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**However powerful the forces instigating a handful of terrorists from behind are, constructive strength of the people will win over destructive groups**

**Kayan Sluice Gate put into commission**

YANGON, 12 May— The inauguration of Kayan Sluice Gate constructed by Construction (6) of the Irrigation Department of the Ministry for Agriculture and Irrigation took place at the facility near old Chaungwa village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, this morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for A & I Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minis-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo with local people at the opening ceremony of Kayan Sluice Gate.— MNA

ter for Transport U Pe Than, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun, senior military officers, officials, local authorities, members of social organi-

zations and local people totalling more than 5,000. The Secretary-1 in his speech said that the facility is part of the project for all-year-round greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon, the capital, initiated by Head of

State Senior General Than Shwe. In the process, the government has implemented dam projects in the regions in the north of Yangon where water is scarce, and sluice gate (See page 8)

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*Control of other risk factors that interact with blood pressure is also important. Smoking, high cholesterol and diabetes accelerate the damage by high blood pressure on the heart and blood vessels. Therefore, it is important to manage and control all of these factors.*

(Page 11) **PROF DR DAW KHIN MAY SANN**



Newly opened Kayan Sluice Gate built on Kayan Creek in Thanlyin Township.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Boost production through systematic use of water resources

As the Union of Myanmar is endowed with favourable conditions for agriculture, it is necessary for us to try systematically to boost the agricultural production. The government is striving for the development of the agriculture sector in accordance with one of the four economic objectives — development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

In the regions where there is a vast area of arable land, measures are being taken to supply water sufficiently for agricultural purpose through various ways and means. Moreover, the government is rendering assistance by providing farmers with quality strains and modern cultivation methods. Such regions as Mandalay and Magway Divisions have vast stretches of virgin and vacant land but they are in the dry and arid zone. In the past, the farmers in those regions had to rely on rain for cultivation of crops. However hard they worked, harvest was sometimes bad should there be little rain.

Nowadays, the government is building clusters of dams and river water pumping stations all over the nation, especially in the dry and arid regions. Efforts are being made to complete the Ngathayauk Dam in time, which is situated in NyaungU District, Mandalay Division. Now, the main dam, the conduit and the control tower have been completed. The dam is 7,550 feet long and 64 feet high and will be capable of storing 7,000 acre feet of water. It will be able to irrigate 2,000 acres of farmland and supply drinking water to the villages nearby. In NyaungU Township, paddy, beans and pulses, sesame and long-staple cotton are being grown with the use of the Lawkanandar river water pumping station which pumps water from the Ayeyawady River.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has prepared 4,500 acres of land in order that they will be suitable for growing paddy. Moreover, steps are being taken to irrigate another 10,000 acres of paddy land. It is only necessary for local farmers to put their energies into their work to boost production.

The government is fulfilling all their requirements for the development of the agriculture sector, the main pillar of the national economy. Therefore, we would like to call on farmers and regional authorities to try to boost production by making systematic use of water resources.

### MRTV Director-General arrives back

YANGON, 12 May — After attending the Asia Media Summit 2005 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 9 to 11 May, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television arrived back here by air this afternoon.

He was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and officials of MRTV. — MNA

### All this needs to be known

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

## People's Desire

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

### Lt-Gen Maung Bo oversees Crumb Rubber Factory, Kataik Dam Project, Sittoung Paper Mill



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction site of Kataik Dam Project in Paung Township.— MNA

YANGON, 12 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Myo Hla and officials, inspected production process at Crumb Rubber Factory of Ever Flow River Manufacturing Co Ltd in Mawlamyine Industrial Zone on 9 May morning.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on salient points of the factory by officials. Crumb Rubber Factory manufactures automobile parts, rubber parts for rice mills and import-substitute products and sends its products to local and international markets.

On arrival at Kataik Dam Project site in Kataik Village of Paung Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard

reports by officials on facts about the project, use of heavy machinery and construction tasks. After fulfilling requirements, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions. Next, they viewed progress of the project.

Kataik Dam is of earth dam situated two miles from Kataik Village. The dam will prevent floods of Yinnyeik Creek and irrigate 10,000 acres of farmland.

At No 1 Paper Mill in Sittoung, they oversaw machine parts and products manufactured at the mill. Mill Manager Major Paik Htwe and Assistant Director U Tint Lwin of Irrigation Department submitted reports on matters related to the mill and its progress and arrangements for building Tarnaw Dam.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed round the compound of the mill and production of paper and exercise books. They arrived back here in the evening. — MNA

### International Nurses Day 2005 observed



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses ceremony to mark International Nurses Day.— HEALTH

YANGON, 12 May — The Myanmar Nurses Association (Central) held a ceremony to mark the International Nurses Day 2005 at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general, deputy directors-general, rectors, directors, medical superintendents and nursing officers of the Ministry of Health, representatives under the UN agencies, chairmen of social organizations, chairmen and representatives of NGOs, Chairperson Daw E Barbaro of MNA (Central) and CEC members and nurses.

In his address, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that the International Nurses Day is a noble day for nurses, midwives and health staff. The government is making efforts for fitness of the entire nation, and nurses play an important role in providing the health care for the people.

In implementing the health aims of nurses, health staff and midwives are the fundamental and vital force, the minister added. In accord with the motto, "Nurses for Patient Safety", nurses are the ones having direct contact with the people and performing the rehabilitation facilities. Only if nurses, health staff and midwives at rural health care units discharge their duties conscientiously will progress of health standard of rural people be achieved. In conclusion, he urged them to serve the interest of the people with full of sympathies.

Next, the Chairperson of MNA (Central) made a speech and presented the certificates of honour to Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon Accordion U Ohn Kyaw and Dr Daw Beauty Kyi and party. Afterwards, those present took part in the discussions and the meeting ended with the conclusion remarks by the meeting chairman.

MNA



# NAM declaration urges inclusion of women's interests in policies

**PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 11 May — The Putrajaya Declaration, adopted at the end of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) ministerial meeting on women Tuesday, urges members to integrate women's interests and concerns into their national policies.**

The declaration was unveiled by Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil at the closing session of the two-day meeting here attended by delegates from some 80 member states.

On the Women, Poverty and Economic Development issue, the document sets out 20 areas of commitment and action.

They include integrating women's interests and concerns into national economic policies and reforms on the basis of equality with men, taking into consideration the effect of global economic trend.

In this respect, NAM commits itself to strengthen the role of the public sector in ensuring and providing comprehensive health services to women as well as education and social security services to enable their full integration into economic activities, the declaration says.

The Putrajaya Declaration notes that

there is little progress made in attaining positions of political power for women and they are largely under-represented in almost all sectors and at all levels of decision-making, including in the government.

Under "Women in Power and Decision Making" issue, NAM commits itself to formulate and adopt policies to increase participation and representation of women in all commissions, tribunals, local government bodies and statutory bodies, with the view to achieving equal representation of women, according to the document.

The members also commit themselves to adopt affirmative action policies to increase the proportion of women at the decision-making level, at least to a minimum 30 per cent in both public and private sector bodies, including the legislature, it adds.

MNA/Xinhua



Thai officials prepare for rice-planting during ploughing ceremony in Bangkok on 11 May, 2005.—INTERNET

# Singapore to punish employers who fail to pay Filipino workers

**MANILA, 11 May — Filipino domestic workers in Singapore can now file criminal charges against their employers for non-payment of salaries under the city-state's new labour law, said Philippine diplomatic officials on Tuesday.**

A new Singapore law criminalizing non-payment of domestic workers' salaries has been passed that is aimed at protecting the rights of overseas Filipino workers and other foreign domestic workers, said a report from the Philippine Embassy in Singapore.

"The Singapore Ministry of Manpower has announced the passage of the new law for the protection of the rights domestic workers by making non-payment of the workers' salaries a criminal offense," said the report.

Philippine Ambassador to Singapore Belen Anota said that under the revised conditions of the Work Permit that took effect recently, employers who fail to pay the salaries of their domestic workers could be prosecuted.

If found guilty, they could be sentenced to a fine of up to 5,000 Singapore dollars (about 3,000 US dollars) or serve imprisonment up to six months or both.

Anota added that the new law further provides that employers are mandated to pay the domestic workers' salaries

within seven days of the salary period.

She said that the cases of employers withholding their domestic workers' wages have risen the past year and the passage of the new law is a welcome development for OFW's and other foreign domestic workers.

There are close to 125,000 Filipino workers in Singapore, most of whom are domestic workers.

The Filipino community leaders in Singapore have been apprised of the passage of the law.

MNA/Xinhua

# ASEAN countries want stronger electricity exchange

**HANOI, 11 May — Electricity officials from the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) gathered in Laos, discussing measures to beef up regional power exchange, according to sources from the country on Tuesday.**

During the 20th meeting of the forum of Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA) which concluded in Vientiane on Tuesday, delegates stressed the importance of boosting power exchange and trade between and among the 10 countries via high-voltage transmission networks.

They also called for the establishment of an interconnected high-voltage grid to facilitate the purpose and reduce costs for power plant developments.

During the two-day meeting, the delegates agreed that governments of ASEAN countries should create more favourable conditions for the stronger participation of private sector in the electricity industry in each nation as well as in the whole region, since the sector is rich in financial sources and grass-root managerial skills. ASEAN made the first big push for developing a regional electricity grid in 1981, when it established the HAPUA to study interconnection between ASEAN countries dates back to 1966 when Laos and Thailand exchanged electricity on a commercial basis, the sources said. This was followed by Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore inking bilateral agreements for power exchange in 1978. — MNA/Xinhua

# Vietnam to host world pharmaceutical exhibition

**HANOI, 11 May — An international medicine and pharmaceutical exhibition will be held here late this month, showing products of 120 enterprises, mainly from Europe and Asia.**

New drugs, herbal medicines, nutritious products, cosmetics and medical equipment from 55 local companies and nearly 70 foreign ones will be showcased at the Medi-Pharm Expo 2005 from May 17-20, the organizers said on Tuesday.

New features of the annual event include three separate exhibition sections for firms from China, Pakistan and India, and more seminars and field visits regarding pharmaceutical trade and production on offer, the organizers said, noting that out of 150 booths at the exhibition, China has registered to rent up to 40.

MNA/Xinhua

# 60 killed in suicide attacks across Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 11 May — Five suicide attacks in three cities in Iraq killed more than 60 people Wednesday. In the deadliest, a man with hidden explosives set them off in a line of people outside a police and army recruitment centre in northern Iraq, killing 30 and wounding 35, police said.**

In Tikrit, meanwhile, a suicide car bomb exploded in a small market near a police station, killing at least 27 people and wounding 75, police said.

Three car bombs also exploded in Baghdad, killing at least four, police said.

Police first thought the powerful blast in Hawija, a small town 150 miles north of Baghdad, was caused by a car bomb, but police Maj. Sarhad Qadir later said they later found it was an attacker waiting

in a line of about 150 recruits.

"I was standing near the centre and all of a sudden it turned into a scene of dead bodies and pools of blood," said police Sgt. Khalaf Abbas. "Windows were blown out in nearby houses, leaving the street covered by glass." He spoke in an interview from the chaotic scene over his cell phone.

Qadir said 30 people were killed and 35 were wounded, including about 15 who were in critical condition. Like many other such recruitment centers in Iraq, Hawija is located in a building surrounded by cement walls topped with barbed wire in an effort to prevent attacks by car bombs. Men often line up outside such centers early in the morning to apply for jobs at a time of high unemployment in Iraq.—Internet



Smoke billows and flames are seen at the site of a car bomb in central Baghdad on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

# Cambodia asks for more concrete projects for women

**PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 11 May** — The Putrajaya Declaration to be adopted at the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) ministerial meeting on women would provide more concrete actions to promote advancement of women, a Cambodian minister said on Tuesday.

“With the NAM countries’ diversity, different challenges and experiences, this Putrajaya Declaration will serve as a driving force to push all NAM countries forward to serve the interests and needs of women,” Cambodian Women’s Affairs Minister Dr Ing Kantha Phavi told reporters on the sidelines of the NAM Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women, which ends here late Tuesday.

The declaration, the blueprint for the advancement and empowerment of women in

the 114 NAM countries, would complement the Beijing Platform for Action and provide more concrete actions, she said.

Dr Ing said that NAM could raise its members’ problems and concerns with a strong voice at the United Nations and all international meetings.

On the meeting’s sub-theme, “Women and Health”, she said Cambodia had the highest rate of new HIV/AIDS cases in Southeast Asia, mainly due to husband-to-wife transmission, but the prevalence rate of HIV positive people and people living with AIDS had

dropped from 2.4 per cent of the population two years ago to 1.9 per cent now.

A foreign aid organization cited Cambodia last year as one of three countries which had been successful with its “100 per cent condoms” campaign as well as promoting abstinence and being faithful.

Although the campaign had been effective with risk groups such as the military, police and prostitutes, it had met with resistance from married couples, according to the organization.

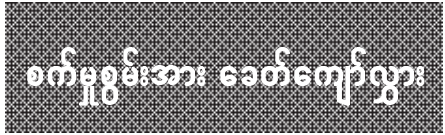
“We need to change the belief that using condoms

means you don’t trust your spouse,” she said.

She said the ministry had also met with resistance within the government when it tried to mainstream quotas for women, who make up less than 30 per cent of the public sector and only 2 per cent of the decision-makers.

“We were accused of being against the Constitution,” said Dr Ing, who is also deputy high commissioner of the Supreme Council for State Reform.

MNA/Xinhua



## China’s largest alkali plant to start production in June

**XINING, 11 May** — China’s largest alkali plant, the Qinghai Alkali Industry Co Ltd, will start production next month after the construction of its first product line is completed, a company spokesperson has said.

The product line is expected to produce 250,000 tons of alkali by the end of this year. The plant is located in Delingha, a city in northwestern Qinghai Province.

The annual production capacity of the plant is expected to reach 1.8 million tons after another product line starts operation in 2006, the spokesperson said.

The construction of the project, with an investment of three billion yuan (more than 360 million US dollars), started in August, 2003.

The plant has recruited more than 800 workers, and more than 400 of them have undergone vocational training in Tianjin and Tangshan, two cities in north China, home to the country’s leading alkali producers.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore adopts family-friendly work ethics

**PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 11 May** — Singapore has been adopting family-friendly work ethics which has immensely benefited the republic’s working women, a government minister said on Tuesday.

Among the schemes that have been implemented by the public service is the on-pay leave for married female civil servants for child care up to a maximum of four years for each child below four years old, Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, Singapore’s Community Development, Youth and Sports Minister said at the plenary session of the Non-Aligned Movement

(NAM) Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women here.

Yu-Foo, who is also head of the Singapore delegation to the meeting, said married civil servants are also given the option to be employed on part-time basis up to three years, regardless of the child’s age.

“It also allows teleworking where practical as an alternative working arrangement, particularly women with young children,” she said.

Yu-Foo said this has been achieved by the Work Life Unit by the government tasked to spearhead the

promotion of work-life friendly organizations through a three-pronged strategy of promoting awareness, building local capability and facilitating funding.

Yu-Foo said the unit is also working closely with the private sector to encourage family-friendly work practices be made available for their employees.

She said the unit was set up in 2000 when the government recognized that greater women involvement in the labour market had posed new and unique challenges, particularly in managing the balance between work and family. — MNA/Xinhua



Indian villagers pull rickshaws loaded with pineapples on their way to a market near Agartala, the capital of India’s northeastern state of Tripura on 11 May. Tripura is largest pineapples producing state in India. — INTERNET

## S Korea to invest \$730m for SME technological development

**SEOUL, 11 May** — The South Korean Government plans to invest 734.2 billion won (734.2 million US dollars) to help the technological development of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) this year, Yonhap news agency reported on Tuesday. The money will be appropriated from research and development (R&D) projects of nine ministries and six publicly-owned companies, including the ministries of Commerce, Science and National Defence, Yonhap quoted the Small and Medium Business Administration as saying.

The fund represents a 10.8-per-cent increase compared to the 662.4 billion won transferred to help smaller companies with their R&D efforts in 2003, the administration said in a report at a Cabinet meeting earlier in the day.

South Korea has made efforts in recent years to bolster the technological development of SMEs that are the leading providers of jobs in the country and can compliment sustained growth of larger conglomerates.

MNA/Xinhua

## Troop who refused Iraq deployment charged

**BAGHDAD, 11 May** — In the four months since he refused to return to Iraq, Sgt Kevin Benderman has been called a coward, denied conscientious objector status by the Army and charged with deserting his unit.

Now the Army mechanic faces up to seven years in a military prison if convicted at a court-martial set to begin Thursday. He also faces reduction in rank to private and a dishonourable discharge. Benderman skipped his unit’s deployment flight in January, just 10 days after giving his commanders notice that he was seeking a discharge as a conscientious objector.

Benderman, 40, had already served one tour in Iraq during the US-led invasion in 2003. The 3rd Infantry Division soldier says what he saw there — a young girl clutching a badly burned arm, dogs feeding on corpses in a mass grave and Iraqi civilians drinking from mud puddles — left him morally opposed to returning to war. The military defines a deserter as a soldier who flees military service with no intent to return or to “avoid hazardous duty or to shirk important service.”

Benderman insists he never deserted the Army. The weekend his unit deployed, he says, he stayed at home a few miles off

Fort Stewart. He said a supervising officer released him from duty the night of Jan 7 to think about his objector application. — Internet

Stock Exchange traders watch a computer screen just before the Kuwait Stock Exchange, the second largest stock market in the Arab world, closes the trading day in Kuwait, on 10 May, 2005. INTERNET





## Robots set to wow visitors at Japan's world expo 2005

NAGAKUTE (Japan), 11 May — Visitors to the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan, will catch a glimpse of the city of 2020 where people and robots will coexist thanks to an exhibition of 65 prototype robots scheduled for 9-19 June at the expo site.

Under the theme "A 2020 City: Living with Robots", the Prototype Robot Exhibition will be staged by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) as part of its "Project for the Practical Application of Next-Generation Robots," Tetsuya Yamamoto, manager of the Machinery Development Section of NEDO, told a Press conference here Tuesday.

Each of the robots to be exhibited is based on the concept that people and robots will coexist in the world of tomorrow, and that robots will become an integral part of

people's daily lives, said the official.

"The displays of prototype robots are designed to show Expo 2005 visitors how robots will interact in our daily life, how we will use them, and what role they will play in the future. By interacting with the robots on such a scale, visitors will be given a chance to glimpse life-styles of the future and be able to think more about their reality," said Yamamoto.

In addition, the exhibition of 65 prototype robots is positioned to showcase advances in the development of practical

next-generation robot technology that will be suited to a wide variety of applications by around the Year 2020.

For this reason, Expo 2005 represents not only a proving ground for the technology behind the robots as they move closer to commercial reality, but also a place to consider the scope of the relationship between people and robots from the standpoint of an individual, he added. With the goal of commercializing the prototype robots by 2020, the data collected at Expo 2005 will be used to develop new robot technology, said Yamamoto.

MNA/Xinhua

## NZ to accede ASEAN's Treaty of Amity and Cooperation

WELLINGTON, 11 May — New Zealand has decided in principle to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia, Prime Minister Helen Clark announced here on Monday.

Helen Clark made the announcement following talks with the Prime Minister of Vietnam, Phan Van Khai, who is in New Zealand as part of a five-day visit marking 30 years of diplomatic relations between New Zealand and Vietnam.

"The government will submit the text of the Treaty, with a National Interest Analysis, to Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Com-

mittee for Consideration," said Helen Clark.

The TAC was signed in 1976 by the five original ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) members — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — and at the time designed to strengthen ASEAN solidarity in Asia during the Cold War era.

Signatories now include all 10 members of ASEAN, as well as a

number of ASEAN Dialogue Partners including China, India, Japan, South Korea and Russia.

Helen Clark said accession to the Treaty would send a signal of New Zealand's commitment to closer engagement with ASEAN and with Asia more generally.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand warns of mutated dengue virus

BANGKOK, 11 May — Thailand on Monday issued a national alert against dengue fever, with virus mutation considered possible to deteriorate the epidemic.

The current dengue alert at hospitals was high enough, but private clinics were a concern, and had to be alerted because of the difficulties of diagnosing dengue in its early stages, said Kitti Prammatpol, head of the dengue fever control division.

Dengue fever became more virulent than last year, causing at least 10 deaths in the past five months, Kitti was quoted on Tuesday by newspaper *Nation* as saying. More than 6,000 cases of dengue fever were reported from January to the end of April. Ten of them resulted in death, six more than the same period last year.

After an urgent meeting held on Monday, the Public Health Ministry issued a nationwide dengue epidemic alert and set up a so-called war room to fight the epidemic. Experts are also worrying that possible mutation of dengue virus would make the disease more virulent and difficult to control.

Samples from the latest severe case had been sent for lab test and the results would come out in days, said disease control department head Thawat Suntharacharn.—MNA/Xinhua

## Former Bangladeshi diplomat comments on Asia-Africa Summit

DHAKA, 11 May — The recently concluded Asia-African Summit was the high water mark of Third World internationalism as most prominent leaders of Asia and Africa gathered in Bandung to rekindle the spirit of cooperation first imbibed 50 years ago, a former Bangladeshi diplomat said.

Syed Jamaluddin, former economic minister of Bangladesh mission to the United Nations in Geneva, said that at Bandung, the birth place of the Non-Aligned Movement, representatives of more than 80 African and Asian nations concluded their summit with promises for greater economic and political cooperation between the two continents.

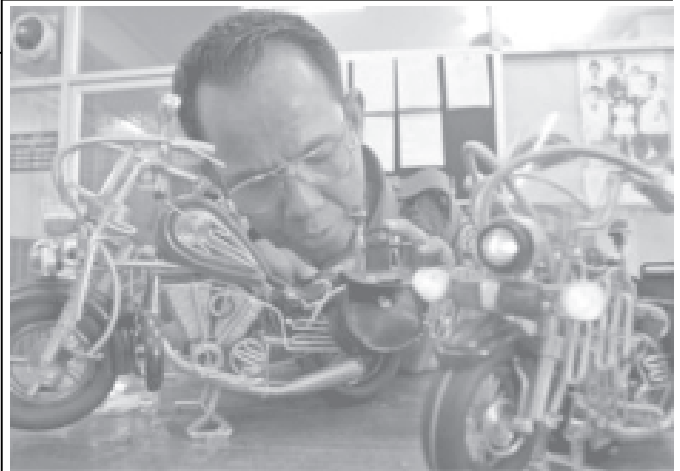
He said in a commentary published in *The Financial Express* on Tuesday that presidents, prime ministers and kings gathered at Bandung to commemorate the golden jubilee of the 1955 Asia and African conference and to reinvigorate the Bandung spirit by working together toward a New Asian-African Strategic Partnership (NAASP) that will promote peace, prosperity and progress in the two continents.

The NAASP would provide guidance and mechanism by which countries of Asia and Africa would strengthen cooperation between the two continents and translate ideas into realities, he said.

The former diplomat observed that the ceremonial activities of the golden jubilee of the 1955 Bandung Conference in the West Java capital were not in themselves substantive but the symbolic nature resonated a commitment to principles laid down half a century ago. "But this has resulted in new partnership for development," he added.

The rapid structural transformation in Asian countries and the adoption of reforms to revive Africa's economic prospects provide a propitious setting for renewed efforts to strengthen Afro-Asian cooperation, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



49 year-old Thai police officer Payu Pongpradit displays his hand-made wire motorcycle toy, which costs 1800 baht (US\$45), at a Police station in Bangkok, on 10 May, 2005.—INTERNET

## Airbus to create major engineering centre in China

BEIJING, 11 May — Aviation giant Airbus has said it will deliver a set of flight and navigation simulators for A320 passenger planes to China's leading civil aviation flight university in August.

Airbus said the move represents part of its effort to honour its agreement with the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) to improve its civil aviation safety standards.

According to a statement made available to *Xinhua* by Airbus China, the simulator to be delivered to the Civil Aviation Flight University of China is valued at "several million yuan" (hundreds of thousands of US dollars). With the simulator, the university will be capable of offering training courses for flying large passenger jets with more than 100 seats, according to Airbus.

Located in Guanghan City in southwest China's Sichuan Province, the university has produced at least 90 per cent of the country's civil aviation pilots, according to a spokesman for the school.

There are more than 100 A320 passenger planes in service in China, and more will be introduced to the country's airlines, Airbus said. Jean-Hugues Depigny, vice-president of customer services of Airbus China, said Airbus is committed to the development of China's aviation industry.—MNA/Xinhua



A pair of Jaguar cubs play in muddy water to beat the heat in its enclosure at New Delhi's zoo, on 11 May, 2005.—INTERNET

## Locals in Kengtung Township,...

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Departmental officials from Kengtung Township, Vice-Chairman U San Lu and members of Shan State (East) Special Region-4, U Armin and party of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, members of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Women's Affairs Organization, Township War Veterans Organization, Union Solidarity and Development Association, faculty members and students of Kengtung Degree College, Government Technological College and Government Computer College, students of basic education schools,

trainees of Kengtung Nurses Training School, social organizations in Kengtung, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people in Kengtung, Tachilek, Monghpyat and Monghsat Columns, entrepreneurs in Kengtung, shop owners, and locals such as Shan, Akha, Lahu, Loila, Lisu, Wa and Palaung national races totalling 10500 attended the ceremony.

Shan national U Sai Haung Hkam of Ward-2 in Kengtung presided over the rally together with Lahu national U Kyada of Ward-5, Kengtung and Akha national U Peter.

Shan nationals Daw Nan Hkam Tit and

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

After announcing the opening of the ceremony, those present at the rally saluted the State flag. Afterwards, U Sai Haung Hkam delivered an opening speech. (*U Sai Haung Hkam's speech is reported separately.*)

Next, Shan national U Sai Shan Hkam of Ward-2 of Kengtung tabled a motion condemning the announcement of secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts in Myanmar and Shan languages. (*U Sai Shan Hkam's speech is re-*



The panel of chairmen of the mass rally chanting slogans.—MNA

ported separately.)

Shan national Daw Nan Hkam Tit of Ward-5, Kengtung, Lahu national U Alfred of Lwemwe village, Kengtung and Akha national U Kyi Lin of Ward-3,

Kengtung seconded the motion in Myanmar, Shan, Lahu and Akha languages respectively. (*Speeches of Daw Nan Hkam Tit, U Alfred and U Kyi Lin are reported separately.*)

Later, after seeking the approval from those present, the chairman of the rally approved the motion. The rally concluded at 8.15 am with chanting of slogans.

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Those attending the mass rally chanting slogans. — MNA

## Should national solidarity...

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again. So, it is incumbent upon the entire national

people to safeguard and protect the Union against all types of dangers.

vented a story that they won the support of 48 townships in Shan State.

ported them. Every now and then, SURA insurgents commit destructive acts and brutal murders.

KNU, SSA, KNPP and expatriate Sein Win-led NCGUB in collusion detonated three time-bombs at three busy shopping areas in Yangon on 7 May 2005.

In fact, the internal destructive elements commit acts in harmony with clandestine plots and instigations of colonialists. Thus, the national brethren with awareness are to be united to overcome all types of destructive acts.

Due to such evil acts,

the Union can break up and fell servitude again, so tabled the motion that the entire local people do not accept and unanimously protest against the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts and inhumane acts of KNU, SSA, KNPP and NCGUB.—MNA



Locals marching to the mass rally. — MNA



Daw Nan Huam Tit and Daw Nan Haung Hkam.

MNA

Following the dictates of some big powers, certain internal and external elements have harmed the nation many times. On 17 April 2005, five fugitives including Sao Hkam Hpa announced the formation of Shan provisional government and independence of Shan State.

Baselessly, they in-

Local people of Kengtung assumed it to be a fable. They have betrayed the motherland and fled abroad and are dancing to the tune of their master. And Sao Hkam Hpa announced that he was the president of so-called Shan provisional government. They shot a video in SURA-dominant area where local people sup-

**In fact, the internal destructive elements commit acts in harmony with clandestine plots and instigations of colonialists. Thus, the national brethren with awareness are to be united to overcome all types of destructive acts.**



Those attending the mass rally to denounce the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts.— MNA



## Sao Hkam Hpa, cohorts declare parallel government but acting like bandits



Daw Nan Hkam Tit.  
MNA

YANGON, 12 May — *The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Daw Nan Hkam Tit of Ward 5, Kengtung.*

The Union is home to all the national races living in unity and harmony since yore. It is like a garden where various species of flowers are blossoming well. Every time the nation faces external intrusion, the nationalities ward it off with the united strength. The regaining of independence is the symbol and evidence of their united strength. If we look into the problem of secession of Shan State from the Union created by Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts, the

colonialist puppeteer from behind the scene and their life as the colonialists mercenaries can be seen clearly. Sao Hkam Hpa and group lied to the nation that 48 townships are supported them. In reality they are declaring a parallel government but acting like bandits. Thus, people of the townships including

Hsipaw, Laikha, Mongnaung townships have already condemned them. As their acts are directed at breaking up the Union, the Government declared their group unlawful. The existing political parties and peace groups have opposed and denounced them. They are saying the words that are

so bitter for the entire national people to hear. But the love for the nation and Union Spirit are strengthening in the hearts and minds of the people. Thus, the meeting announces that the entire people of Kengtung Township oppose and condemn Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts.

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## Local people of Shan State (East) opposes and denounces the announcement on secession plan of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts



U Alfred.—MNA

YANGON, 12 May — *The following is a translation of speech delivered by U Alfred.*

U Alfred, a Lahu national race, Lwemwe village, Kengtung Township, seconded the motion calling for opposing and condemning the announcement on secession plan of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts.

He said Shan State (East) lagged behind in development in the past and so did social standard because the region was not stable due to internal insurgency. If a region is not stable, measures will not be taken for uplift of education and health care services inside it. The British colonialists occupied our country for over one hundred year and our ancestors had to live under their subjugation. All the national races hand in hand drove the

colonialists out of the country and managed to regain the independence in 1948. Thanks to the efforts of the Government, national races have enjoyed fruitful results of development which were never experienced since regaining of independence. Before regaining the independence, consolidation of the national races broke into pieces and they fought against one another. The reason to do so was that the British colonialists practised divide-and-rule policy and drove in a wedge among the national races with a view to breaking up the

Union. Our country had not been prosperous as much as it should due to attack of racism among the national races. The local people had not been able to live peacefully because the remaining insurgents including SURA and SSA were always giving us trouble, and used to demand extortion money by the insurgents, and even if a child was born, it was adopted as a new insurgent. The SURA and SSA insurgents who are engaged in drug trafficking and make big profit from the business are threatening and destroying lives and properties of the local

people in border areas. For instance, the insurgents burnt down the villages and killed the innocent people and committed inhumane acts. They committed time bombs attack in downtown Yangon that killed a lot of innocent people and monks' lives and injured some. I would like to ask the insurgents "For whom are you committing these acts?". To hinder development momentum of the State is to annihilate it. Destructive elements are the persons who jeopardize the interests of the State and the people. They are stooges who disturb the develop-

ment of the State without holding positive views. The insurgents relying on the colonialists are traitors. Our local people do not support any destructive elements because we are upholding our three main causes— Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty. That is why he seconded the motion on opposing and denouncing the announcement on formation of Shan State provisional government declared by Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts tabled by U Sai Shan Kham. — MNA

## All the national people in Kengtung unanimously condemn and oppose announcement of the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts



U Kyi Lin.—MNA

YANGON, 12 May — *The following is a translation of speech of Akha national U Kyi Lin of Ward 3 in Kengtung.*

He said that the Tatmadaw Government took responsibilities of the State owing to reign of anarchism in the country in 1988. From that day onward, the Government has been making efforts for development of the entire nation including border areas in order to put on an end to internal insurgency. He added that not only development of economic, social, educa-

tion and religious affairs but also drug elimination tasks are being carried out as a national duty in the region. It can be seen that unprecedented development of the present situation of the State is much different from that in over 16 years ago.

Furthermore, 24 development zones have been designated in states and divisions for equitable development of respective regions. Nowadays, progress has been made equally in rural, urban and remote areas of the country.

He asserted that some western nations, which are envious of our nation's fruitful results of peace and development that has emerged in a short time, attempted to set a trap for our nation to fall into servitude. As the first step, they provided dollars and other assist-

ance to renegade Sao Hkam Hpa so as to utilize him in breaking up the Union. Despite realizing the act that can cause harmful to the disintegration of the nation, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa appointed himself as President of the Republic of

Shan State on 17 April. So, he disclosed his thought that the King of celestial beings has put Sao Hkam Hpa's wicked and cruel commitments on record.

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cede Shan State from the Union around 1960s, political parties, organizations and the entire national people existing at that time did not accept and opposed their commitments. Likewise, national people, social organizations, political parties and national race armed groups that had returned to the legal fold unanimously condemned and opposed conspiracies of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa for his announcement

on establishment of independent Shan State, formation of Shan State provisional government and creation of Shan State as a war zone.

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

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National people attending the mass rally to denounce and oppose the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presses the button to unveil the stone inscription of Kayan Sluice Gate. — MNA

**However powerful the forces...**

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 projects and Moeyungyi Lake project in the regions in the south of Yangon that are inundated in the rainy season and have scanty water in summer.

The agricultural sector, the major business of rural farmers, the majority of the nation's population, plays an indispensable role in regional food sufficiency and raising the national economic life.

conomic life and the economic and social life of the people.

In the drive, the government has constructed large, medium and small irrigation facilities everywhere necessary in the region.

The projects for water supply and prevention of entering sea water benefit not only low-lying areas such as Pyundazar plain and Bago plain in Bago Division but also adjacent regions in Yangon Divi-

and canals, and the construction of embankments along the waterways effectively prevents flooding against Pyundazar and Bago plains from being flooded.

In addition, the construction of floodgates such as Shankaing, Paingkyoun, Tarwa and Shwehlay along the Bago-Sittoung Canal prevent flooding against the nearby regions.

Thanks to the construction of a sluice gate on Kayan Creek in

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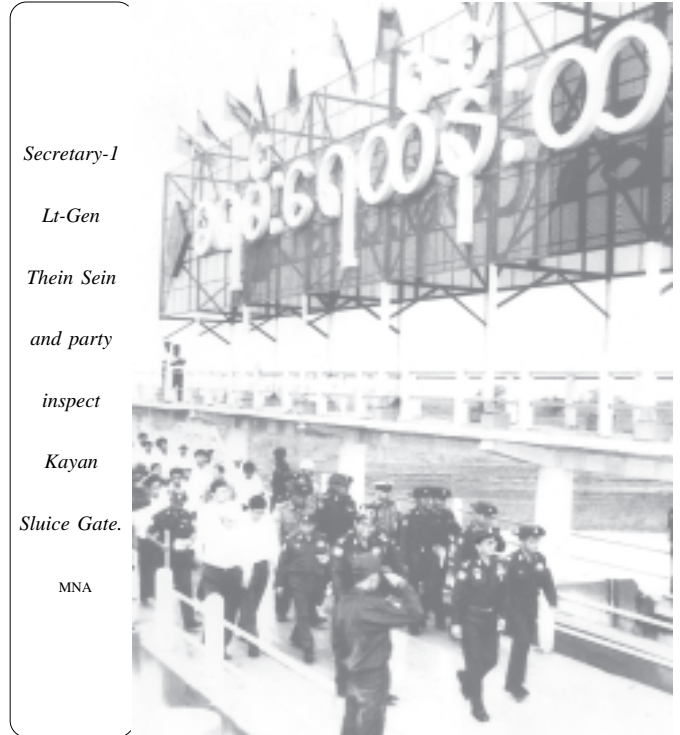
That is why the government has given the top priority to irrigation projects, aiming at making progress in the agricultural sector as a national objective for enhancing national eco-

sion such as Kayan, Thongwa and Thanlyin townships.

In Bago Division, the construction of dams on Ye Nwe, Baidah and Kawliya creeks, the dredging of silted creeks

Thanlyin Township, low-lying areas in Kayan, Thongwa and Thanlyin townships can be put under crops all-year round. The government is constructing infrastructures for regional devel-

for harmonious development of the nation and improving the people's



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspect Kayan Sluice Gate. — MNA



The gate of Kayan Sluice Gate for vessels. — MNA

- \* **The Kayan Sluice Gate will prevent inundation in Kayan, Thongwa and Thanlyin townships in Yangon Division during the rainy season.**
- \* **It will also provide water for irrigation and other purposes.**
- \* **Built on Kayan Creek, near old Chaungwa village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, it has 40 6-foot by 16-foot valves and is connected with a 4,000-foot feeder canal and 2,500-foot outlet canal.**





Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo open Kayan Sluice Gate.— MNA

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The people should be proud of the fact that the whole nation has been witnessing unprecedented developments



U Kyaw Min of Thanlyin Township.  
MNA

that even reach the far corners of the nation. Terrorist acts to ruin the nation's dignity and kill innocent people must be crushed with the four-point People's Desire. However powerful the forces that are instigating a handful of terrorists from behind the scene are, the constructive strength of the people will always win over the destructive group.

As the task of implementing the seven-point Road Map to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation is gradually gaining ground, the terrorist group is withering away to meet its end.

As their days are numbered, the terrorists

are committing more crimes hysterically, the entire nation will have to watch and crush their danger with national awareness.

In this regard, the people while taking part in the nation-building endeavours should ward off the terrorists and the acts to cause dissension in the nation with the four-point People's Desire.

With patriotism and Union Spirit as the core, the people will have to strive with unity in the task to develop the nation in all aspects, while understanding the Government's goodwill.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the stone plaque of the sluice gate.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo also

spoke on the occasion. They also formally opened the sluice gate. A local thanked the Government for building the facility.

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on Kayan Creek, near old Chaungwa village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, it has 406-foot by 16-foot valves and is connected with a 4,000-foot feeder canal and 2,500-foot outlet canal.

The Secretary-1 made arrangements to ensure water supply for the greening project in the region. The Secretary-1 and party arrived back here later in the morning. — MNA

### Kachin State WVO Preliminary Conference 2005 held

YANGON, 12 May — Kachin State War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005 was held at City hall in Myitkyina on 10 May morning. It was attended by Patron of Kachin State WVO, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, the deputy commander, Commander of Myitkyina Air Base Brig-Gen Zaw Htun, senior military officials and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered a speech on the occasion.

Next, the wellwishers donated cash for the organization.

At the conference, they made general round of discussions on the organization.

Afterwards, the conference successfully concluded.—MNA

### Billboard erected to hail Taninthayi Division WVO Preliminary Conference

YANGON, 12 May — A ceremony to erect billboard hailing Taninthayi Division War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005 was held in front of Paleyadana hall in Myeik Township on 10 May morning. It was attended by Patron of Supervisory Committee for Taninthayi Division WVO, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the deputy commander, senior military officials and others.

Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Taninthayi Division WVO Lt-Col Myo Nyunt formally opened the billboard.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint pressed the button to open the billboard and the ceremony ended.—MNA

Newly opened Kayan Sluice Gate built in Thanlyin Township.

MNA



# Youth from State/Division USDA report regional developments



Maung Aung Saw Than of Rakhine State.

MNA

YANGON, 12 May —Youths from state/division Union Solidarity and Development Associations reported on developments in their respective regions at the Youth Seminar of USDA at Aungmyingalar Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May.

Maung Aung Saw Than of Rakhine State USDA reported on development in Rakhine State. In his presentation, he said Rakhine State is located in the western part of Myanmar and has a population of over 3,045,000.

As regards the transportation sector, a total of 230 miles of tar road and 119 miles of

fore, the dams and water pumping stations have been benefiting 1,003,474 acres of monsoon paddy and 1,236 acres of summer paddy.

There are 155,533 acres of prawn breeding ponds. The number of private factories has increased from 442 to 1,505.

With regard to the education sector, 2,699 schools have been installed with multimedia facilities. Moreover, one university, 27 e-learning centres, one Government technological college, one computer college and one education college have been added to higher education institutions.

In health sector, there are 42 hospitals in the division, up from 36.

In electricity sector, electricity consumption has also increased. Now, ThaHtayChaung hydel power project in Thandwe and AnChaung hydel power project in An are under construction. On completion, the two projects will produce a total of 115 magawatts.

As regards the for-

Division is home to over 6.36 million people and it was constituted with four districts and 45 townships. Yangon Division has 3,228,054 mem-

bers of USDA. In education sector, the number of schools has increased from 2,374 to 2,667. Higher education schools have been facilitated with multi-media rooms. Moreover, nine human resource develop-

241 state-owned factories and 4,833 cottage industries in four industrial zones.

A total of 274 infrastructures for health sector have been constructed.

In communication sector, there are 103 post offices, 50 telegraphs offices, 11 computer telegraphs and 200,506 direct telephone lines. Communication system is facilitated with 28,288 CDMA and 23,246 GSM telephone lines and 5,439 internet service providers in Yangon Division.

Nowadays, 147.51 miles of railroad, three airports, 83 jetties have been contributing to better transportation. A total of 5,43.4 miles of

ban region and 249 in rural region—have been built.

In conclusion, on behalf of Yangon Division USDA members, Maung Kyaw Ye Htut pledged that they will participate in implementing the development tasks of Yangon Division.

Next, Maung Sai Le Kaw of Shan State (East) USDA said that Shan State (East) located in the eastern part of Myanmar has a population of over 835,000.

Kengtung in Shan State (East) is designated as a development zone and rural area development tasks are being implementing in the state.

It took three days for a trip from Kengtung to Tachilek in the past. As Kengtung-Tachilek road, a main road in Shan State (East), has been constructed. Therefore, now, it takes only three hours from Kengtung to Tachilek.

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**As part of the development tasks in the state, members of the Rakhine State USDA has constructed over 39-mile-long earthen road in rural areas by joining hands with locals.**

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# World Hypertension Day

Professor Dr Daw Khin May Sann

Saturday, May 14th, 2005 has been designated as World Hypertension Day by the World Hypertension League. The principle of the World Hypertension League is advancement of hypertension prevention and control through joint efforts of national leagues and societies.

Hypertension was recognized as a world-wide problem from epidemiological studies conducted in the 1950s and 1960s. The International Society on Hypertension (ISH) was established in 1964, and since then, there has been exchange on a lot of research information. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. National High Blood Pressure Education Program, proposed the concept of hypertension control in populations, and in the 1970s, several national leagues against hypertension were formed, originally in Europe and later in other parts of the world. Throughout 1970s and 1980s, many conferences were held and in 1983, a World Hypertension League was first conceptualized. Finally, with the support of the WHO and International Green Cross, WHL was registered in Geneva as a non-profit international organization on January 4, 1984. The first annual conference was held in Geneva on June 22, 1984, and similar annual events were held, the 20th being in 2004 at Prague, Czech Republic. The WHL currently has 90 league members.

Hypertension has therefore been recognized as a worldwide epidemic affecting both developed and developing countries. Estimates indicate that there may be more than 1.5 billion people in the world with hypertension. In many countries, more than 50% of the people over 60 years of age have hypertension. Only one-third of hypertensive patients are treated and approximately 12% of those treated are controlled. In Myanmar, several surveys have revealed that the prevalence of hypertension is between 16 and 20% and is comparable to the prevalence rates in many other parts of the world. We therefore, should have the same concern as elsewhere in the world and implement measures to prevent and control hypertension in our community.

The purpose of World Hypertension Day (WHD) is to communicate to the lay public the importance of hypertension and its serious medical complications, and to provide information on prevention, detection and treatment. To do this requires cooperation of health care professionals, media, volunteer organizations and government in each country.

Educating the public about blood pressure and hypertension is the initial step towards achieving

this goal. They must be informed that blood pressure in our arteries is produced by the force of blood against the walls of the arteries as the heart pumps blood through the arteries to bring nourishment to the tissues. The systolic pressure occurs after the heart beat and is the higher reading. The diastolic pressure is the pressure in-between heart beats and is the lower reading. If the arteries become narrow or obstructed, the heart has to pump harder to deliver blood to the tissues, creating high blood pressures. A sustained blood pressure of 140/90 mmHg or more is defined as hypertension.

Detection of hypertension is the next step. This can be accomplished by organizing blood pressure measurement activities in various locations like offices, factories, schools, religious organizations and shopping centers. Also every individual should be strongly encouraged to have a blood pressure measurement at least once a year and if raised, to have it adequately controlled.

It is extremely important for the public to know that hypertension may not cause any symptoms. Instead, it can present as a catastrophic event like a stroke or a heart attack, it is therefore, appropriately

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named a "silent killer".

Educating the public about the consequences of hypertension is the next important step. Hypertension can cause strokes, heart attacks, heart and kidney failure. It is a major cause of cardiovascular disease, which may account for more than 40% of all deaths in some developed countries and at least 25% of the deaths in the developing countries. The relationship between blood pressure and risk of cardiovascular disease is continuous and independent of other risk factors. The higher the blood pressure, the greater the risk of stroke, heart attacks, heart failure and kidney disease.

Finally, the public should be educated how to prevent and control hypertension. They should be informed that hypertension can be prevented by the following.

- Weight reduction. Being overweight is one of the most frequent causes of hypertension and losing 4.5 kg can bring about a noticeable reduction in blood pressure. Weight reduction is best achieved by physical activity and a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables and a reduced salt intake.
- Low salt diet. Reducing salt intake can usually bring about a reduction in blood pressure. The public should be encouraged to avoid salty food and not to add salt at the table.
- Minimize alcohol intake. Excessive alcohol increases the blood pressure. The public should be warned against having more than 2 drinks per day.
- Regular exercise. Physical activity for half to one hour per day, 3 to 5 times a week, can achieve optimum reductions in blood pressure. It also helps to reduce the body weight.
- Avoid smoking. Smoking markedly increases the risk of heart disease in persons with hypertension and can reduce the effectiveness of blood pressure lowering medication. The public should be cautioned against both active and passive smoking.
- Stress. People with hypertension who are under significant stress may be able to reduce their blood pressures by stress management.

If these lifestyle changes do not control or prevent hypertension, then drug therapy is necessary. Frequently, using more than one drug is necessary. Control of hypertension can have dramatic health benefits. It can reduce heart attacks by approximately 25%, stroke by 35% and heart failure by 50%.

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The WHL principle of advancement of hypertension prevention and control can only be achieved by collaborated efforts of our health care professionals, media and volunteer organizations. It is sincerely hoped that commemorating the World Hypertension Day for the first time in Myanmar this year, will be an important step towards achieving this goal.

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## Myanmar delegation attends Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women

YANGON, 12 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thinn Thinn, CEC member of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation, attended Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 7 to 10 May.

Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi delivered an opening speech on the occasion.

At the meeting, ministers of women development from Non-Aligned countries then made speeches.

On 10 May session, Daw Thinn Thinn made a speech. The ministers from NAM countries passed the Draft Putrajaya Declaration on the Advancement of Women in NAM countries. It was attended by the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior officials, delegates and observers from 84 NAM countries.—MNA

## Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw to be honoured

YANGON, 12 May — Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasara recipient of Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title conferred by the State Peace and Development Council will be honoured at the Dhammayon of Maha Santisukha Buddhist Centre on 25 May afternoon.

Lay persons and disciples of the Sayadaw were invited to attend the ceremony.—MNA

## Myanma Livestock & Fisheries Development Bank to hold 10<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting

YANGON, 12 May — Myanma Livestock & Fisheries Development Bank Ltd will hold its 10th annual general meeting at Yuzana Hotel at 1 pm on 6 June. Reports have been sent to share-holders in advance.

Records on changing of shares will be postponed till closing of the meeting. —MNA



Foreign Minister U Nyan Win and wife attend reception of 57th Anniversary Independence Day of Israel. They are welcomed by Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Ruth Schatz.—MNA

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**Chevron shuts 10,000 bpd flowstation in Nigeria**

LAGOS, 11 May — US oil giant Chevron said Tuesday it had shut a flowstation producing 10,000 barrels per day (bpd) in Nigeria's southern delta, after discovering a breach of a pipeline linking it to an export terminal.

A spokesman for the firm's subsidiary in Nigeria told *Xinhua* they did not know whether the pipeline from Makaraba flowstation to the Escravos export terminal had been blown up due to sabotage as reported.

"We can only confirm that we have discovered a breach of the flowline from Makaraba, and that the flowstation has been shut-in pending the outcome of investigations into the cause of the breach and the repair of the line," he said.

"We have shut in about 10,000 bpd production from that location but this does not impact our daily production numbers and export commitment," he added.

The closure comes just two weeks after Makaraba flowstation came back on stream. Makaraba and Chevron's five other flowstations with a total capacity of 140,000 barrels of oil per day were previously closed down in March 2003 in the wake of ethnic violence in the delta.

Nigeria is Africa's top oil producer with a daily output of about 2.5 million barrels, all from the southern delta, where seizures of flowstations, kidnapping of oil workers and threat of violence are very common.

MNA/Xinhua

**AIDS is a national concern.**

**Egypt rejects int'l monitoring of its presidential election**

CAIRO, 11 May — The top Egyptian legislator said Tuesday that his country rejects international monitoring of an upcoming presidential election in September.

"We reject any imposed foreign monitoring of the election," People's Assembly Speaker Ahmed Sorour told reporters. The remarks came in response to US President George W Bush's statement in a visit to Latvia on Saturday, when he said "election (in Egypt) should proceed with international monitors, and with rules that allow a real campaign."

Egypt's Parliament voted earlier in the day to endorse a constitutional amendment to allow more than one candidate to stand in the presidential election, the first time in the country's history.

"The amendments approved by the People's Assembly today will be put up to a public referendum," Sorour said.

MNA/Xinhua

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

**TENDER NO. 1(T) AMD-FR (2005-2006)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of the following Machines which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

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

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

**Director General  
Agricultural Mechanization Department**

**UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS**

**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats, US Dollars & Euro:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	12(T)5/MR(ML) 2005-2006	Rolled Steel Locomotives Steel Tyre (Rough Turn) for Diesel Electric Locomotives	529-Nos
2.	12(T)6/MR(M.YUG) 2005-2006	Spare Parts for Locomotives (900 HP) (Engine, Body, Welding and Diesel Electric Spares)	29- Items

Closing Date. -16.6.2005 (Thursday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 16.5.2005 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982,291985,201555 (Ext-602,612)

Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV YANGON STAR VOY: NO (378)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. YANGON STAR VOY NO (378) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-5-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority**

**Agent For: M/S EAGLE CORPORATION**  
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**Cholera outbreak endangers 80% of Sao Tome's population**

GENEVA, 11 May — Nearly 80 per cent of Sao Tome's total population is at risk to a recent outbreak of the deadly cholera, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said Tuesday.

As of 9 May, 131 cholera cases and 3 deaths have been officially reported in the western African island country, UNICEF spokesman Damien Personnaz told reporters here.

Most of the island's population of an estimated 140,000 lives within 10 kilometres of the outbreak area — the Agua Grande District which hosts the nation's capital, he said.

UNICEF has provided nearly 53,000 US dollar worth of medication, oral rehydration salts and other accessories and contributed to the deployment of outreach workers and to campaigns to inform the public.

"We must not underestimate the extremely dangerous force of this disease," UNICEF representative Kristian Laubjerg said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua



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# Former board members sue Disney

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Two former board members sued the Walt Disney Co on Monday, alleging that false statements were made to shareholders about the company's search for a new chief executive officer (CEO).

Former Disney board members Roy Disney and Stanley Gold also sued some of the company's board members in the lawsuit, seeking to void the year's election of the company's directors.

The lawsuit, filed in Delaware Chancery Court, also seeks to compel another election "after full and fair disclosure of all material facts about the CEO selection process".

In a statement, the Walt Disney Co countered,

"The record of strong performance of The Walt Disney Company speaks for itself, and this frivolous and baseless lawsuit reflects the mean-spirited, self-serving interest of two ex-board members."

Among the defendants named in the suit are Michael Eisner, the outgoing CEO, and Disney President Robert Iger, who has been tapped to replace Eisner.

The lawsuit alleges that company resources were used to "promote Iger's candidacy", and that the defendants "did not in good faith seriously consider any other candidate".

Roy Disney, the late Walt Disney's brother, and Gold have been critical for months of the way the board went about picking Iger.

Disney announced on 13 March that Iger was unanimously elected CEO effective on 30 September, 2005, to succeed Eisner. Iger has been president and chief operating officer of Disney since January, 2000.

MNA/Xinhua



A billboard promoting 'War of the Worlds', the sci-fi remake starring Tom Cruise and directed by Steven Spielberg, sits at the end of the peer of the Carlton hotel in Cannes on the eve of the 58th Cannes Film Festival.—INTERNET

# Ankara to host 15th Int'l Petroleum Exhibition

ANKARA, 11 May—The 15th International Petroleum and Natural Gas Congress and Exhibition will be held here on 11-13 May, the organizing committee said on Tuesday.

Chairman of the organizing committee Cetin Mumcuoglu said the objective of this congress is to bring geoscientists and engineers in oil and gas industry together to share their experiences in the petroleum industry.

"The participants will have the opportunity of discussing Turkey's domestic and international petroleum and natural gas marketing,

infrastructure and strategies," said the chairman. Mumcuoglu noted that Turkey has become a major natural gas consumer during the last 15 years.

Turkey is one of the fastest growing energy market in the world and is dubbed the "energy bridge" between major oil-producing regions and the consumer markets in Europe. — MNA/Xinhua

# FBI confirms hacker infiltrated US Govt computers

WASHINGTON, 11 May—The FBI confirmed a *New York Times* report Tuesday that a breach of a Cisco Systems network by a hacker last year was part of a broader campaign targeting computer systems run by US Government and military installations.

The investigation is focused on a 16-year-old boy in Uppsala, Sweden. *The Times* reported that the youth cleverly organized computers, automating the theft of computer log-ins and passwords.

In May 2004, a portion of Cisco's Internet-working Operating System source code was illegally copied and posted

on a foreign web site for several days.

*The Times* reported that the hacker claimed to have also infiltrated computer systems at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland, the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Officials at some of those facilities confirmed to the *Times* that their computers had been breached but said the information obtained was insignificant. The FBI and the Swedish police said they were working together on the case and as a result, the criminal activity appears to have stopped.

MNA/Xinhua

# World children's choir festival to open in Hong Kong in July

HONG KONG, 11 May — About 30 elite choirs from more than 10 countries on five continents will gather in Hong Kong for the 2005 World Children's Choir Festival from 10 to 14 July, announced the festival Organizing Committee on Tuesday.

This will be the very first time for Hong Kong to host this annual arts event. The festival will include four evening concerts, eight free afternoon concerts and 18 workshops, which will provide a good chance for children participating the festival to exchange and learn from each other.

The highlight of the festival will be the "Song Bridge" concert with aims to bring together youth choirs from all around the world and promote global peace and understanding in a non-competitive atmosphere. Chosen by an international jury, four outstanding choirs will give this year's "Song Bridge" performance at Hong Kong Cultural Centre, including the China Hand-in-Hand Children's Choir consisted of members from Beijing, Hong Kong and Guangzhou.

MNA/Xinhua

# Mobile phone growth expected to slow down in 2005

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Worldwide mobile phone market growth is expected to continue in 2005, but at a slower pace, according to a study released Monday by IDC.

IDC, a high-tech market research firm, said it expects mobile phone shipment totals to slow in most regions during 2005 as a direct result of the large number of new phones purchased by wireless subscribers in 2003 and 2004.

In 2004, worldwide mobile phone shipments saw their strongest year-to-year increase in history, rising 34 per cent from 2003 to 2004 with 692 million units shipped in a massive expansion driven by the demand for colour displays and camera phones.

"The market will continue to expand through 2009, however, offering a significant opportunity for hardware,

software, and service vendors alike," said David Linsalata, research analyst, Mobile Devices research at IDC.

The worldwide wireless subscriber base will continue to grow throughout the forecast period, driven by the human desire to communicate, IDC said.

In 2005, the market research firm expects nearly 1.7 billion active wireless subscribers or individuals paying a subscription bill in the world.

Through 2009, wireless subscriber base growth will exist in all regions, although some countries and regions will reach near-full penetration levels by the end of the forecast period, IDC said.—MNA/Xinhua



Tulips are in bloom on the front lawn of Parliament Hill in Ottawa, on 10 May, 2005. — INTERNET

# S P O R T S

## Serena Williams out of Rome Masters tennis

ROME, 12 May — Third seed Serena Williams bade farewell to the Rome Masters when she lost 7-6 and 6-1 to home favourite Francesca Schiavone on Wednesday.

The 2002 American champion, on her first outing since an ankle sprain forced her to withdraw from tournaments in Amelia Island and Berlin, looked desperately short of match play against the unfancied Italian, ranked 26th in the world.

Asked whether her game had been affected by the injury, Williams replied: "No. I had a really good warm-up. I thought everything would come together but it didn't."

In earlier second round matches, fourth seed Elena Dementieva of Russia lost 7-5 and 6-4 to Gisela Dulko of Argentina, while defending champion Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo cruised past Australia's Samantha Stosur 6-2 and 6-0.

Dementieva, 23, was also carrying an injury — a hip problem that forced her out of last week's Berlin Open. The world number five joined compatriots Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Likhovtseva in exiting the tournament.

However, wins for seventh seed Nadia Petrova and sixth-seeded Vera Zvonareva meant the Russians retained their formidable presence at the event.

Petrova, who reached the final in Berlin, confirmed her recent good form with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Italy's Mara Santangelo, while Zvonareva saw off the challenge of Serbia and Montenegro's Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 6-1.

Second seed Mauresmo, who received a bye in the opening round, was barely tested by Stosur. She next faces 13th seed Silvia Farina Elia, who beat French qualifier Stephanie Cohen-Aloro 6-3, 6-3.

There were also wins for four-time former champion Conchita Martinez, who beat Israel's Anna Smashnova 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, and 1997 winner Mary Pierce, who set up an intriguing third round clash with top seed Maria Sharapova by defeating Sanda Mamic 6-4, 6-4.

MNA/Xinhua

## Late goal earns Udinese semi-final draw

ROME, 12 May — An 85th-minute strike from defender Valerio Bertotto helped Udinese tie AS Roma 1-1 in their Italian Cup semi-final first leg on Wednesday.

The away goal gives Udinese, who have never won the Cup, an excellent chance of progressing after their home second leg next week.

Roma went in front in the 37th minute when French defender Philippe Mexes headed home an Antonio Cassano free kick for his first goal for the club.

The home side included Francesco Totti, who is serving a five-match ban in Serie A, and enjoyed the better possession and chances throughout.

Udinese keeper Morgan De Sanctis was forced into a full-stretch save to keep out a Totti free-kick in the 54th minute and Roma's Brazilian wing-back Mancini also went close with a back-heel.

With five minutes remaining, Bertotto ran on to a loose ball and rattled home a fierce shot from 20 metres.

Cagliari host Inter Milan in the other semi-final on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cuba, Russia sign new sport agreements

HAVANA, 13 May — The National Volleyball Federation of Russia signed with its Cuban counterpart and the Sports Medicine Institute (IMD) of Cuba, cooperation agreements for the 2005-2008 Olympic Cycle, said the local Press on Tuesday.

The document signed at this capital considers the scientific exchange through athletes and coaches, to raise the technical and competitive level of the teams from both countries.

The programme also includes the preparation of training bases for the women's and men's teams of each country in each other's facilities, as well as the participation in exhibition games that include the junior teams.

Russia will participate in the Cuban olympiads with their best teams during the four-year period, while beach volleyball teams will have training bases in Cuba from October to March, and will par-

ticipate in the national circuit. Cuban media added on Tuesday that the beach volleyball teams of Cuba will take part in the Saint Petersburg tournament as part of this scheme.

The agreement between IMD and the Russian Federation includes the advice of Cuban doctors to Russian specialists and the attention of athletes from the European country in a rehabilitation center of Cuba.

One of the document was signed by doctor Mario Granda, the IMD Director, and Rebeca Moreira, expert of this institution, and Russian sports-science adviser Apoligen Oleg.

The other document was signed by President and Secretary General of the

Cuban Volleyball Federation Omelio Castillo and Jorge Enrique Luzon, in this order, and Russian Volleyball Federation's Director General Yuri Sapog. Humberto Rodrigue, President of the Cuban Sports, Physical Education and Recreation Institute (INDER) said this agreement will further strengthen the bilateral sports relations, and said that sport "contributes to happiness, hope and peace among nations". — MNA/Xinhua



Thailand's Saralee Thoungthongkam (R) returns a shot as partner Prapakamol Sudket (L) looks on during their mixed doubles match against Denmark's Thomas Laybourn and Kamilla Juhl at the Sudirman Cup 2005 World Mixed Team Badminton Championships in Beijing on 11 May, 2005. The pair from Denmark won 9-15, 15-3, 15-10. — INTERNET

## "Cassini" finds new moon within Saturn's outer ring

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The Cassini spacecraft has found a new moon in the outer edge of Saturn's bright main rings, confirming previous suspicions by scientists, NASA reported Tuesday.

The new moon, 7 kilometres in diameter, is a tiny object in the centre of the Keeler Gap which is located about 250 kilometres inside the outer edge of the A ring. A ring is also the outer edge of Saturn's bright main rings.

Cassini took images of the new moon and the wavy patterns its gravitational influence generates in the gap edges. A NASA news release said the spacecraft first caught the new moon's picture on May 1 as it began climbing to higher inclinations in orbit. A closer view the next day allowed it to measure the moon's size and brightness.

The new moon, provisionally named S/2005 S1, is the second known moon to exist within Saturn's rings. The other is Pan, which orbits in the Encke gap. Saturn's other known moons are all outside the main ring system.

Scientists predicted the new moon's presence and its orbital distance from Saturn after the discovery last July of peculiar spiky and wispy features in the Keeler Gap's outer edge. The features are similar to those noted in Saturn's F ring and the Encke Gap, where small-sized moons exist. — MNA/Xinhua

## Zimbabwe starts investigating NGOs

HARARE, 12 May — The Zimbabwean Government has started to investigate the operations of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the country, local media reported on Wednesday.

Leonard Turugari, head of an eight-member committee, was quoted by the Herald newspaper as saying that the committee has completed probing 16 organizations.

The 16 are amongst targeted organizations that failed to account for 88 million US dollars, channeled into the country through the United Nations Development Programme last year.

Turugari said on Tuesday they expected the report on the findings to be out by Monday next week.

He confirmed that by the end of last month, they had dealt with 16 non-governmental organizations out of the 30 that were targeted.

He said the committee managed to carry out investigations into non-governmental organizations dealing with humanitarian, human development, HIV/AIDS, governance and environmental issues.

He said some of the non-governmental organizations that were under probe included World Vision, Goal Zimbabwe, Care International and the National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations.

An official from Goal Zimbabwe confirmed that the inspectors visited their offices to check on payments they had made for various projects. — MNA/Xinhua



Brazil's soccer star Romario shoots the ball during a match against Spain in the first FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2005 on Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 10 May, 2005. Brazil won 4-1.

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**Study says heart rates can indicate risk of sudden heart death**

WASHINGTON, 12 May — Heart rates during rest and exercise can indicate the risk of sudden death from a heart attack, showed a French study carried in the *New England Journal of Medicine* to be published on Thursday.

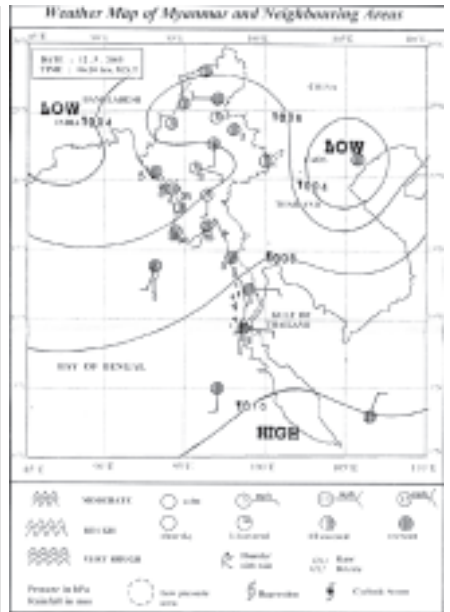
The study found the risk of sudden heart death was four times higher than normal for the people who had heart rates of more than 75 beats per minute during rest, or whose heart rates increased less than 89 beats per minute during exercise.

For those people whose heart rates decreased less than 25 beats in the minute after the end of exercise, the risk was twice the normal level.

The French study examined data from stress tests during physical exams between 1967-72 of 5,713 French men aged 42-53 who clinically had no heart problems.

During a 23-year follow-up period, 81 of the people surveyed died of sudden heart death.

MNA/Xinhua



**WEATHER**

Thursday, 12 May, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (1.65) inches, Phayapon (1.42) inches and Kyaukpuyu (1.38) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. (6°C) above normal in lower Sagaing and Ayeeyawady Divisions. (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa (44°C), Myingyan, Nyaungoo, Minbu and Magway (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2005 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 12-5-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 12-5-2005 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 11-5-2005 was (4.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 12-5-2005 were 0.59 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.59 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.31 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 2.84 inches at Yangon Airport, 3.46 inches at Kaba-Aye and 1.85 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (18) mph from Southeast at (13:10) hours MST on 11-5-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 13-5-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and scattered 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:** Thundery conditions in the Lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-5-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-5-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**U Tint Swe B.E (Civil)**

52 YEARS

SENIOR ROAD ENGINEER

**Afghanistan Project Implementation facility-Kandahar**

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

**Asleep in Jesus Daw Beulah Gyi**

94 YEARS OLD

Ex teacher St. Mary Diocesan Girls High School Daughter of (Thara Ta Hmwe-Naw See Lah) of No. 17, Daw Hla Pan Street, 2nd Ward, Myayngone Township, beloved wife of (U Saw Pan Gyi) and beloved mother of Daw Lilian Gyi (Principal, School for Disabled Children (Retd), Director, Eden Handicap Service Centre)-U Sitt Naing, beloved grandmother of Saw Barblut (Si Si) was called to her heavenly home on 12th May 2005 at 2:30 pm. Funeral Service will be held at Thamaing Karen Baptist Church at 10:00 am on Saturday, 14th May 2005.

Bereaved family

Donate blood



**Friday, 13 May Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Should I, Would I, could I
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: - I'm just light
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -What my heart wants to say
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music -The ketchup song
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music -I know I love you -Send me the pillow -Right here waiting
- 9.00 pm World of Music Songs from Japan
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request -When you say nothing at all -The girl from yesterday -If we hold on together
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



**Friday, 13 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. ရိုးရာ ကျေးလက်တေးဂန္ထဝင်

8:00 am

- 6. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

- 8. ကျောက်တစ်လုံး ရေလှေကားတစ်စင်း

8:30 am

- 9. International news

8:45 am

- 10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:15 pm

- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- 3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

- 4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

- 5. အပေးသင်တန်းသို့လမ်းညွှန်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

- 6. Song of national races

5:30 pm

- 7. လက်ထပ်တမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး

5:40 pm

- 8. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန် အားတေး အခြေခံ

5:50 pm

- 9. Musical programme

6:00 pm

- 10. "ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ် ဒီအိတ် အက်စ်"(လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇော်၊ ခင်သန်းစွယ်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-စိုးကျော်ဆန်း)

6:10 pm

- 11. Discovery

6:15 pm

- 12. သက်တံစောင့်သံစဉ်

6:30 pm

- 13. Evening news

7:00 pm

- 14. Weather report

7:05 pm

- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

7:35 pm

- 16. Song of yesteryears

8:00 pm

- 17. News

- 18. International news

- 19. Weather report

- 20. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "အထွေ" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ကျော်သူ၊ မင်းဇော်ကျွန်း၊ စိုးမြတ်သူစာ၊ ဝန်းဖြူ) (ခါရိုက်တာ-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

## Locals in Kengtung Township, Shan State (East) denounce announcement on secession of Shan State from Union by Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts

YANGON, 12 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 at Myoma Sports Grounds in Kengtung, Kengtung Township, Kengtung District, Shan State (East) this morning attended by local people.

(See page 6)

## Perpetrators working under colonialists' directives to break up Union



Meeting Chairman U Sai Haung Hkam speaks an address at the mass meeting in Kengtung. — MNA

## Should national solidarity break up, the nation will definitely lose sovereignty



U Sai Shan Hkam of Ward 2 in Kengtung. — MNA

YANGON, 12 May — The following is a translation of the motion on condemnation of the announcement of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts

to secede Shan State from the Union tabled by local Shan national U Sai Shan Hkam of Ward 2 in Kengtung.

He said local people experienced regional instability more than and longer than other national races. Local people had to live under the reign of sawbwas during pre-independence and post-independence periods. In 1959, sawbwas relinquished power and privileges. However, local people did not escape from the hegemonic control of some sawbwas who had

been intoxicated with power.

Now, local people are joining hands with the government in regional development tasks. Since 1988, local people have enjoyed fruitful results of development due to the government's drive to cease armed insurgency.

Should the peaceful and prosperous Union collapse and national solidarity break up, the nation will definitely lose sovereignty and fall under the alien subjugation (See page 6)

YANGON, 12 May — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Sai Haung Hkam of Ward 2, Kengtung, at the mass meeting this morning.

Since time immemorial, the nationalities of Shan State (East) have been striving in unity for regional development. Thanks to the Government's goodwill and endeavours, the region has been achieving development to a degree it has never witnessed in the past. The outbreak of internal strife soon after the regaining of independence had obstructed the national development. When the Government and the people are in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts announced the secession of Shan State from the Union and the establishment of Shan Republic. The perpetrators are working under the directives of the colonialists to break up the Union. Only then will the colonialists

be able to enslave the nation again. The colonialists will wipe out all the nation's culture, religion and the race. The perpetration of Sao Hkam Hpa and his group are abhorrent to the entire people of Myanmar. The meeting was held to condemn the perpetrators issuing the announcement according to the wish of the colonialists. Myanmar has a thousand-year old history of living under her own monarchs. Thanks to the Government's sincerity and goodwill, 17 armed groups and other smaller groups have returned to the legal fold. Some of the groups have already made unconditional exchange of arms for peace, with Union Spirit and Panglong Spirit. It is a common knowledge that the colonialists' minions are trying to make the nation poor and undeveloped. The acts of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are to destroy the nation. The entire people who wish to see the nation developing and prospering condemn and oppose their acts. — MNA



Local people attending the mass rally in Myoma Sports Grounds in Kengtung, Kengtung District, Shan State (East). — MNA