its textile industry is being harmed by cheaper products from China.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia's rain season underway

PHNOM PENH, 10 May — This year's wet season officially arrived on 27 April in Cambodia, a week and a half earlier than last year's, while most of the country remains plagued by drought, experts here said.

Seth Vannareth, the government's chief meteorologist, said that heavy rains are forecast to begin in early June. "The department predicts that this year there will be more rain than in 2004 but less than year 2000, which had the most," she was quoted by *The Cambodia Daily* as saying on Monday.

Cambodia is facing its worst drought. According to Ministry of Agriculture data released in April, only 3.1 million tons of wet-season rice were harvested in 2004, down from 3.8 million tons in 2003.

Drought destroyed 260,027 hectares out of 2.05 million planted with wet-season rice. Kompong Cham, Kompong Speu and Mondolkiri provinces had the highest percentages of crop loss in the nation.

Last month, the World Food Programme (WFP) began distributing 1,500 tons of emergency rice aid to 150,000 rural Cambodians. The WFP estimated there are 500,000 people facing food shortage in the country of more than 13 million population. — MNA/Xinhua

Nepal curbs smuggling of "anti-social" drugs

KATHMANDU, 10 May — In a bid to protect public health, the Nepali Department of Drug Administration (DDA) issued notices on Monday to check the smuggling and uncontrolled selling of "anti-social" drugs.

The DDA has sent notices to the Nepal Chemists and Druggists Association and the Customs Department to check the smuggling and selling of drugs like Zenegra, Penegra, Dr. X and Reforce 100, which are sexual stimulants, and nutritional and dietary

supplements. The use of such drugs might prove to be hazardous if used without proper consultation, the DDA warned.

But these drugs are easily available in the local pharmacies. The DDA has issued notices to the departments

concerned to protest public health, said a DDA official.

The DDA has no data of the misuse of such drugs. As there is a risk to pre-existing cardiovascular disease, one should seek advice before consuming such drugs.

MNA/Xinhua

1,606 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 10 May — As of Tuesday, 10 May, 2005, at least 1,606 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 lower than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT Tuesday.

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, 1,468 US military members have died, according to *AP*'s count. That includes at least 1,120 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 12,350 US servicemembers have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally released Tuesday.—Internet



The scene after a car bomb exploded in Baghdad on 11 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Malaysian PM urges NAM members to promote gender equality

PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 10 May — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Monday urged the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) members to take legal, economic, social and cultural measures to promote gender equality.

“Beyond this, concrete and specific measures are also urgently needed to remedy the injustices against women and to restore their security and dignity,” Abdullah, also current NAM Chairman, said in his keynote address at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here.

He said experience had shown that empowering women and achieving gender justice demanded more than just legal provisions and policy

formulation as effective empowerment required changing the way gender roles and power relations were expressed in the society. He said NAM was dismayed by the state of millions of women and children around the world who live in unacceptable conditions due to poverty, poor health as well as wars and armed conflicts.

Abdullah said the main challenge for NAM member states in advancing the position of women was to create a nurturing environment that promotes both economic justice as

well as gender justice.

Abdullah believed that humanity’s vision for equality, peace and development could not be achieved unless women’s rights were respected, protected and fulfilled on the basis of justice and equity.

In that sense, there was an acute need for greater cooperation and collaboration at the international level to promote a more holistic understanding of development which was not limited to economic growth but which also focused on its character and distribution, he said.

Meanwhile, he also proposed the establishment

of a NAM Centre on Gender and Development dedicated to enhancing women’s empowerment.

The two-day meeting, with the theme of “Empowering Women in Facing the Challenges of Globalization” is attended by representatives from 84 member countries. NAM Ministerial Meeting on Women, the first ever meeting in the grouping’s 44 year history, is aimed at sharing experiences among the member countries on best practices, achievements and challenges in empowering women and achieving gender equality.

MNA/Xinhua



A 13-year-old Chinese girl of Miao ethnicity walks on knife-points during traditional ethnic sports games in Guiyang, southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Vietnam to exploit gypsum in Laos

HANOI, 10 May — Vietnam’s Ha Tinh Mine and Trade Corporation has been licensed to establish a joint venture to mine and refine gypsum in Laos, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported on Monday.

The Vietnamese firm and two Lao partners will invest 2.1 million US dollars in mining 400,000 tons of raw gypsum, used in cement production, and building a factory in Laos’s central province of Khammouane to produce 50,000 tons of refined product annually. The refined gypsum will be for sales in Laos and exported back to Vietnam. The joint venture will have a lifespan of 30 years, and the gypsum mine is estimated to have reserves of 21-22 million tons of gypsum.

Many Vietnamese companies are seeking

business opportunities in Laos in a bid to tap the country’s potentially rich mining sector. Last year, the Vietnam Chemical Corporation obtained an exploratory licence to study a kalium salt deposit in central Laos. It plans to set up a joint venture to produce kalium salt used in fertilizer production.

MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong registers 470,000 volunteers

HONG KONG, 10 May — There are 470,000 registered volunteers in Hong Kong and the total service hours last year amounted to over 11 million.

According to a government Press release on Sunday, Hong Kong’s volunteers usually take care of the old, handicapped, sick, mentally retarded, new comers to Hong Kong and other people who need help.

The service cover health care, giving guidance in study or training, visiting,

chatting, entertainment and some other services for the needed.

To recognize the contribution of outstanding youth volunteers and expand their horizon, Hong Kong’s Social Welfare Department’s Steering Committee on Promotion of Volunteer Service

launched the Outstanding Youth Volunteers Scheme in 2001.

This year, 10 eminent volunteers out of 230 nominations were selected by an independent adjudication panel. They will join a volunteer exchange tour to northeast Chinese Mainland city of Dalian in August.

In the past four years, 78 young people have been hailed as outstanding volunteers, forming the Outstanding Youth Volunteers Association to encourage more youths to join.

They will soon launch a boys’ home service scheme and a Guangdong-Hong Kong exchange programme.

The Social Welfare Department’s Central Office for Volunteer Service has been promoting the service in the past eight years.

At district level, there are 13 co-ordinating committees devising strategies, mobilizing resources and boosting community participation. There are also volunteer services sub-offices offering help on the formation of volunteer teams.— MNA/Xinhua

Philippine plane crash kills four

MANILA, 10 May — A civilian *Cessna* plane carrying a group of sky-divers crashed near the Baradas airstrip in Tanauan Town in Batangas City about 70 kilometres south of the Philippine capital Manila on Sunday morning, killing four of the six people on board, a military spokesman reported.

Lieutenant-Colonel. Restituto Padilla, spokesman of the Philippine Air Force, said the Air Transportation Office is still determining why the plane, with tail No. 207, crashed in Barangay Santur at around 11:00 am local time. — MNA/Xinhua

Stress treatment for 25 veterans of Iraq war is ‘tip of iceberg’

BAGHDAD, 10 May—A military mental health charity said it was treating 25 veterans of the Iraq war and had received calls for help from around 100 more, but added they were just the “tip of the iceberg”.

Commodore Toby Elliott, chief executive of charity Combat Stress, said Iraq could become as damaging a conflict for the mental health of British soldiers as was Northern Ireland in previous decades.

“Iraq is another Northern Ireland,” Elliott said.

“It’s prolonged exposure, going back time and again and operating in an environment where you

can’t tell what’s going to happen next and you just don’t know what the locals you’re surrounded by are going to do.”

It took an average of 15 years before soldiers, once discharged, sought help for post-combat stress, meaning health professionals are currently seeing the “tip of the iceberg” for Iraq veterans, he said.

In the last 18 months, Combat Stress had treated a

total of 25 veterans of the March 2003 Iraq conflict in its clinics and received more than 100 additional calls for help, Elliott told *AFP*.

A little more than half from each group were from the Territorial Army (TA), which deploys part-time soldiers in support of the professional armed forces, even though they account for only 10 percent of the total in Iraq, he said.

Internet



Henri Stell (2nd R), Eurocopter’s Chief Representative in China, introduces his company’s latest police helicopter to visitors during an exhibition of police and anti-terror technology and equipment in Beijing on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

India, Russia agree to expand nuclear energy cooperation

MOSCOW, 10 May — Russia Monday expressed its readiness to further expand cooperation with India in civilian nuclear energy, defence and space as the two sides decided to set up a study group to examine the feasibility of a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement.

At a meeting lasting more than the scheduled 30 minutes with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, President Vladimir Putin expressed Moscow's willingness to look into issues of civilian nuclear energy cooperation with India, including the supply of nuclear fuel for Tarapore plant and new nuclear power reactors.

During the talks, held in a very warm and cordial atmosphere, "Putin agreed to look into these issues after the festivities of the 60th anniversary of Nazi defeat were over", National Security Adviser MK Narayan told reporters here after the meeting. Russia is helping India in the construction of

Kudankulam nuclear power plant in South India's Tamil Nadu under a deal signed in 1985 by the then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi and erstwhile Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev.

However, after the break up of the USSR, Russia joined the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) which bans it from selling civilian nuclear technology to non-signatories of the NPT, including India. The Prime Minister apprised Putin of India's non-proliferation efforts and plans for the adoption of non-proliferation bill by Indian Parliament soon.

Singh expressed happiness and appreciated

the support given by Russia for the Kudankulam nuclear power plant.

Narayanan said cooperation in space-related activities also figured in the discussions and the fact that the agreement on Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONAS) have been signed showed that "we are working further to enhance cooperation in this sector".

"As our economic relations do not mirror our strategic partnership, the Prime Minister has proposed to set up a Joint Working Group to study the feasibility of an Indo-Russian economic cooperation agreement," Narayanan said, adding it was immediately accepted by Putin.

The two leaders felt that the economic cooperation between the two countries was not in keeping with their strategic relationship, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China saves 45b kilowatt-hours of electricity in nine years

SHNAGHAI, 10 May— China has saved 45 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity since launching its green lighting project in 1996, said a senior official with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) here Monday.

China will further promote green lighting in the coming five years to relieve the current electricity supply crunch, said Zhao Jiarong, director of the Environment and Resource Conservation Department of NDRC, at the opening of an international conference on green lighting.

China set a goal to reduce annual lighting energy consumption by 10 per cent in the next five years, which is expected to save a total of 100 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity by 2010, said Zhao.

As electricity is mostly generated by thermal power plants in China, green lighting projects could also help reduce the emission of green house gases, she said. In the past nine years, the emission of carbon dioxide was reduced by 13 million tons, said Zhao.

The project is jointly funded by the United Nations Development Programme and Global Environment Facility. —MNA/Xinhua



Miss Universe contestants Chelsea Cooley of the United States, left, Cheryl Tay of Singapore, centre, and Jelena Glisic of Croatia, right, gather for a photo opportunity on 10 May, 2005, in Bangkok, Thailand. —INTERNET

Thailand, Pakistan agree to develop economic ties

BANGKOK, 10 May — Thailand and Pakistan on Monday agreed to expanding bilateral ties and cooperation in various fields in the form of economic partnership.

The agreement was reached during bilateral talks between Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and the visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Monday morning.

At a joint Press conference, the two leaders said they agreed to study the feasibility of the proposed plan on establishing a free trade area (FTA) later this year with a hope to conclude an FTA deal as soon as possible.

They also set a target to double bilateral trade in the near future, from nearly 500 million US dollars annually

at present to around one billion US dollars.

Direct flights between Thailand and Pakistan will be increased to twice a week to promote tourism of both countries. During their meeting, the two leaders agreed to continue bilateral cooperation in anti-terrorism and witnessed the signing of an action plan on cultural exchanges as well.

Aziz is scheduled to leave for Singapore on Tuesday as the last-leg of his four-nation tour.

MNA/Xinhua



In this computer-generated image provided by Boeing Co, A Boeing 787 Dreamliner (bottom) and a next-generation Boeing 737 (top) are shown with Japan Airlines paint schemes, on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

First foreign firm in Vietnam to go public this month

HANOI, 10 May — Chinese Taiwan-invested electric and cable producer Taya Vietnam will auction shares via the local stock market late this month, becoming the first foreign-invested enterprise (FIE) in the country going public.

The auction of 2.44 million shares with face value of 10,000 Vietnamese dong (VND) (over 0.6 US dollars) is planned to be conducted via the securities trading centres in Hanoi capital and southern Ho Chi Minh City on

27 May, Vietnam's State Securities Commission said on Monday.

Taya is one of 6 FIEs approved by the Vietnamese Government for con- version into joint stock companies this year.

Taya with registered capital of nearly 182.7 billion VND (11.6 million dollars) plans to be listed in the Ho Chi Minh City Securities Trading Centre in the third or fourth quarter. Vietnam has 28 listed companies whose shares have a total face value of nearly 1,448 billion VND (91.6 million dollars). When the Ho Chi Minh Securities Trading Centre became operational in July 2000, Vietnam had only two listed companies whose shares valued at 270 billion VND (17.3 million dollars).

The Vietnamese Gov-

ernment, which has approved a development strategy for the local bourse to increase its capitalization to 10-15 per cent of Vietnam's gross domestic product (GDP) by 2010 from the current some 5 per cent, is taking a number of measures to

supply the local bourse with more high-quality securities such as shares of FIEs, large state-owned enterprises and commercial banks, and to loose restrictions on stock investment imposed on foreign investors.

MNA/Xinhua

Poverty in Nepal declines significantly

KATHMANDU, 10 May — Poverty in Nepal has declined significantly in recent years, recently published *Nepal Living Standard Survey* reveals.

The survey based on the expenditure capacity of Nepali people indicates that the poverty has slashed down to 30.85 per cent in fiscal year 2003/2004 from 41.76 per cent in 1995/1996.

The survey states the remittance increment, higher wages of agricultural and other sectors, demographic changes, urbanization and decline in dependency ratio as major contributors for this quantum leap.

However, the remittance from overseas Nepali workers that supported the decline in poverty is not sustainable, argued Raghav Dhoj Pant, a prominent Nepali economist.

MNA/Xinhua

Members of Bago Division...

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In the industrial sector, there are 2,980 private factories and 106 state-owned factories in the division.

In the electricity sector, one hydel power station has been built and five are under construction. Now, Zaungtu Hydel Power Station produces 20 megawatts. On completion, five stations will produce 230 megawatts. Total electricity consumption reaches 300.799 million units.

In conclusion he said that members of Bago Division (West) USDA have been implementing the development tasks in rural areas such as water supply tasks, transportation and education and health promotion programmes.

Afterwards, Maung Yan Naing Soe of Magway Division USDA reported on the development in Magway Division.

He said Magway Division which is located in the middle part of Myanmar has a population of over 5 million.

A total of 49 dams and 52 river water pumping projects have been built, the number of agricultural land has reached over 2.7 million in the division, he said.

Mone Creek Dam which was inaugurated on 29 December last year produces 75 megawatts. Four dams which are now under construction will irrigate over 22,000 acres of agricultural land.

The number of farm animals has increased from 7.2 million to nearly 10.6 million and over 475 fingerlings are bred in Ayeyawady River.

In the forestry sector,

2,400 acres of teak and 500 acres of Thitsein have been cultivated. As the dry region greening project meets with success, there is improvement in the weather of the division.

In Magway Division, over 1,742-mile-long road including over 985-mile-long tar road has been constructed. There are 12 above 180-foot-long bridges in Magway Division.

In communication sector, post offices, telegraph offices, facsimile and computer telegraph stations have been extended.

In industrial sector, Yenangyoung Industrial Zone and Pakokku Industrial Zone have been set up. The number of pri-

Pakokku Airport and Kyaukhtu Airport have been constructed.

The government and Magway Division USDA have been implementing five rural area development tasks in the division. As part of the tasks, over 454-mile-long road including 123-mile-long tar road in urban area and a total of 2,549 miles in rural area have been constructed. Moreover, as part of the drinking water supply project, out of 1,469 villages, 1,292 villages in the division now get safe drinking water.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the government and people, the development tasks meet with success. Now, every region in Magway Division is peaceful and has

In education sector, two universities, one degree college and two education colleges, one agricultural science school, one cooperative school and one youth development training centre have been established in Magway Division.

private factories has increased from 1,183 to 2,115.

Since late 1988, over 1,507 metric tons of coal and 35,094 metric tons of lime stone have been extracted. There are 13 oil fields in the division.

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In Magway Division, Magway Airport,

developed.

Next, Ma Theingi Aung of Mandalay Division USDA said that Mandalay Division is home to over 7.6 million population of national races in unison.

In the agriculture sector in the division, 3,585,995 acres of land have been put under crops. In supplying water for agricultural purpose, there have been 116 dams, lakes and embankments. In addition, 86 river water pumping projects have been implemented to benefit 1,122,344 acres of double cropping. There



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents K 3.5 million to Eye Specialist Unit of Mawlamyine General Hospital through Eye Specialist Dr Daw Myint Myint Oo.
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are 300 acres of paddy plus fish and 6,145.97 acres of fish breeding ponds. At present, local people have been supplied with 180 megawatts in the electric power sector. Similarly, a total of 4,467 basic education schools have been opened in the division and 201 multimedia classrooms and 63 e-learning centres as well. The division was facilitated with seven universities, colleges and degree colleges together with 74 e-Learning Centres, eight human resource development centres, one Technological University, one University of Computer Studies, Myanmar Aerospace and Engineering University in Meiktila, Central Institute of Civil Service and Forest University in PyinOoLwin, University of Culture and Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College in Mandalay and Lacquer College in Bagan.

Furthermore, there have been 88 hospitals including seven specialist hospitals installed with modern health care devices, and one Traditional Medicine University and six health educational institutions were opened in the division.

Nowadays, construction of roads stretching over 4,000 miles and over 1,800 bridges in the division contributes to better transport of the region. In addition, 613.38 miles long railroad were built and seven airfields were opened.

In the industrial sector, 18,881 industries together with 138 State-run industries have been established in Mandalay, Myingyan and Meiktila Industrial Zones.

In conclusion, she

said Mandalay Division USDA opens cultural and moral character courses to new generation youth and is participating with utmost efforts in carrying out five rural development tasks and rural biogas power supply projects in cooperation with the local people.

Afterwards, Ma Aye Pwint Phyu of Mon State USDA said that being one of 24 development regions designated by the Government, Mon State enjoys fruitful results of its city Mawlamyine. Mon, Bamar, PaO, Kayin and Shan nationals are residing in the state. Nowadays, there are nearly 450,000 acres of farmlands. Out of them, 86 dams and reservoirs irrigate over 60,000 acres of land. A total of 14,770

tion institutions in addition to a science and arts university in Mawlamyine. Now, one Government Technological College and Computer College have turned out 4,654 youth technocrats.

In the health sector, 28 hospitals, one traditional medicine hospital and 12 traditional medicine dispensaries are kept open. A total of 27,454 acres of land in Mon State are covered with forest plantations. Now, Mon State has been facilitated with 210.42 miles of railroads, 63 communication centres, 37 facsimile and 10 stations of computer telegraph. Power consumption of the State increased up to 135.829 million units to date.

A total of 377.3 miles and three furlongs of road

Among nine bridges that are 180 feet and above long, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) which is the largest and longest one in Myanmar has been put into service successfully.

acres of pepper are thriving in the state. Likewise, 23,500 acres of land have been put under rubber plantations.

Over 507 acres of fish ponds and 926.33 acres of prawn breeding ponds contribute towards local food sufficiency plan of the state. And, 436 acres of paddy plus fish task is being carried out.

In Mon State, Mawlamyine Industrial Zone was set up with 2,221 private industries.

With regard to the education sector, 149 basic education schools have been installed with multimedia facilities. One college and one education college have been added to higher educa-

and 198 bridges that are 180 feet and above long have been built for better transportation in the state.

At present, one more Sittoung River Bridge is under construction near the present Sittoung Bridge. Among nine bridges that are 180 feet and above long, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) which is the largest and longest one in Myanmar has been put into service successfully.

Therefore, she said, all the local people thanked the Government for opening of that bridge.

(The presentation of USDA youths will continue to be published in the paper tomorrow.)

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa open repaved Bogyoke Road in Ward 4 of Dalla.—YANGON COMMAND

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
The Law Amending the Workmen's
Compensation Act, 1923
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No 4/ 2005)
The 4th Waxing Day of Kason 1367 ME
(11th May, 2005)

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section (1) of section 4, the expression "Kyats 3,024 and Kyats 10,080" contained in clause B (i) of sub-section (1) of section 4, the expression "twelve hundred Kyats" contained in clause B (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 4, the expression "one hundred Kyats" contained in the proviso of sub-section (1) of section 8 shall be substituted respectively by the expression "the amount of compensation prescribed by notification by the Ministry of Labour, with the approval of the Government."

4. The expression "subject to a maximum of thirty Kyats" contained in clause

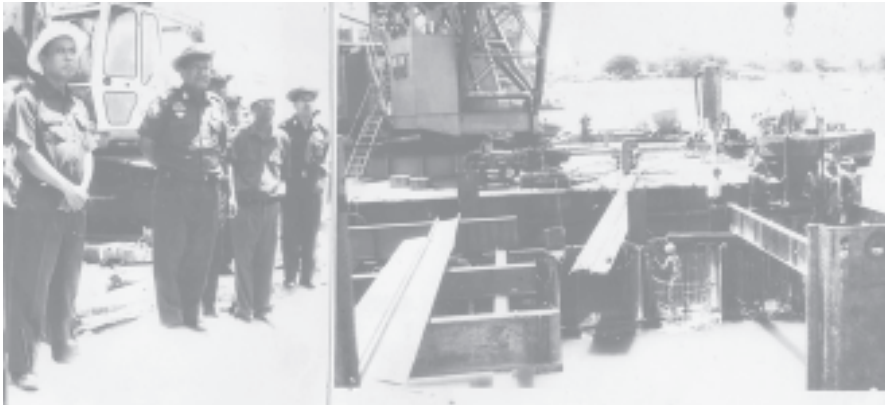
D (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 shall be deleted.

5. The expression "ten Kyats" contained in sub-section (2) of section 8, the expression "twenty five Kyats" contained in sub-section (4) of section 8, the expression "three hundred Kyats" contained in the first proviso of sub-section (1) of section 30 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 shall be substituted respectively by the expression "the amount of money prescribed by notification by the Ministry of Labour, with the approval of the Government".
6. The expression "shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred Kyats" contained in sub-section (1) of section 18 A of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 shall be substituted by the expression "shall be punishable with fine which may extend to Kyats 10,000".

(Sd) Than Shwe
 Senior General
 Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of pier at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) project site.— MNA

YANGON, 11 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence yesterday inspected the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project in Mandalay and visited the remains of the Naya Monastery Sayadaw.

Together with Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay City Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed the construction tasks from the Inwa Bridge. Officials reported on the construction of approach bridge and the main bridge, future programmes, and installation of steel beams in the facility.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the facility meeting the set standard, minimizing loss and wastage, and work site safety. Next, he inspected work progress of the project.

On arrival on Mandalay bank, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by Deputy Superintending Engineer in charge of the project U Htay Myint on work being done for the project. In response, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instruction on durability of the facility.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected construction of approach bridge on Mandalay bank and installation of truss between RP-1 and RP-2.

Sixty per cent of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is complete on both Sagaing and Mandalay banks.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Dekhinayama Phayagyi Kyaungtaik in Chanmyathazi Township and paid respects to the remains of the State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Nayakyaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Medhiyabhivamsa.

They paid obeisance to members of the Sangha led by Lepaw Kyaung Sayadaw and presented offerings.

They inspected construction site of 25-storey Zegyo Market and Condominium Project where Chairman of Mann Myanmar Construction group of Myanmar Mandalay Co Ltd U Than Win reported on the project. Over 55 per cent of the project is complete. —MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends cash donation ceremony in Mon State

YANGON, 11 May — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to donate cash towards station hospitals in Mon State held on 9 May and presented cash donation on the occasion.

First, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung reported on purpose of the donations.

During the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 3.5 million of cash donations to eye specialist Dr Myint Myint Oo for buying a microscope to be used in eyes specialist unit.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung

presented K 35 million of cash donations to the funds of hospitals in Mon State to medical superintendent Dr Kyaw Thu of Mawlamyine General Hospital.

Afterwards, the Commander presented K 1.5 million each of cash donations towards Supervisory Committee for Mon State Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Organization for Women's Affairs.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted those present. Today's cash donations amounted to K 41.5 million.

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U Than Tun accredited to Italy

YANGON, 12 May — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Than Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Italy. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Israel

YANGON, 12 May — On the occasion of the Independence Day of State of Israel, which falls on 12 May, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency, Mr Silvan Shalom, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel. — MNA

First South American-Arab summit opens

BRASILIA, 11 May — The first summit of South American and Arab nations opened here on Tuesday with trade and political cooperation topping the agenda.

"We are ready to work together to seek opportunities in the fields of investment and trade," said Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva while addressing the opening ceremony.

This will help South American and Arab nations secure a good position in the world economy, he added.

"The challenges for us is to create a new, balanced world economy without subsidies (of developed nations)," the Brazilian President said.

Lula da Silva also reviewed historical links between the two regions, saying that large numbers of Arab immigrants have enriched the culture of South America.

For his part, Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika called for close economic ties between the two regions.

Bouteflika spoke of the significance of peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict while expressing his support for the roadmap plan.

He reiterated his firm backing for an independent sovereign Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

On the Iraq issue, the Algerian President called for national unity in the war-torn country.

Nine South American presidents and six leaders of Arab states attended the summit, including Lula da Silva, Algerian President Bouteflika, Iraqi President Ala Talabani and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. The summit was proposed by Lula da Silva during his visit to the Middle East in December 2003.

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Sayadaw U Paññaçami.
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Sayadaw U Tejinda.
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Hkam Hpa and cohorts. (U Sai Htauk's speech is reported separately.)

Daw Nan Mi, U Sai Moe Kyaw Thu and Daw Nan Hsaing Hein of Mongnaung seconded the motions. (Speeches of Daw Nan Mi, U Sai Moe Kyaw Thu and Daw Nan Hsaing Hein are reported separately.)

Next, Hinhe village monastery Sayadaw U Pannacami and spiritualist U Salaysu of Matti village explained the acts of SSA insurgents groups led by Meinsin that organized the people by force and misled the people as if they

at the mass rally.

Sayadaw U Tejinda of Wanpan Village Thirimingala Monastery, U Zawana of Wanpan village, U Nandaw (a) U Lon Hein Taw of Naung-

were forced to do so; that they strongly condemned the announcement of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts.

Afterwards, U Sai Oo Hsaing of Brigade-7 of

Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts as their acts might lead to disintegration of the Union and harm sovereignty.

Later, after seeking the approval from those

Sao Hkam Hpa, son of the Mahadevi of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaïke, while taking refuge in a foreign country, declared the establishment of Shan Republic on 17 April in collusion with his cohorts. They lied to the nation that 48 townships in Shan State support them. They said as if the people of Mongnaung held a meeting to support them. The photos they displayed are not shot in Mongnaung. Mongnaung Township has not held any ceremony to support them.



Those attending the mass rally chanting slogans denouncing Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts.— MNA

sion of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts was opened.

Afterwards, U Sai Ohn Khaung delivered an open-

Next, U Sai Htauk of Ward-1 of Mongnaung tabled a motion condemning the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao

won the trust of locals by changing a religious ceremony to the one in which people supported them.

They unanimously support the motion tabled

yaसाing village and U Sai Twi of Tatmauk village explained that they took the stage at the ceremony held by the expatriates in Wanpan Village since they

SSA, on behalf of ten national race groups, who had returned to the legal fold in Shan State (South), opposed and denounced the announcement of renegade

present, the chairman of the rally approved the motion. The rally concluded at 9.40 am with the chanting of slogans.

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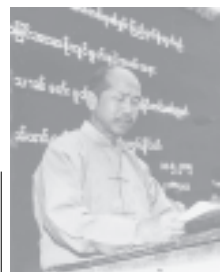
U Sai Twi of Tatmauk Village in Laikha Township.— MNA



U Lon Hein Taw of Naungyaसाing Village of Laikha Township.— MNA



U Sai Oo Hsaing of SSA Brigade 7.
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U Zawana of Wanpan Village of Lekha Township.— MNA



Spiritualist U Salaysu of Matti Village.
MNA



Daw Nan San Kar and Daw Nan Oun Kham act as MCs.— MNA

Some of former sawbwas tried to break up Union with federal policy in 1961-62

YANGON, 11 May — The following is a translation of the motion tabled by U Sai Htauk of Ward



U Sai Htauk of Ward 1 of Mongnaung.
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1, Mongnaung.

The entire people of Mongnaung are against and opposed the announcement made by Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts to secede Shan State from the Union. The colonialists had exploited the nation's riches for over 100 years. The people faced abject poverty under their rule. All the nationalities unitedly drove out the colonialists and regained independence. But the multi-colour insurgency had destroyed all the hopes for national progress. The people of Shan State were suffering from the selfish rule of the sawbwas who permitted gambling in the region to collect taxes. The Caretaker Government freed the people from the sufferings of the feudal rule in 1959. The government provided a large amount of compensation and pensions to the sawbwas to relinquish their power and end the out-of-date feudal rule. But the people had to live in fear as the sawbwas fueled the Shan insurgency in the region. The SSA was murdering

people, burning villages and extorting money from the people. Some of the former sawbwas tried to break up the Union with the federal policy in 1961-62. In the end, the sawbwas fled the nation and lived as expatriates in foreign countries. Sao Hkam Hpa, son of the Mahadevi of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaïke, while taking refuge in a foreign country, declared the establishment of Shan Republic on 17 April in collusion with his cohorts. They lied to the nation that 48 townships in Shan State supported them. They said as if the people of Mongnaung held a meeting to support them. The photos they displayed are not shot in Mongnaung. Mongnaung Township has not held any ceremony to support them. The people are expressing the truth at the ceremony. The people should warn them to end their wicked plan. The entire people of Mongnaung are against and opposed their announcement.—MNA

Since a long time ago renegade Sao Hkam Hpa has turned his back on motherland and stayed abroad in luxury, squandering the savings dishonestly earned by his parents when they were sawbwas

YANGON, 11 May—*The following is a translation of the speech delivered by meeting chairman U Sai Ohn Khaung of Ward 1 in Mongnaung, Mongnaung Township, Shan State (South).*

Local residents in Mongnaung are making endeavours in concert for the development of the region with tranquillity and peace. The entire region has seen unprecedented development alongside peace and stability thanks to the correct leadership of the government and the harmonious efforts of the locals.

Now, 17 national races armed groups along with small armed groups have returned to the legal fold. As a result, peace and stability has been restored well across the nation, and the entire nation has enjoyed all-round development with mushrooming infrastructural buildings. Nowadays, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, a descendant of Shan sawbwa, and cohorts announced the formation of Shan State provisional government and declared himself as president of the so-called Shan state provisional government.

However, all the 54 million people of more than 100 national races in the nation are protesting with one voice against the destructive acts of expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices. The local people of Mongnaung Township are flying into rage after they have learnt the racially narrow-minded acts, the acts to shatter the Union and the evil acts committed by Sao

Hkam Hpa and members. Indeed, since a long time ago renegade Sao Hkam Hpa has turned his back on the motherland and stayed abroad in luxury, squandering the savings dishonestly earned by his parents when they were sawbwas. It is natural that no sooner had the fugitives spent the money they brought from the mother country than they became the traitors appealing the alien colonialists for money to survive.

Now, according to the wishes of the colonialists, the fugitives are committing evil acts with the intention of causing disintegration of the Union, harming their own regions, nation and people. Last April, Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices in collaboration with the group led by the opium trafficker dacoit Ywet Sit, manufactured a story that 48 out of 56 townships in Shan State were in support of the so-called Shan State provisional government. He said that on behalf of the entire national people he would like to declare that everybody in any township or region in the nation does not support those who betray the motherland.

The intention that they groundlessly said the people from the 48 townships support them is just a deception in order that some foreign nations recognize and support so-called Shan State provisional government. He said he doubts the international community will recognize so-called Shan State provisional government made up of a handful of fugitives who have to stay abroad and to



Members of the panel of chairmen chant slogans at the rally. — MNA

receive cash assistance to survive.

The purpose of the meeting is just to show the attitude of the local people in Mongnaung Township to protest against and denounce the acts and aims of the evils. In conclusion, he said the local populace of Mongnaung Township are condemning with one voice the announcement of expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts to secede Shan State from the Union, and will safeguard and protect the nation against disintegration of the Union at risk to their lives.—MNA

The local people living in Mongnaung Township never secede from the Union

Those who also try to do will be warded off regarding as enemies



Daw Nan Mee.
MNA

YANGON, 11 May — *The following is a translation of speech delivered by Dan Nan Mee.*

Daw Nan Mee, No 1 Ward, Mongnaung Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South), seconded the motion denouncing the secession plan of renegade Sao Kham Hpa and cohorts. She said all national races have been residing in the Union of Myanmar thick and thin since time immemorial. They tried to regain independence by warding off invasion hand in hand. Myanmar people comprising all national races suffered internal insurgency due to

instigations of colonialists. Moreover they used to give extortion money to insurgents. If a child was born, it was adopted as a new insurgent just like every time a spotted deer is born, the tiger eats it up.

Peace and Development have been restored in the Union now. It has just been commensurate and grand like a garden blooming all kinds of colourful flowers. The State performed all-out efforts to raise social structure of entire people under a

peaceful lamp. The State spent K 65,000 million on border area project alone and so the border areas have developed rapidly.

At a time when all national races are enjoying fruitful results owing to development of the State, the destructive elements are disturbing the momentum of national development with various ways and means. The remaining insurgents relying on colonialists including SSA committed terrorist acts and expatriates are also conspiring to

break up the Union. For the time being, people with cheerful faces are covered with signs of anger because of the dishonest act that renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts announced the formation of Shan State provisional government.

The worse thing is that renegade Sao Kham Hpa misled the local people as if the people in Mongnaung Township supported the announcement.

The local people living in Mongnaung

Township would never secede from the Union. Those who also try to do will be warded off regarding them as enemies.

On behalf of Mongnaung people who dislike the dishonest acts of insurgents relying on colonialists, she seconded the motion on opposing and denouncing the announcement on formation of Shan State provisional government declared by renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts tabled by U Sai Htauk. — MNA

Local people from Mongnaung Township abhor destructive terrorist SSA and expatriates who killed the people, burnt down and robbed property and recruited new members for their army



U Sai Moe Kyaw Thu. — MNA

YANGON, 11 May — *The following is a translation of speech of U Sai*

Moe Kyaw Thu of Ward 3 of Mongnaung Township.

He said he would second the motion calling for opposing and condemning the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. Those who build the nation make endeavours for peace, development and perpetuation of the Union whereas destructive elements mar the country in order to break up the Union and to put the country into trouble. The

people always welcome positive attitude and are determined to annihilate the destructive elements.

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 and crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy— are firmly

stated in the four-point People's Desire. These are the attitudes of the people.

Those who mar the country and undermine the interest of the people are destructive elements. Attempts to undermine peace and development of the country are negative views. Those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, who are used as the weapons of imperialists are traitors.

All of us must be aware of the fact that former Shan sawbwa renegade Sao

Hkam Hpa and cohorts and SSA Ywet Sit are intentionally attempting to break up the Union and sow doubt among the national races.

Over 54 million people are upholding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. There is no one who supports traitor renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts that break up the Union and cause the lose of sovereignty.

Local people from Mongnaung Township abhor destructive terrorist SSA and expatriates who killed the people, burnt down and robbed property and recruited new members for their army.

Therefore, he seconded the motion calling for opposing and condemning the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts tabled by U Sai Htauk.

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All the people of the region had to suffer from the destructive acts of exiled insurgents



Daw Nan Hsaing Hein of Ward 1 of Mongnaung. — MNA

YANGON. 11 May — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Daw Nan Hsaing Hein of Ward 1, Mongnaung.

Daw Nan Hsaing Hein of Ward-1, Mongnaung, seconded the motion, condemning the announcement on the seces-

sion of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Hpa and his cohorts. She 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.

She 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 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 committing such subversive acts among the public? 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, Daw Nan Hsaing Hein said, all the national people of Mongnaung totally oppose and denounce the announcement on the se-

cession 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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Local people marching to the mass rally held in Mongnaung sports ground.

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MOC Chairman's Trophy Boxing Tournament, ISD U-18 Boxing Championships 24 May-3 June

YANGON, 11 May — The Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Trophy A Class Boxing Tournament and the 36th Inter-State/Division U-18 Junior C and B Classes Boxing Championships will be held at Aung San Gymnasium from 24 May to 3 June.

Checking age and weight of competitors and drawing the schedule will be carried out at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna on 24 May. Those wishing to participate in the tournaments are to contact Office of Myanmar Boxing Federation on 23 May. — MNA

UNIC(Yangon) issues announcement

YANGON, 11 May — Suicide bombers on blast in Kabul triggered a bomb blast at an Internet Café in Kabul at around 6 pm (9 pm Myanmar time) on 7 May 2005. Mr Tint Swe, a Senior Road Engineer at the Afghanistan Project Implementation Facility in Kandahar, was among three people killed in the suicide attack.

The following is the announcement related to the death of Mr Tint Swe issued by the Information Centre (Yangon) of the United Nations on 9 May 2005.

It is with profound sadness that the United Nations Office in Myanmar learnt of the tragic death of Mr Tint Swe, a UN staff member working on the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Mr Tint Swe was part of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) project to re-build the Kabul-Kandahar road in Afghanistan.

He was greatly appreciated and respected by all who worked with him and as a tribute to his dedication and commitment the Director for overall United Nations reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan will accompany Mr Tint Swe's body back to Yangon.

Mr Tint Swe's tragic death takes away from the United Nations and those who respected him, a distinguished international civil servant who has dedicated fifteen years of service to the United Nations, in various capacities, in many parts of the world.

Mr Tint Swe leaves his wife Daw Marlar Than and daughter Dr Thet Chaw Su. The United Nations is proud to acknowledge Mr Tint Swe as a colleague and extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr Tint Swe in their bereavement. — MNA

Seed sowing ceremony of Yangon Station held

YANGON, 11 May — The seed nursery ceremony of Yangon Station under Yangon Command was held at the local battalion in South Okkalapa Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Seeds of teak, ironwood tree and gumkino were put in the

nursery.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay planted star flower tree and Yetama (Cedrela febrifuga) to mark the seed sowing ceremony.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay viewed documentary photos in nurturing saplings and nurs in the entire nation.

Over 51,000 saplings were planted at the ceremony. — MNA

Entries for brilliant performance in environmental conservation invited

YANGON, 11 May — National Commission for Environmental Affairs plans to present awards to three organizations or persons for their brilliant performances in environment conservation in Myanmar.

The prizes will be presented to the winners at the ceremony to mark the World Environmental Day 2005.

Thus, organizations or persons are to fill their brilliant performances and accomplishments of environmental conservation in Myanmar in the applications, and to send them to Office of NCEA at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Thiri Mingala Yeiktha Street, here, not later than at 4.30 pm on 27 May.

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National Education Promotion Seminar 2005 (Mandalay) commences

YANGON, 11 May — National Education Promotion Seminar 2005 (Mandalay) commenced at Mandalay Education College yesterday attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Coun-

cil Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor of Mandalay Brig-

Gen Phone Zaw Han, officials and 187 education representatives.

The commander and the deputy minister made speeches.

The seminar continues up to 13 May.

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CNG Filling Station No 010 commissioned

YANGON, 11 May — Compressed Natural Gas Filling Station No 010 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy was commissioned on No 1 Highway in Pyinmabin Village of Mingaladon Township this morning. Director U

Myint Htay of MOGE briefed those present on salient points the filling station. Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw formally opened the station.

Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the sign-board of the station.

Afterwards, they visited the filling station and viewed filling of CNG to vehicles. — MNA

Advertisement in Burmese for a CNG filling station, mentioning '၂၀၀၅-ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ (၁၀)ရက်နေ့ထိ နိုင်ငံအဝန်းတွင် ကျေးရွာ ကိုယ်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက် (၁၆၈၀၄)တိုက် ဖွင့်လှစ်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။' and listing contact information for the National Commission for Environmental Affairs.

Discussion of pensioners — 9

Hein Myint

Brigade 11 of the Shan State National Army (SSNA) unconditionally exchanged arms for peace at a ceremony held in Se-U village, Hsenwi Township, Lashio District, northern Shan State, on 12 April 2005. We were pleased to see the 176 members of the brigade including brigade commander U Kan Na, deputy brigade commander U Einda, battalion 19 CO U Sai Phone, battalion 25 CO U Hkam Mon and battalion 27 CO U Pwan Wan handing over arms to Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence.

On 22 April 2005, the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held a press conference (3/2005) concerning the announcement declaring the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa and related groups unlawful as their acts could pose a grave danger to the Union of Myanmar and the entire national people. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained the matter in detail and answered the queries raised by journalists.

And when we the pensioners gathered at a place, we had the following conversation:

"According to the press conference, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification on 19 April 2005, declaring the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa, son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaike, its members and other related groups unlawful according to the Unlawful Associations Act, as the group led by Sao Hkam Hpa formed the provisional government of the independent Shan State from somewhere outside the country on 17 April 2005."

"Sao Hkam Hpa (a) Sao Hse is the president, Hkun Hsai Sit, the prime minister, Sao Hkun Hon (a) Sai Soe Nyunt, the foreign minister, Hkun Hsai (a) Hkun Htee, the Home Minister and Kyauk Khinhsai (a) Sao Khe Hse, the defence minister of the so-called provisional government."

"We have come to know that according to the announcement, the SURA, the SNLD and the Shan State Intellectuals Advisory Council were to form a Union which is in name only, with the aim of seceding from it and form a separate state. The announcement is part of their scheme."

"Their acts are creating a grave danger to the nation as they could undermine peace and stability of the State and national solidarity and break up the Union."

"The acts can be said a movement of the sawbwa descendants to grab power once again, and what is obvious in the scheme are the connections and collusion between the internal and external conspirators."

"According to some foreign radio stations, Sao Hkam Hpa and party demanded the withdrawal of Government troops from Shan State, and said that they would drive them out if their demand was not complied. When the interviewer asked a leading question, Sao Hkam Hpa and party said that they would attack the Government troops with the

SSA. They also said that Shan State is designated as a war zone."

"The act to push the nationalities of Shan State back into the flames of internal strife looks so ugly and loathsome."

"In my view, they are hatching the plot with the intention of causing misunderstanding between the SSA and SSNA, which are both in the legal fold, and the Government, and inciting more problems resulting in a civil commotion."

"Brigade 11 of the SSNA under the command of U Kan Na unconditionally exchanged arms for peace on 12 April 2005. Hence, Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are trying to create problems between the remaining armed groups and the Government."

"All the people and the peace groups, that have returned to the legal fold, should be aware of their divisive attempts. Because a single mistake could put the people into the inferno of war for a long time."

"The people of our nation had already faced a lot of sufferings in the internal armed conflicts in the past. Thanks to the armed groups that came back to

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the fold, both they themselves and the local people are now enjoying the fruits of peace and stability. It is a lesson for all of us."

"Daily killing of people in Iraq has reduced the country to poverty and made the people face abject conditions. We all should take lessons from Iraq."

"U Kan Na and his men are free from suspicions after realizing the objective conditions, and all the locals are happy because of their bold and correct decision."

"It is possible that the SSA referred by the group is the one that was changed from SURA led by drug bandit Ywet Sit. Because the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and party meant to dim the news about Sai Tun, an SURA member arrested by Thai authorities on drug charges."

"It may also be seen as an intensification of the lopsided pressure on the Myanmar Government concerning the case of ILO and the National Convention." "So there must be a mastermind behind Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts."

"Certainly. We can see it clearly if we study the matter in detail. The mastermind has raised the expatriates, and now uses the one who suits him. It is one of his usual strategies."

"The political parties and organizations and the entire people at the time were against and opposed to the sawbwas' scheme to secede Shan State from the Union under the federal principle around 1960."

"And now also, the entire nationalities, NGOs, peace groups and political parties are unanimously protesting and condemning the acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts to break up the nation."

"As the saying, which goes, 'The slave pleases his master to fill his own belly', Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts will be able to lead an easy life only if they follow the rules and orders of the master. They are real saboteurs."

"Do those saboteurs think themselves Myanmar anymore? They are out of their mind to assess the danger Myanmar will have to face because of their acts."

"The saboteurs had better realize the objective conditions and amend themselves."

"There exists the NCGUB of Sein Win, and now the Shan State provisional government of Sao Hkam Hpa. We can say that there are two so-called provisional governments in outside the country."

"So, it is like Sao Hkam Hpa slicing a part of the territory from Sein Win. Does Sein Win make any response?"

"In this case, Sein Win looks so much a good-natured and generous man. He doesn't seem angry with Sao Hkam Hpa for slicing a territory of his, and even supporting him because the so-called provisional governments they lead are just fantasies for both men."

"They seem to associate with each other for both saboteurs have the same goal and sharing territory in their world of dreams."

"In other words, they have sympathy for each other as both are disciples of the same master, and also the seasoned minions strictly following and adhering to their master's orders."

"They are top destructionists wicked enough to turn their back on the nation and the people, while giving priority to their own interest over the nation and the people."

"Together with the Government, the people will have to crush the destructive acts the saboteurs are committing under orders of their master."

"We are pleased and feel encouraged to hear the Tatmadaw Government saying, 'The Government will never let Our Three Main National Causes be threatened, but will safeguard it with the participation of the national people. It will never permit any state or division to secede from the Union.'"

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(Translation: TMT)

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China donates anti-malaria drugs to Tanzania

DARES SALAAM, 11 May — Over 2,500 malaria sufferers in Tanzania will get free drugs and mosquito nets donated on Tuesday by China, the world's leading anti-malaria drug producer.

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Yu Qingtai on Tuesday handed over 2,500 dosages of artemisinin malaria drugs and 100 mosquito nets, totally worth about 13,000 US dollars, to Anna Mkapa, chairperson of The Equal Opportunities for all Trust Fund and also the First Lady of Tanzania.

The First Lady rendered her thanks to the Chinese Government and the Beijing-based Holley-Cotec Pharm Ltd, who is the manufacturer as well

as the donator of the artemisinin drugs, saying that this beneficence would save many human lives in Tanzania, especially those children.

The artemisinin drugs, whose active ingredient extracted from the herb known as the southernwood and produced mainly in China, have been recognized by the World Health Organization as the safest and best existing treatment against malaria and have been available in Africa for more than ten years.

The Chinese ambassador said that the Chinese Government would share with Tanzania its anti-malaria expertise and continue giving financial sup-

port for the ongoing anti-malaria war in the east African country.

Gong Wu, director manager of Holley Pharm Tanzania Ltd, said that the company would try to cut costs to reduce the retail prices for the benefit of victims of the disease and continue providing dosages free of charge to people in need.

Tanzania, where an estimated 100,000 people die of malaria each year, is one of the world's least developed countries with most of its rural people living under one dollar a day. To those people, even a mosquito net or a dosage of drugs seems a luxury.

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Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

Qinghai-Tibet Plateau likely China's biggest water region

BEIJING, 10 May — The Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in southwest China, which is known as "roof of the world", holds quite possibly the country's biggest amount of fresh water, according to a recent finding by Chinese scientists. In the past it was the Jiangnan region, which refers to an area to the south of the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, that was known as the country's area with richest

lakes and rivers. On the plateau, the scientists said, 1,091 lakes are bigger than one square kilometre and their total area is 44,993.3 square kilometres, covering 49.5 per cent of the country's total lake areas, as a result of a decades-long study of the geography of the plateau. Water reserves in the lakes on the plateau are about 608 billion cubic metres, holding 70 percent

of the country's total lake water reserves, it said. "The lake group is also known the world's highest and largest one," said Zhu Liping, a researcher with the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Institute under the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Ten of China's 27 biggest lakes, each covering an area of more than 500 square kilometres, dot the plateau.

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Air-India launches flights to Toronto after eight years

NEW DELHI, 10 May — India's flag carrier Air-India on Monday said it will launch three flights a week from Delhi to Birmingham and Toronto via Amritsar starting 15 May, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported. The latest service marks commencement of services to Toronto after eight years, the airline said in a statement here. The flights will be operated on Wednesdays,

Fridays and Sundays. The Delhi-Amritsar-Birmingham-Toronto route will provide the people of Punjab "direct and convenient services to Birmingham, the heartland of industrial and economic activity in Britain, and to Toronto, the financial capital of Canada", the airline said. Between January 1982 and October 1984, Air-India had operated flights on the Mumbai-

Delhi-Amritsar-Moscow-Birmingham route. The introduction of the Delhi-Amritsar-Birmingham-Toronto service will take the number of flights operated by Air-India to Britain from 18 to 21 a week. The national carrier also plans to add three more flights — on the Delhi-Dhaka-Kolkata-London sector from June 18 — to increase its flights to Britain to 24 a week.

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Eight die in Madhya Pradesh rail accident

NEW DELHI, 10 May — Eight people were killed on Monday evening when the bullock-cart in which they were travelling was hit by a train at an unmanned railway crossing in Madhya Pradesh, India, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported. The Okha-Gorakhpur Express hit the cart, killing four women, a man and three children, a railway official said. "The accident took place between Bioara and Rajgarh stations at around 7 p.m.," the official added.

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Group of ancient tombs unearthed in Hebei Province

SHIJIAZHUANG, 10 May — Archaeologists recently discovered an ancient group of tombs of considerable size, containing three tombs from the Han Dynasty (206 BC — 220 AD) and four from the Tang Dynasty (618-907), in Xuanhua County of north China's Hebei Province. Archaeologists said the group of tombs were found at a construction site. Several tombs lost their top parts, which were apparently taken by grave looters. One tomb from the Han Dynasty is of 98.7 square metres, and owns

Two US Marines killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 May — Two US Marines and 23 insurgents were killed after a five-hour gun battle in Afghanistan's eastern province of Laghman on Sunday, US military said on Monday. Marines, conducting support and stability operations in the area, received reports of insurgent activity near their location on Sunday. As the Marines manoeuvred toward the guerillas to investigate approximately 25 individuals attacked them, the military said.

The Marines came under attack from small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. As the fighting continued the guerillas split into two groups, one of which fled to a village and the other to a cave on a nearby ridgeline.

US Air Force A-10 aircraft engaged the guerillas in the cave and a squad of Marines went afterwards to assess the situation. The two Marines were killed while clearing the cave area.

Sunday's deaths made the number of American troops killed in and around Afghanistan to 143 since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001, according to US Defence Department statistics.

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Kuwait mulls privatization of oil companies

KUWAIT CITY, 10 May — Kuwait is mulling the privatization of its oil companies, Arab Times reported Sunday.

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) board of directors is discussing the privatization of Kuwait Oil Tankers Company, Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company and Petrochemical Industries Company, sources within the oil sector were quoted as saying.

Major issues under discussion included capital percentage to be offered to the private sector and employee settlement after these companies are privatized, the sources said. KPC also suggested new com-

panies be set up in association with the private sector, instead of offering part of the shares of the existing companies to it, the sources said. Kuwaiti Energy Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahd Al-Sabah stressed the importance of the private sector's participation in the oil sector, saying "our experience has shown the private sector will be successful in this field".

Kuwait has the world's fourth largest proven oil reserves with 99 billion barrels, after Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese IT giant to locate regional hub in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 10 May—Lenovo, China's world-eminent IT supplier is to promote its business in Southeast and South Asia and hence to the world from a soon-to-open regional headquarters in Singapore, according to Channel NewsAsia report on Monday.

Lenovo Singapore will also serve the group for international sales support operations, personal computing products supply chain control, global treasury, as well as sales and distribution.

Lenovo grounds its decision on the island

state's superior logistics infrastructure, reliable global monetary systems, convergence of professionals and its central location in Southeast Asia.

Singapore's Economic Development Board welcomed Lenovo's decision as echo

to the country's aspiration to establish itself as a Global Entrepolis.

Through its recent acquisition of personal computing business of International Business Machine, Lenovo is forging a strategic partnership with Big Blue. —MNA/Xinhua

Ordinary investors prefer T-bonds in China

BEIJING, 10 May — Treasury bonds, with modest but stable revenues, have become the best choice for many ordinary investors in China, the Economic Daily reported Monday.

During the recent May Day holiday, when the country issued its third-term treasury bonds for 2005, the paper said, long queues could be seen in front of most T-bonds sales centres in Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Shenyang and other metropolises.

This is not the first time for Chinese citizens to rush for T-bonds this year. On March 1, locals in Beijing queued in a snowy morning to buy T-bonds, which sold out in only ten minutes, the Economic Daily said.

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Thailand's image to be promoted during Miss Universe contest

BANGKOK, 10 May — Thailand's image as a top-class tourism destination will be broadcast around the world in a short documentary during this year's Miss Universe contest, Deputy Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Suraphon Svetasreni has revealed.

Scheduled for May 13-31 at the Impact Convention Centre in Muang Thong Thani of Nonthaburi Province on the outskirts of Bangkok, the Miss Universe contest will involve contestants from around the globe, and will be watched on millions of television screens.

Suraphon was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying Tuesday that the TAT had liaised with the US-based organizers of the contest to gain a 9-12 minute publicity shot during the event, with a documentary featuring locations including Bangkok, Ayutthaya, Sukhothai, Chiang Mai, Phuket and Krabi.

The film will show major tourism attractions, restaurants and spas.

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During an emergency escape drill, part of the Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, STS-114 crewmembers Soichi Noguchi of Japan (L) and Stephen Robinson climb aboard a slidewire basket on the launch pad in Cape Canaveral, Florida recently.—INTERNET

Hong Kong targets 27.14 million visitors for 2006

BANGKOK, 10 May — Hong Kong has targeted to attract a record-high number of 27.14 million visitors in 2006 with global tourism market's strong interest in Asia, Hong Kong Tourism Board Chairman Selina Chow said here on Monday.

"We expect that total visitor arrivals will reach 27.14 million," she told audience at a multi-media promotion of the city's tourism held in Bangkok.

"At the same time, the total tourism expenditure will exceed the 100 billion Hong Kong dollars mark to 114.7 billion Hong Kong dollars," she added.

The target of a new record of tourist arrival was set with the Hong Kong Government's strong campaign for the tourism sector.

"Over four billion US dollars of government funds have been used to develop tourist attractions that will help us realize our vision in becoming the premier tourist destination

in Asia," said Financial Secretary Henry Tang at the promotion.

He was on a trip to Southeast Asia, which was aimed at promoting locals to visit Hong Kong.

Major attractions of the campaign include the Hong Kong Disneyland to be open to visitors on September 12, 2005.

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Police Chiefs arrested in Argentina for drug smuggling

BUENOS AIRES, 10 May — The chief and deputy chief of the Salta Delegation of the Federal Police were arrested Monday, following the arrest of four police agents who were found carrying onboard a patrol car 100 kilos of cocaine, said police sources.

The arrest of police chief Carlos Diaz and deputy chief Guillermo

Osler was ordered by federal judge Abel Comejo, who is investigating the drug-carrying case of the four agents. The investigation started last Sunday when a police pick-up truck carrying the afore-mentioned individuals overturned on National Route 34 in Jujuy Province. Local police agents coming to help them found drug lying

on the road to their surprise.

The agents involved in the accident were arrested at once and were imprisoned after being interrogated. Court sources said that the investigation started because the agents could not justify the origin of the drug or tell where the drug was to be sent or on whose orders they were doing this.

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Continental Airlines to launch nonstop service to Beijing

NEW YORK, 10 May — Continental Airlines announced Monday that it would soon launch its new nonstop flight to Beijing from its New York hub at Newark airport.

Continental Airlines spokesman said that it would begin daily nonstop service from New York/Newark Liberty Airport to Beijing, China starting on June 15, 2005. The 13-hour flight would depart New York at noon, arriving in Beijing at 1:50 pm the next day. The return flight would leave Beijing at 3:50 pm, arriving in New York at 5:15 pm the next day. Continental was the only US carrier offering daily nonstop service from

New York to Beijing. Earlier, Continental launched a nonstop flight from New York to Hong Kong. It was in talks with US Department of Transportation to start a nonstop flight from New York to Shanghai starting in 2007. "The Beijing route holds exceptional long-term promise since it connects the world's fastest growing economy with the financial centre of the US," said Continental Chairman and CEO Larry Kellner.— MNA/Xinhua



Salesman Andy Tung (L) from Shinnichi Equipment, explains his companies water-saving toilet to Chinese buyers at the 1st World Toilet Expo in Shanghai, China, on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Henry back from injury to play Everton

LONDON, 11 May — Arsenal striker Thierry Henry is set to return from injury against Everton and stake a claim for an FA Cup final spot, manager Arsene Wenger said on Tuesday.



Arsenal's Thierry Henry, seen here in March 2005, may not start Wednesday's Premier League match at home to Everton at Highbury but is set to make his first appearance for five weeks after a groin injury.—INTERNET

Henry, once considered a doubt for the 21 May final after being out since 9 April with a groin problem, can possibly start in the game against Everton on Wednesday, said Wenger.

Wenger said: "Thierry can play and he could start. I'm very surprised but he will have to see how he reacts to playing and training regularly.

"Freddie Ljungberg is

not in the squad, but Sol Campbell will play in one of the next two league games."

Campbell has been fit to play for almost a month but he has been kept out of the side by young Swiss centre-back Philippe Senderos.

Wenger said: "Sol understands there is competition. He is very intelligent and ambitious."

Speaking ahead of Wednesday's game with Everton, Wenger praised the achievements of the Toffees in qualifying for next season's Champions League.

"For me what Everton have done is a miracle," said Wenger. "After the first game of the season, I thought they would go down and I felt sorry for them.

"But then they got on a run that has been incredible. I think David Moyes deserves a lot of credit with his staff, and the players as well. Every point they have earned has been through hard work.

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Corrales stops Castillo in WBC lightweight title bout

WASHINGTON, 10 May — American Diego Corrales rebounded from a pair of knockdowns in the final round to score a technical knockout over Jose Luis Castillo, winning the World Boxing Council lightweight title.

Corrales added the WBC belt to his World Boxing Organization title with the stunning win Saturday at the Mandalay Bay casino, Las Vegas.

In a classic slugfest from the beginning, referee Tony Weeks warned Mexico's Castillo for low blows twice in the ninth round.

Corrales won despite the knockdowns — both by left hooks — and difficulty seeing out of his left eye.

Weeks stopped the fight just over two minutes into the final round as Corrales swarmed Castillo on the ropes.

Castillo won the WBC lightweight belt for the first time in 2000 and successfully defended it three times before losing it Floyd Mayweather.—MNA/Xinhua

Cuban national soccer team goes to Argentina

HAVANA, 10 May — The Cuban national soccer team left for Argentina where it will prepare for the United States 2005 Gold Cup.

The team is composed of 20 players, of which 18 will be selected for the participation of Cuba in the most important tournament of the North, Central American and Caribbean Soccer Confederation (CONCACAF).

The Cuban Soccer Association informed that the team will play several friendly matches against Argentine clubs, which will be announced until after the arrival of the Caribbean team in Argentina.

Also, the Cuban players are to stay in Argentina until May 20 and then they will continue their preparation in a European tour that includes France, Holland and Norway, in late-May and early-June, and then they will play two matches against Mexican club Atlante.

MNA/Xinhua

Chelsea beat Manchester United to break two records

LONDON, 11 May — Champions Chelsea broke two Premiership records on Wednesday when they came from behind to beat Manchester United.

Ruud Van Nistelrooy's superb finish from close-range gave United an early lead in the eighth minute, though thereafter the home side struggled to break down Chelsea.

Tiago produced a wonderful equalizer in the 17th minute, surprising Roy Carroll with an arcing shot, while his pass set up Eidur Gudjohnsen, who dinked in the second in the 61 minute.

Joe Cole added to United's misery, converting a Frank Lampard cross eight minutes from the end.

The win put Chelsea on 94 points with one match to go of their 38-game season, surpassing Manchester United's record total of 92 in 1993/4, which was a 42-game campaign.

The victory also meant the Blues have broken the Old Trafford club's record of 28 wins in a 38-game

Premiership season.

Chelsea's defence is also on course to concede the fewest number of goals in a season, with Van Nistelrooy's goal the 14th they have conceded

in the league.

Arsenal hold the record in the Premiership era, having conceded 17 in the 1998-99 season, although the all-time mark was set by Liverpool, who let in

just 16 in 1978-79.

Both those records will be smashed if Chelsea can concede one or fewer goals at Newcastle on Sunday.

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Chelsea players including captain Frank Lampard, centre left, applaud their fans after beating Manchester United 3-1 in an English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Sharapova wins Rome Masters tennis

ROME, 11 May — Top seed Maria Sharapova began her bid to claim the world number one spot with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain at the Rome Masters women's tennis here on Tuesday.

However, her victory came on a day when her compatriots fifth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova bowed out 6-2, 6-4 to Argentina's Paola Suarez and number 11 Elena Likhovtseva lost 6-1, 6-3 to Israel's Anna Smashnova.

Sharapova will replace American Lindsay Davenport at the top of the rankings if she wins in the Italian capital this week.

A Wimbledon champion, Sharapova often struggled to reproduce her best form on clay where she only reached two quarter-finals in her previous six tournaments.

Against slow-court specialist Medina Garrigues, the Russian said that "overall I don't think I played great tennis. I'm just happy to have won it."

Both players twice traded early breaks of serve before Garrigues mis-hit a forehand to give Sharapova the break she needed to take the first set.

Sharapova then grabbed a decisive lead in the second set when she whipped a forehand crosscourt winner to break in the sixth game.

Reigning US Open champion Kuznetsova never found her rhythm as she fell to doubles specialist Suarez in the second round who played solidly from the baseline and took advantage of a string of unforced errors by the Russian.—MNA/Xinhua



Russia's top seed Maria Sharapova serves against Spain's Anabel Medina Garrigues in Rome's Italian WTA Masters second round. Sharapova won 6-4, 6-2.—INTERNET

Ferguson looks to professional FA Cup final

LONDON, 11 May — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson expressed his hope on Tuesday that Arsenal would play in the FA Cup final as professionally as Chelsea, after suffering a 3-1 defeat to the champions at Old Trafford.

Magnanimous in defeat, Ferguson took positives from United's performance despite Chelsea's dominance in the second half, but expressed his hope that Arsenal would play in a similar spirit to Jose Mourinho's men in the FA Cup final in 11 days time.

"What you saw tonight (Tuesday) was two teams of professionals, playing good football," said Ferguson.

"I hope we see that at the weekend.

"It's the last chance for both clubs to win a trophy so it is likely to be intense and I don't think any quarter will be taken or given."

Ferguson believes that Chelsea were good value for their win: "It's always disappointing to lose but I thought Chelsea deserved it.

"Until their second goal I thought it was great game of football. The tempo and speed of play was top class, but their second goal put us on the back foot."

Ferguson was asked if he was disappointed with a muted and slightly hostile reaction to his team's lap of honour at the end of the game — a traditional event in the final home match of the season.

"I think supporters these days are like that," said the Scot.—MNA/Xinhua

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- ၁။ ကိုယ်အလေးချိန် ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ရန် ထိန်းသိမ်း၍ အဝမလွန်အောင် နေထိုင် စားသောက်ပါ။
- ၂။ ပုံမှန်ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။ နေ့စဉ် နာရီဝက်၊ တစ်နာရီခန့် ခပ်သွက်သွက် လမ်းလျှောက်ခြင်းကဲ့သို့သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ၃။ ဟင်းသီးဟင်းရွက်၊ အသီးအနှံ များစားသုံးပါ။
- ၄။ စိတ်ဖိစီးမှုနည်းပါးအောင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- ၅။ အငန်ဓာတ်ပါသော ငါးပိ၊ ငါးခြောက်၊ ဟင်းချိုမှုန့် စသည့် အစားအစာများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၆။ အဆီကို လွန်ကဲစွာ စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၇။ အရက်ကို အလွန်အကျွံ သောက်သုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၈။ ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၉။ သွေးတိုးရောဂါရှိပါက သွေးပေါင်မှန်မှန်ချိနှိုက် စနစ်တကျ ဆေးကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။

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Iranian women to put up resistance if US launches attack

PUTRAJAYA (MALAYSIA), 11 May — Iranian women would fight alongside their countrymen should the United States attack them over the alleged nuclear weapon issue, an adviser to the Iranian President said Tuesday.

Iranian women would definitely put up resistance to such attack, just like they did during the Iraq-Iran War, Zahra Shojaei, an adviser on women affairs to the Iranian President, was quoted by *Malaysia National News Agency* as saying.

Shojaei said history showed that Iranian women were at the war front as well as assisting from behind during the nine-year Iraq-Iran War which ended in 1988. She is leading her country's delegation to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women here which ends Tuesday.

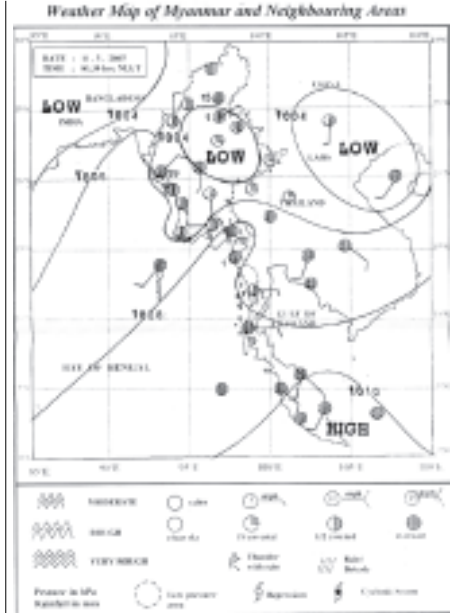
"However, I believe the United States is wise enough not to attack Iran as the experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan are enough for them," she said. Shojaei said that during the Iraq-Iran War, some Iranian women even wrote poems to

boost the morale of their soldiers in defending their country.

Female doctors and surgeons also helped in the war while some women were captured by the Iraqi soldiers and died as martyrs, she said.

The United States has labelled Iran as part of the axis of evil and alleged that the country is developing nuclear weapons through its uranium enrichment programmes although Iran has denied the allegation, stating that its nuclear programmes are meant for peaceful use including for power generation.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 11 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Shan State, Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Thaton (1.65) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions. (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State, Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions. (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa (44°C), Magway (43°C) and Minbu (42°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-5-2005 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 11-5-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-5-2005 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 10-5-2005 was (6.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 11-5-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, 0.15 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.27 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 2.25 inches at Yangon Airport, 2.87 inches at Kaba-Aye and 1.54 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from West at (15:10) hours MST on 10-5-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-5-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-5-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-5-2005: Partly cloudy.

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Elders son of U Min Swe-Daw Tint Tint of Room 7, 42-D Pantra Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, beloved husband of Daw Marlar Than and beloved father of Dr. Thet Chaw Su (IM-1), son in law of (U Than Yee-Daw Kyi Kyi), elder nephew of (U Tin)-Daw Win Kyi, (U Kyaw Nyunt)-Daw Hla May, U Hla Myaing (Chairman-Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association)-Daw Myint Myint, Dr. U Maung Maung Lay-Dr. Daw Su Su, U Tun Aye-Daw Nu Nu, (U Tin Oo Kyaing)-Daw Yin Yin May, U Thein Han-Daw Aye Myint, Dr. U Mya Aung (Eye)-Dr. Daw Khin Aye Thi (Radiologist), passed away while on duty at 6:00 pm local time on 7 May 2005 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Funeral will be held at Yayway Cemetery at (4:00) pm on Friday, 13 May, 2005.

Bereaved family



Thursday, 12 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -First love
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Hey you
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -If I only had the heart
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Kissy Kissy
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music: -One and ever love
- Here in my heart
- Beautiful
- Without your love
- The closest thing to heaven
- You are the one
- 9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar: -Banana cake
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Talks: World Hypertension Day
- 9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers: -Smile
- Bring it all back
- Free up your mind
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, 12 May View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am 6. Dance variety
- 8:10 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. ခုံလိပြတ်ထွန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm 4. အစားသင့်တော့သလိုလည်းကောင်း ချစ်ခြင်းသဖြင့် သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု (သတ္တဗေဒ))
- 5:00 pm 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာကား
- 5:30 pm 7. "အလျှောက်အစား" (စေတီ၊ ရွှေဘိုသွန်း၊ စင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်စောလင်း)
- 5:45 pm 8. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm 9. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းပြိုင်

- 6:15 pm 10. မူတနီသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 6:30 pm 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းခွဲ "ရစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
- 7:35 pm 14. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm 15. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာခြင်းလုံးအားတစား
- 7:55 pm 16. "ထလော့မြန်မာ"
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "အလှေ့" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ကျော်သူ၊ မင်းဇော်ကွန်း၊ ဖိုးမြတ်သူစာ၊ ဝန်းဖြူ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်သူ)
- 21. 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

All 54 million people of more than 100 national...

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...races leaders of Wa group from Shan State (North) Special Region -2, members of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Women's Affairs Organization, Township War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people from Kehsi, Mongshu and Kunhein Townships in Loilem district, four wards and village-tracts of Mongnaung totalling 57,500.

Before the ceremony the people took their designated places chanting slogans.

U Sai Ohn Khaung of Ward-1 in Mongnaung presided over the rally together with U Sai Ohn Kaw of Ward-1 and U Sai Hla Kyaw of Ward-2.

Daw Nan San Kar and Daw Nan Oun Kham acted as master of ceremonies and co-MC.

First, those present at the rally saluted the State flag. Next, the master of ceremonies announced that with the permission of the chairman, the mass rally to (See page 8)



The mass rally in progress at Mongnaung BEHS in Mongnaung Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South). — MNA

Members of Bago Division (West) USDA have been implementing development tasks in rural areas
Every region in Magway Division is peaceful and has developed
Mandalay Division USDA opens cultural and moral character courses to new generation youth

All the local people thank the Government for opening of Mawlamyine bridge



Maung Yan Naing Oo. — MNA



Maung Phyo Maung Maung Kyaw. MNA

YANGON, 11 May — Youths from state/division USDAs reported on development in their respective regions at the Youth Seminar of USDA at Aungmyingalar Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May.

Maung Phyo Maung Maung Kyaw of Bago Division (West) USDA reported on development of Bago Division. He said that in livestock breeding and fisheries sector, over 4 million farm animals are bred now. The number of fish ponds has increased

and there are 2,687 acres of paddy-plus-fish farming and over 183.50 acres of prawn breeding farm.

In the health sector, two 200-bed and two 100-bed hospitals, seventeen 25-bed hospitals, four 16-bed hospitals and 52 station hospitals have been

opened. There are 2,545 health staff including 399 doctors. Two nurses training schools have been set up in the division.

There are 578-post-primary schools, 119 middle schools and 132 high schools and two universities. One Technological

University has been established in Pyay and technological college and computer college have been established each in Pyay and Toungoo.

As regards the communication sector, there are 123 post offices and 41 telegraph offices, and

70 fax machines and eight computer telegraphs. A total of 72 telephone exchanges and six microwave stations have been established. Moreover, 32 telephone exchanges were set up in rural areas in the division.

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Ma Aye Pwint Phyu. — MNA



Ma Theingi Aung. — MNA