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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Belgium

YANGON 13 May— Mr Jan Matthyssen, newly accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers

for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department. — MNA

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe accepts Canadian Ambassador's credentials

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Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 10.00 am today.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Ward off destructive acts in accord with four-point people's desire

The State Peace and Development Council has been implementing national projects for strengthening economic life of the State, enhancing socio-economic life of the people and development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

The government is fulfilling all the necessary assistance for development of agricultural sector as it has been the livelihood of farmers, the majority of national people.

The inauguration of Kayan Sluice Gate built by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at the facility near old Chaungwa Village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, the other day with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The Secretary-1 said that the State Peace and Development Council with a view to serving the interests of the State, and the people has been taking systematic measures for national development; adding that it is making all-out efforts day in, day out with goodwill to serve the national interest.

The government is also building other necessary infrastructures in addition to agricultural facilities to bring about harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation, while striving for improvement of the living standard of national people.

Enlisting the strength of the people including intellectuals and technocrats and surmounting a series of hindrances and difficulties, it is making relentless efforts in this regard. As a result, significant progress has been made in various sectors.

At a time when unprecedented progress has been made in all parts of the nation including the border areas, there arose fabrications and machinations of destructive elements to undermine peace and stability of the State and national solidarity.

We would like to call upon the entire national people, in accordance with the four-point people's desire, to ward off and crush the saboteurs who committed despicable and loathsome acts with every intention of endangering the innocent people and jeopardizing the development infrastructures.

Billboard hailing MWVO Conference 2005 put up in Hpa-an

YANGON, 13 May — A billboard hailing the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 was put up near Hpa-an Township Peace and Development Council Office, Kayin State, on 6 May morning. Present on the occasion were Patron of Kayin State WVO Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, the Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Kayin State WVO and members, departmental officials, social organizations and local people.

At the ceremony, Patron of Kayin State WVO Col Khin Kyu and Supervisory Committee Chairman for Kayin State WVO Lt-Col Aung Maw Maw formally unveiled the billboard.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Billboard erected to hail MWVO Conference 2005

YANGON, 13 May — A ceremony to erect the billboard hailing the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 was held at the junction of Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road in Myothit Ward, Myitkyina on 6 May morning. It was attended by Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Kachin State WVO Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Myo, departmental officials, members of Myitkyina Township WVO, social organizations and local people.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Kachin State WVO Lt-Col Maung Myo formally pressed the button to unveil the billboard.

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Minister inspects bridge construction

YANGON 13 May — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials of Public Works arrived at Bwetgyi Bridge Construction Project site on Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Highway in Aunglan Township, Magway Division on 8 May.

An official reported to the minister on progress of work. The minister gave instructions on arrangements being made for sending machines to the construction site from Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon), marking the flow of water through Pilot Channel, minimizing loss and wastage and work site safety.

After inspecting the erection of bored pile at the approach bridge, the minister and party proceeded to Pyay.

With the total length of 1,770 feet, Bwetgyi bridge has 28 feet wide motorway and 3 feet wide pedestrian lanes on both sides.—MNA

Seminar on Coffee Quality in Myanmar held

YANGON, 13 May — Organized by Myanma Farms Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation & Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Seminar on Coffee Quality in Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, FAO resident representative to Myanmar Mr Tang Zhengping and Mr Keith Chapman, Managing Director U Myint Shwe of MFE, departmental officials and others.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint delivered a speech.

The senior officials then made general round of discussions and the seminar ended.—MNA

Basic photographic course to be opened

YANGON, 13 May — The basic photographic course No 34 of Myanmar Photographic Society will be opened at the office of the society on 11 June. The course will start on 13 June evening. Candidates are to contact the office of the society on 16 May morning.

The course will last three months. Senior photographers will give lectures to the trainees. During the training period, talks on photograph and painting will be held on every Saturday. Interested persons may dial 373167 of course in-charge and secretary of the society Shwehlay Myo Aung for further information. Number of seats is limited.—MNA

Miscalculation leads to shame

- * Personal agglomeration
He himself as president
Putting his clan in the fore
Would it suit to be for show
Schemed it and declared
Crazy Hkam Hpa
- * Now it turns out to be fake
Throughout the place of the Shans
There was much noise, confusion
Condemnation was unceasing
Thinking this scheme would work
The plot was carefully laid
The character aptly chosen
The stage-manager's act went berserk
What a damn shame.

Milekkhu (Trs)

Arid zones greening tasks inspected in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 13 May — Director-General U Tun Tun of the Arid Zones Greening Department under the Ministry of Forestry together with officials inspected the growth of plants in both sides along Sagaing-Monywa Road and Sagaing-Shwebo Road and Land preparation for planting trees in rainy season, the nursery and assignment of duties to the staff on 12 May.

Next, the director-general met with officials and staff and gave instructions on arrangements for timely planting trees in the rainy season. Later, the director-general heard reports by the staff and attended to the needs.

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Mystery of Snow film being staged

YANGON, 13 May — With the pleasant scenes of snow-covered mountains in Kachin State, the film titled "Mystery of Snow" directed by Academy Zinyaw Maung Maung is being shown at Shayhsaung, Sanpya, Thida, Shweman and Shwepyitha cinemas. The film was starred by Academy Lwin Moe, Academy Lu Min, Academy Nyunt Win, Academy Soe Myat Nanda, Nilar Aung Aung and Academy Myint Myint Khine together with Kachin nationals.

It includes modern sound and computer effects and English captions. — MNA



An actor being crowded with movie fans at the cinema before show of *Mystery of Snow*. — MMPE

Castro calls for anti-US demonstration

HAVANA, 12 May — Cuban leader Fidel Castro has called for a demonstration next Tuesday to protest against what he described as the support of the United States to an individual involved in terrorist acts against the island.

Castro condemned on Tuesday evening the refusal of the United States to capture and indict Cuban Luis Posada Carriles, who currently is in US territory, local media reported Wednesday.

"We won't just stay like this," Castro said. "We are going to demand justice and the end of support to assassins."

The demonstration will take place outside the United States Office for Cuban Interests, said the Cuban leader.

Posada Carriles, 77, was involved in the destruction of a Cuban airliner, killing 73 people in 1976 off the coast of Barbados, and a wave of bomb attacks on tourist centres resulting in the death of an Italian in 1997, in Havana.

Castro called on the Organization of American States (OAS)

and the government of Chile to express their position on the Posada Carriles case. Newly elected OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza is currently Chile's Interior Minister.

"We would like to have a word from them to learn whether or not they are in favour of bringing this criminal to justice," he said. In August 2004, Posada Carriles and three other Cubans were pardoned by then Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso. They had been in jail since November 2000, after being captured for planning an attack on Castro in Panama during an Summit of Ibero-American countries.

Declassified US documents show that Posada Carriles, who is seeking asylum in the United States, spent years

on the CIA payroll, reports said.

CIA and FBI files, published by George Washington University's National Security Archive, revealed that US investigators believed Posada Carriles was involved in the 1976 bombing of the Cubana Airlines jet that killed 73 passengers, including teenage members of a Cuban fencing team.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers work at a construction site in Beijing on 12 May, 2005.—INTERNET

S Korea's domestic sales of steel fall in 1st quarter

SEOUL, May 12 — South Korea's domestic sales of steel products dropped 4.5 per cent in the first quarter amid sluggish construction business, according to a report Tuesday.

Domestic sales of steel products fell to 11.8 million tons in the January-March period this year from 12.3 million tons a year earlier, showed the report by the

Korea Iron & Steel Association. The decline was attributed to a delay in the recovery of the construction sector and a rise in steel imports.

"However, it has yet to be seen whether the downtrend will continue in coming months," the association said.

The construction industry is struggling to bounce back from a prolonged slump triggered by feeble domestic demand and a government crackdown on property speculation. According to the report, imports of steel products soared 22.9 per cent from a year ago to

5.08 million tons in the first three months of 2005. Exports of steel products stood at 3.79 million tons in the first quarter, up 11.3 per cent from a year earlier.

MNA/Xinhua

South Korea's IT market forecast to grow 4.5% in 2005

SEOUL, 12 May— The domestic information technology market is forecast to grow 4.5 per cent this year to 13.06 trillion won (13 billion US dollars), research house International Data Corp's Korean office said Tuesday.

The nation's market for IT, which includes computers, software and related products and services, is expected to grow on the back of a projected recovery in servers, software and services, the IDC said in its

latest report. In 2004, the value of South Korea's IT market fell 1.9 per cent from a year earlier to 12.49 trillion won, marking a second straight annual decline, the IDC said.

However, the research

house's outlook for the South Korean IT market in 2005 is one of "cautious optimism," said IDC Korea's Senior Vice President Baek In-hyung.

"Although there are some signs of improvement in first-quarter consumer sentiment, it will take a significant time for such sentiment to lead to a recovery in demand," Baek said. "With export growth seen as slowing and private spending continuing to weaken, the IT market in 2005 may miss the forecast," the executive added.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijing holds counter-terrorist technology, equipment exhibition

BEIJING, 12 May— A counter-terrorist technology and equipment exhibition opened at the Beijing Exhibition Hall on Tuesday. Zhou Tienong, vice chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, attended the opening ceremony. It is the first time for China to host this kind of exhibition.

Equipment and technology, both from home and overseas, concerning criminal investigation, detonation prevention, fire fighting and counter-terrorism are on display during the three-day exhibition.

More than 200 counter-terrorist equipment and technology companies from China, Canada, the United States, Finland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, Israel, Germany and France account for 560 booths at the exhibition. A lot of advanced foreign weaponry and equipment are on display at the exhibition, a Chinese weaponry expert said, and his country should learn from international weaponry manufacturing technology in an effort to adapt to worldwide anti-terrorist actions.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese CPPCC vice-chairman meets Indian guests

BEIJING, 12 May — There is a reason to believe that China and India will enjoy still closer relations in the future, Zhou Tienong, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), said here. "The two countries have witnessed a sound momentum for the growth of Sino-Indian relations over recent years," said Zhou in a meeting with a delegation of the Indian Nationalist Congress Party led by R R Patil, member of the party's working committee and deputy chief minister of Maharashtra in west India.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists look at the Bun Tower on Cheung Chau island in Hong Kong on 1 May, 2005.

INTERNET

Father admits killing daughter, her friend in US

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The father of an eight-year-old girl who was killed along with her best friend admitted to authorities in the US state of Illinois on Wednesday that he stabbed the girls to death, television networks said.

Jerry Hobbs, 34, said he was angry at his daughter, Laura Hobbs, for breaking curfew, authorities said. He tracked her and her best friend Krystal Tobias in a wooded park, punched her and then killed both girls.

Hobbs faces two charges of first-degree murder. The bodies of the two girls were found early Monday

in a park just blocks away from their elementary school at Zion, about 45 miles north of Chicago.

Hobbs was reported to have led police to the bodies just off a wooded bike path, claiming he spotted them while searching for his daughter. The girls were found to have been beaten and stabbed repeatedly and left to die.

Hobbs was released from prison in Texas last month after serving nearly two years for violating his probation. He has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1990, authorities said.

MNA/Xinhua



A blue hummingbird sits near a flower in a park on the outskirts of New Delhi on 12 May, 2005. There are more than 2,000 species of birds in the vast Indian sub-continent. Until 1991, India was one of the largest exporters of wild birds to international bird markets. — INTERNET

Film festival marks 30th anniversary of China-EU dip ties

BEIJING, 12 May — Nine films from Europe will be shown at the French Cultural Centre here from Wednesday to next Monday, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the European Union.

The films are "The Hundred Steps" shot by Italy, "Getting my brother laid" by Germany, "A Girl" jointly by Belgium, the Netherlands and France, "One-way ticket to Mombasa" jointly by Finland and Norway, "Pleasant Days" by Hungary, "Blind Spot" by Slovenia, "Song for a raggy boy" by Ireland, Spain, Britain and Denmark, "Karnaval" jointly by France and Belgium, and "Some Secrets" by Czech.

It is the first time that the EU Film Festival is held in Beijing, and all films were entrants for various film festivals in Europe.

"A Girl" was shown at the opening ceremony of the festival Tuesday. The film portrayed three women at different ages and situations who have new interpretation of love.

These films "will give you an unparalleled glimpse of the vibrant and diverse societies and cultures that together make up Europe," said Serge Abou, ambassador of Delegation of the European Commission to China. — MNA/Xinhua



China crafts science technology development plan

BEIJING, 12 May — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao presided over a meeting here Tuesday to study and discuss a draft plan for medium and long-term national scientific and technological development.

The plan makes an analysis of China's status quo in science and technology, articulates development guidelines, strategic goals and the overall deployment of the country's science and technology for the coming 15 years.

It points out the major tasks in these fields, working out policies and measures for scientific and technological reform, establishing an innovation system and protecting science and technology.

The draft work started in June 2003, with more than 2,000 experts from several departments, including the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Engineering, involved.

Tuesday's meeting basically approved the draft plan, but decided to collect ideas and suggestions from various sectors for its further improvement.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korean National Assembly set for inquiry into rice talks

SEOUL, 12 May — A special South Korean parliamentary committee will begin Thursday a 35-day inspection into alleged under-the-table deals in Seoul's talks with rice-exporting countries.

The 15-member committee will conduct a preliminary probe for a month, followed by parliamentary hearings to look into the three government agencies involved in the talks: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, *Yonhap* reported on Wednesday.

It is the first time for the country's legislators to scrutinize international negotiations by the government, officials said.

The result of the parliamentary inspection is expected to affect the government's pursuit next month of parliamentary ratification of its rice-import deal, they said.

Opposition lawmakers have raised suspicions that the government struck secret deals with some countries on the imports of meat and agricultural products, in a bid to extend the grace period for rice tariffs.

The National Assembly has decided to keep the details of the deals under wraps in consideration of the national interest, it said. — MNA/Xinhua

Military camp to enhance HK students' national identity

HONG KONG, 12 May — A military summer camp will be organized in July to strengthen Hong Kong students' national identity and cultivate proper perception of national defence, Secretary for Education & Manpower Arthur Li said on Wednesday.

The summer camp will be jointly organized by the Chinese People's Liberation Army Garrison Troops in Hong Kong, the People's Liberation Army Camp Visiting Committee Hong Kong and Moral Education Concern Group, Li said.

About 100 secondary male students will be selected to participate in the 12-day training programme.

Li said his bureau has always attached great importance to history and national education in

primary and secondary schools.

To enhance students' understanding of the motherland and strengthen their sense of belonging to it, the bureau has taken many measures such as launching curriculum reforms, introducing teacher development programmes, subsidizing national education activities and producing learning and teaching materials.

From the end of April, Mainland scholars and officials have been invited to give talks under the Understanding Contemporary China — Talk

Series. At present, the programme has attracted more than 1,100 enrollments.

In the next three years, nine groups, each consisting of 187 Secondary Six and post-secondary students and 17 group leaders, will be arranged for a 10-day National Education Course to be held in Beijing.

Students returning from the course are required to help teachers to promote national education in schools, Li added.

He believed that all these measures can enhance history and national education. — MNA/Xinhua

Indian PM says no coercion in population control policy

NEW DELHI, 13 May — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Thursday that coercion should be avoided in population control and that more stress should be on making people aware of large families.

Releasing the "Advocacy Briefing Kit" prepared by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD), Manmohan Singh said people could be encouraged to make sensitive reproductive choices through awareness and education, especially among women.

"Any policy in this regard should aim to empower people, especially women to take charge of their destiny," he said. "Development is ultimately about people, it is about widening human choices, and giving them control of their lives."

Describing population growth as a human development problem, the Prime Minister stressed the need to create an environment where basic indicators of community health were strong and infant mortality rate was under control. — MNA/Xinhua

IMF says Iraq too dangerous to open office

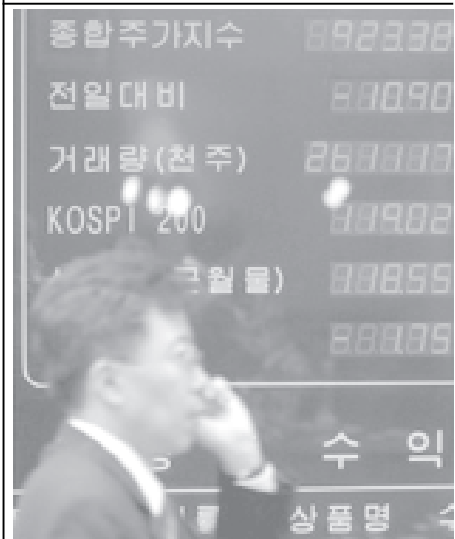
BAGHDAD, 12 May — Iraq is too dangerous for the International Monetary Fund to open an office there but the institution hopes to start talks soon on a special loan for the new government, a spokesman said.

A new wave of guerilla attacks has heightened international concerns about Iraq and IMF spokesman Thomas Dawson told reporters "the security situation has made it impossible in terms of visiting and reestablishing a fund's presence in Iraq."

But he added that the IMF "remains in contact with the transitional government and various technical counterparts to review the 2004 record as well as prospects for 2005."

The IMF is also making preparations to carry out the first regular annual review of the Iraqi economy for 25 years, Dawson added.

The guerilla campaign has frozen plans by Iraq's transitional government to launch much needed reforms of the economy, ranging from privatization to the cutting of widespread subsidies on food, petrol and other daily necessities. — Internet



A pedestrian passes an electronic stock index board at downtown of Seoul, on 11 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Global warming spells out water shortage

BEIJING, 12 May — A third of the world's population lives in countries that find it difficult or impossible to meet water needs, a proportion that could double by 2025, said Rajendra K Pachauri, chairman of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), on Wednesday.

In developing countries, about 14,000 to 30,000 people die each day in developing countries from water-related diseases, Pachauri said at a conference of the IPCC Working Group I for the Fourth Assessment Report held in Beijing, which will end on Thursday.

Climate changes, including rising temperatures and sea levels, precipitation change, droughts and floods may wield great power over human and natural systems, he said.

Water shortage will be the most serious issue, affecting food production and bio-diversity as well as human water consumption, he said.

The world has to rethink socio-economic development, including economic growth technology and population governance, to adapt to these changes, he said.

Among the measures, 141 nations signed the UN Kyoto Protocol early

this year, aiming to cut greenhouse gas emissions that fuel global warming. It imposes caps on carbon dioxide emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels in power plants, factories and cars, in 35 developed nations.

China, as a developing country, will have to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to much lower levels in the later practice phase of the Protocol, but China will face great difficulties since the country relies largely on fossil fuel coal, said Qin Dahe, director of China Meteorological Administration and Co-chair of the IPCC Working Group I for the Fourth Assessment Report.

With limited funds, China faces great challenges in developing technologies to adjust industrial structure and reduce carbon dioxide emission, without compromising the growth of the populous developing country, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to float electricity authority's shares in November

BANGKOK, 12 May — Thai Cabinet has approved the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (Egat) to float its shares in November, launching a long-debated controversial privatization plan.

The new Egat Corporation would spend up to about one billion US dollars, to be raised from the share listing, on expansion of power plants and infrastructure, *Bangkok Post* on Wednesday quoted Energy Minister Viset Choopiban as saying. The privatized Egat would have a registered capital of 1.5 billion US dollars, with the initial public offering (IPO) making six billion shares available at 0.25 US dollars each.

Businesses and most property held by Egat, valued at 10.6 billion US dollars, plus 5.6 billion US dollars of debt, would be

transferred to the new corporation. The 21 dams and reservoirs and the land around them worth a total of 590 million US dollars would become assets of the Finance Ministry.

The decision announced on Tuesday was believed to re-ignited long opposition against privatization within Egat and from labour movements. The government tried to launch Egat privatization last year. The plan, however, was dropped after large-scale demonstrations organized by the union.

The demonstrators said the privatization would benefit large

interest groups only and leave average consumers in a dire situation of rising electricity bills.

Under the newly-announced privatization plan, no shares would be offered to patrons of Egat.

Foreign investors would be allowed no more than 25 per cent of the floated stake and each could own no more than 5 per cent of that 25 per cent portion, while the Finance Ministry would control the majority 75 per cent stake. Only a handful of people were against the plan, whose details had been clearly laid out, said Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.—MNA/Xinhua



Bollywood actor Sunny Deol (R) and Pakistani actress Sana Nawaz pose for photographers at the launch of their film 'Kaafila - The Mission' (Procession - The Mission) at a news conference in Mumbai, on 12 May, 2005.

INTERNET

Construction of high voltage power grid called for in China

BEIJING, 12 May — A signed article published by the Beijing-based *People's Daily* Wednesday called for the construction of an extra-high voltage power grid to meet the country's increasing demand for electricity. The author Liu Zhenya, general manager of the State Grid Corp of China, said the grid will enable China to better utilize resources, save investment and land and reduce operation and maintenance cost and accidents. When the grid is completed in 2020, China can save 20 million kilowatts of installed capacity and 20 million tons of coal. In 2004, Liu said, China's installed capacity reached 440 million kilowatts. The country needs to build additional 500 million kilowatts of installed capacity to meet the increasing demand for electricity, which is estimated to climb to 4.6 trillion kilowatt hours by the year 2020, he said.

China is the world's largest coal consumer and second largest oil and electricity consumer. Coal makes up two-thirds of the country's total energy production and consumption.

MNA/Xinhua

EU reaffirms one-China policy

BEIJING, 12 May — The Taiwan issue will be given "special attention" during the meetings with Chinese officials, said European Commissioner on External Relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner on Wednesday.

The Taiwan issue will be given special attention "particularly in the light of current visit of Taiwan opposition leader James CY Soong", said Ferrero-Waldner at a news briefing.

Ferrero-Waldner, together with Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn and British Foreign Secretary's representative, British Ambassador to China Christopher Hum, started her official visit to China Wednesday to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of EU-China diplomatic ties.

"We welcome any move to promote dialogue," said Ferrero-Waldner. "I hope that recent contact on this level can lead to dialogue with all parties."

"We always supported the one-China policy," said the commissioner.

MNA/Xinhua

Guerilla attacks kill two Marines in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 May — Two US Marines were killed and 14 wounded when an explosive device hit their troop transport vehicle during a large American offensive being fought against suspected guerillas in western Iraq, the military said Thursday. In Baghdad, militants detonated a car bomb in a market, killing six people, police said.

During the fifth day of Operation Matador near the Syrian border, hundreds of American troops in tanks and light armoured vehicles continued to roll through desert outposts in search of followers of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of the al-Qaida in Iraq terrorist group, the US military said.

Residents in the villages of Karabilah and Saadah reported heavy bombardments by US artillery or warplanes

Thursday following what they believed was fighting in the area.

On Wednesday night, a US Assault Amphibian Vehicle struck an explosive device outside the town of Husaybah, killing two Marines and wounding 14, American military spokesman Capt. Jeffrey Pool said Thursday.

Earlier in the offensive, which began late Saturday night, at least three Marines were reported killed and 20

wounded. It is one of the biggest US military operations in Iraq since Fallujah was taken from militants six months ago.

Meanwhile, attacks by guerillas continued in other areas of Iraq, following a wave of bombs and gunfire that killed at least 69 people and wounded 160 Wednesday — pushing the death toll from guerilla violence to more than 400 in less than two weeks.

Internet



Iraqi fire-fighters try to douse out the flames after a car bomb in Baghdad on 12 May, 2005.—INTERNET

GDP of Shan State (South) increases to K 137.8 billion, and per capita income, K 152,835 in 2004-2005

Local youth can learn basic and higher education at 40 BEHSs, with Lashio Degree College, GTC, GCC within their reach

YANGON, 13 May — The Youth Seminar took place at Aungmyingala Hall near Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region of NyaungU Township on 7 May morning.

Youth delegates from State and Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations submitted their reports at the seminar.

Ma Nan Mya Yi Thin of Shan State (South) USDA reported

acres of paddy cultivation contributes to local food sufficiency rate that increased up to 95.84 per cent. Eight private companies put 28,753 acres of land under annual and perennial crops.

So, GDP of the state was K 137.8 billion and per capita income, K 152,835 in 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Now, progress has been made in the meat and fish sector and it distributes over 12 million fingerlings to Yangon,

power consumption of the people.

School enrollment rate increased to 96.98 per cent at basic education schools. Out of 2,713 basic education schools, 251 schools have been installed with multimedia facilities. In the higher education sector, two science and arts universities, one education college, 17 e-education learning centres and e-libraries, three computer colleges and two technological colleges are mushrooming in



Meeting chairman together with members of the panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the end of the seminar.— MNA



on development of her region. She said that Shan State (South) is formed with three districts, 21 townships and seven towns in its 2,165,296 square miles. Over two million population of various national races are residing in the state. Its population density is 94 persons per square mile.

In the industrial sector, 2,618 industries have invested K 637.59 million at Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi. Likewise, 1,066,367 acres of land have been put under crops. A total of 447,642

Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady divisions and Kayah state. The land of Shan State (South) is covered with 54,658 acres of forest plantations.

With regard to the electric power sector, Zawgyi-1 and Zawgyi-2 medium-scale hydel power plants have been established in Yaksawk Township and a coal-fired power plant in Pinlaung Township. In addition, Kengtawng hydel power plant project and Tarhsan hydel power plant project are being implemented to meet

the state.

At present, local people can apply communication facilities with 111 post and telegraph offices, 44 telephone exchanges, 16 IP Star communication centres, 45 microwave stations and 10 rural telephone carrier boards. Similarly, 50 hospitals at different levels, 30 station hospitals and 59 rural health care units have been built.

The government built Yaksawk-Indaw Kyaukgu-Nawngkhio Road, Pinlaung-Pyinmana Road, Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan Road, and Hsipaw-Namlan-Panketu Road for better transportation in the region. Furthermore, 430 bridges that are 180 feet and above long including Thanlwin Bridge

(Tahsan) in Mongpan Township, Matlan Bridge in Laikha Township and Langkho Bridge in Langkho Township. Hsawad Bridge in Mongkaing Township and Kyaungkhon Bridge in Maukmai Township are under construction. The railroad stretching 281 miles are put into service. And, the state is facilitated with Heho Airport where jet planes can land and take off.

In conclusion, he said that USDA at different levels participated in the water and power supply, education, rural health and transport sectors in the state by joining hands with the Government.

Next, Maung Sai Kham Kaw of Shan State (North) USDA said that Shan State (North)

is constituted with Lashio, Muse, Kyaukme, Kunlong and Laukkai districts. Special development strategic roads have been built to link southern and northern Shan States. Therefore, there have been 2,091.4 miles of road in Shan State (North). At the time of present Government, 600 feet long Tapar Bridge crossing Thanlwin River is under construction and it will complete soon. Now, Shweli River Bridge and Dokhtawady River Bridge are being built.

In the education sector, local national youth can learn basic and higher education at 40 BEHSs, with Lashio Degree College and GTC and GCC within their reach. Shan State (North) has 103.09 per cent of

food sufficiency rate in 2004-2005. In addition, hybrid paddy can be produced in the region.

It is one of the development symbols in implementing Shweli hydel power project that can generate 400 megawatts.

Shan State (North) USDA renovated 49 rural schools and built one hydel power plant in Mongli Model Village of Hsenwi Township with a view to uplifting the living standard of the local people. In conclusion, he said that USDA members are participating in the rural development tasks at present and in the future as well.

Next, Ma Myat Lay Ngon of Ayeyawady Division USDA said that prior to the Tatmadaw (See page 7)



Ma Myat Lay Ngon of Ayeyawady Division USDA. MNA

Ayeyawady Division USDA has constructed 217 schools and 62 clinics, renovated 1,259 schools and 129 clinics, constructed or upgraded 507 miles of roads, sunk 406 tube-wells, and dug 290 lakes for rural people.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint tours Mandalay Division

YANGON 13 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, senior military officers, local authorities and departmental officials on 11 May inspected Dann Creek Bridge construction project at mile-post No 393/3 on Yangon-Mandalay road.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspect digging of 5400 feet long canal that will link Lunngin and Lethkotpin dams. — MNA

Next, they proceeded to Kokkozu village in Myittha Township, Kyaukse District and inspected quality strain cotton produced at MCU-9 Long Staple Cotton Quality Strain Farming Zone.

Division Manager U Myint Swe of Myanma Sericulture Enterprise replied to the queries raised by Lt-Gen Ye Myint on the success in cultivating pre-monsoon long staple cotton in 2005-2006 in Kokkozu village.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with local farmers and discussed matters on cultivation of quality strain

long staple cotton and urged them to coordinate with regional in-charge. He also gave instructions to officials on providing assistance to local farmers. In Myittha Township, 13547 acres of land had been put under long staple cotton out of the targeted 13500 acres.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected thriving summer paddy fields in Yathinchar village tract in Wundwin Township.

In meeting with local farmers Lt-Gen Ye Myint discussed matters on cultivation of summer paddy and long staple cotton.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party, next, arrived at river water pumping project being implemented near Konhni village, Wundwin Township. An official reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on work being carried out there. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks and attended to the needs.

In accord with guidance given by the Head of State, the project is being implemented with the aim of supplying water to Meiktila plain for its greening.

A meeting on greening of Meiktila

plain and water supply was held at the briefing hall of Nyaunggon dam near Nyaunggon village in Meiktila Township attended by Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported on efforts being made for greening of Meiktila plain and officials on building of canals, arrival of machines, digging ponds in villages and building of Myohla dam to prevent floods. In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that as the Head of State has given guidance on greening of Pakokku and Meiktila districts, work is to be

carried out systematically and that officials are to go right down to the grassroots level to seek every possible ways and means for water supply tasks. He spoke of the need of extending arable land.

After the meeting Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Nyaunggon dam, met with officials and fulfilled the requirements.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected Lethkotpin dam, Lunngin dam and Chaunggaug dam.

Next, they inspected Meiktila bypass being constructed by

Yuzana Highway Company.

In the afternoon, they arrived at Meiktila Institute of Economics Construction Project. Rector U Than Swe reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on number of teachers and students and academic matters and Engineer U Kyaw Than of Shwe Nanthit Company on progress in building a four-storey building.

After fulfilling the requirements, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the convocation hall and the main building. They proceeded to Mandalay and spent the night there.

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GDP of Shan State (South)...

(from page 6)

Government, the region's sown acreage was more than 4.2 million and now it has increased to more than 4.4 million. So far, a total of 82 dams and canals and 35 waterworks have been constructed or

paddy. It has also extended the sown acreage to over 1.5 million.

Up to now, the region has extended fish breeding ponds to more than 83,000 acres and prawn breeding ponds to more than 40,000 acres. And

14,000 acres of teak, cultivated over 32,000 acres of cash crops, and 2,250 acres of Thitseint (belleric myrobalan) trees. A total of 17.13 acres have been put under trees through mass movement.

There have emerged six universities and de-

partments, 42 telegraph offices, 66 facsimiles, 92 telephone stations of 20,184 lines along with modern communication stations.

The government has constructed 49 above-180-foot-long bridges and one airport. The length of railroads has increased to more than 140 miles and roads to 1,300 miles.

It has constructed three government technological colleges and three government computer colleges for development of human resources.

The number of hospitals has grown to 75, health care centres to 247, medical staff to 3,184, traditional clinics to 32, and health training schools to three.

The government has established three industrial zones. And there have emerged 6,257 private factories, 453 cottage industries, and 64 State-owned factories alongside one 100-ton pulp mill (Thabaung

Township).

Ayeyawady Division USDA has constructed 217 schools and 62 clinics, renovated 1,259 schools and 129 clinics, constructed or upgraded 507 miles of roads, sunk 406 tube-wells, and dug 290 lakes for rural people.

In conclusion, she pledged the Ayeyawady Division USDA will continue to actively participate in the nation-building tasks for better future of the nation.

Next, Secretary General of USDA U Htay Oo made a speech saying that youths of states and divisions discussed re-

gional development of their respective regions and that all are responsible for success of rural development tasks and it is important to cooperation for all-round development. The Secretary-General announced the decision of youth members of USDA to actively participate in nation-building tasks and rural development undertakings. After seeking approval of the youths, the Secretary-General approved the decision.

The seminar concluded successfully at 10.35 am with chanting of slogans.

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Secretary-General U Htay Oo announces the decision of USDA Youth members. — MNA

are under construction.

The government has taken measures to boost per acre yield of more than 3.5 acres of monsoon paddy and more than 1.4 million acres of summer

it has released more than 4.8 million fingerlings into the Ayeyawady River.

It has conserved over 39,000 acres of mangrove forests, over

green colleges and two colleges, and the number of basic education schools has reached 6,324.

The region has been facilitated with 142 post



Ma Nan Mya Yi Thin of Shan State (South) UDDA.—MNA



Maung Sai Hkam Kaw of Shan State (North) UDDA.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives newly accredited Belgian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jan Matthysen at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1) — MNA

Mass rally to denounce announcement...

(from page 16)
members from Naungkio Township, locals from Hsipaw and national people from Sanhpate, Manhe, Teinchay,

Teinsan, Moetary, Kyinthis, Tonsint, Bawgyo, Laungkhon, Ywathit, Pansaukmain, Kontha, Naungan, Monglin, Naungkawgyi, Narmayhkaw and Nantlan village tracts totalling over 5,900 attended the ceremony. Shan national U Sai Lun Tha of

present at the rally saluted the State flag.

Afterwards, U Sai Lun Tha delivered an opening speech in both Myanmar and Shan languages. (U Sai Lun Tha's speech is reported separately.)

Next, Shan national CEC U Kaung Tai of SSA Shan State (North) Special Region-

Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts both in Myanmar and Shan languages. (U Kaung Tai's speech is reported separately.)

Shan national Daw Nan Theingi of Teinsan village tract, Hsipaw Township, Palaung national U Khun Soe Lwin of Zatsu Ward, Hsipaw

the motion in both Myanmar and Shan languages.

(Speeches of Daw Nan Theingi, U Khun Soe Lwin and U Sai Ohn Kywe are reported separately.) Later, after seeking the approval from those present, the chairman of the rally approved the motion.

The rally con-



Local people marching to the mass rally held in Hsipaw.

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Shan nationals Daw Nan Khin Nyunt Lu and Daw Nan Phyu Phyu Kyaw of Hsipaw acts MCs.

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Panhteiktaung village in Hsipaw Township presided over the rally together with Patron U Sai Naunt of Shan State Army (SSA) of Shan State (North) Special Region-3 and Group Leader U Kyaw Yin of Palaung Peace Group.

Shan nationals Daw Nan Khin Nyunt Lu and Daw Nan Phyu Phyu Kyaw acted as master of ceremonies and co-MC.

After taking designated places, those



Local national races attending the mass rally held in Hsipaw.

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3 tabled a motion condemning the announcement of secession of

and Shan national U Sai Ohn Kywe of Zayyat Ward, Hsipaw seconded

cluded at 8.45 am with the chanting of slogans.

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Local people still remember the incidents that sawbwas lured them with various games of gambling and shared the profits with the bankers. The gamblers became impoverished. The people had to pay a diversity of taxes to them. Sawbwas never set up a stand for pots of drinking water for the public, but squandered the taxes levied from the public.



The mass rally to denounce and oppose announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts being held in Hsipaw, Kyaukse District.— MNA

Encouragement is to be given...

(from page 16)
to the deforestation and environmental degradation in the country. That's why, he said, it is necessary to systematically supervise the task for mining of gems in line with the rules and regulations without causing environmental deterioration.

He said the country is earning foreign exchange through the sectors of agriculture, fish and meat, forest, miner-

als and energy. So, earnest efforts are to be made to meet the targets of the mineral sector in which gems are included. Globally, jade is in great demand and it generates much foreign exchange. That is why arrangements are to be made for boosting production of jade by extending new jade mining blocks, the Secretary-1 added.

As Myanmar is a land of precious stones

such as jade, ruby, and sapphire, the main market of these gems should be Myanmar, he noted. Therefore, more efforts are to be made for making the nation globally known for its valuable gems.

With the cutting edge of technology, it is better to sell finished products of gems than sell them in raw. Encouragement is to be given to make more ornaments such as figurines, paintings and other household items in addition to production of jewelry.

The Secretary-1 urged officials to endeavor for the mining of diamond and platinum as deposits of them can be found in the country.

Next, Mines Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reported on the matters related to sales of gems in gem shows, the earning of State's income from Myanma gems industries and jade and gems blocks.

Later, Deputy Mines



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly accredited Canadian Ambassador Mr Denis Comeau. (News on page 1) — MNA



Minister for Mines
Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.
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Minister reported on duties and responsibilities of Gems Supervisory Central Committee, finding mining blocks and vacant

blocks and mining in jade and gems blocks in accord with Myanma Gems Law. After hearing the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-

Gen Thein Sein made a general round of discussions and attended to the needs.

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People are expressing the truth at the rally and should warn the perpetrators to end their wicked plan

YANGON, 13 May — The following is a translation of the motion tabled by U Sai Lun Tha of Panhtaintaung Ward

in Hsipaw. The people of Shan State had to suffer from the selfish rule of the sawbwaw who permitted

gambling in the region to collect taxes for many decades. The nation would be enjoying greater development in

all aspects and the higher living standard if the external elements and neo-colonialists were not interfering in the internal affairs of the country. It has been found that the destructive elements have tried to break up the Union many times. So the people of Shan State make a resolve to annihilate the destructive elements.

All of us must be aware of the fact that former Shan sawbwa ren-

egade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts and some traitors are intentionally attempting to break up the Union and sow seeds of mistrust among the national races.

On 17 April, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa named himself as a self-styled president of Shan State. His perpetration could lead to breaking up the Union. So the Government announced the group led by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and co-

horts unlawful association on 19 April 2005 and the political parties, social organisations and peace groups also announced their opposition to and condemning the secession of Shan State from the Union.

So, the people are expressing the truth at the rally and should warn them to end their wicked plan. The entire people of Hsipaw are against and opposed to their announcement. — MNA



Meeting chairman Shan national U Sai Lun Tha delivers an address at the mass rally in Hsipaw. MNA

All of us must be aware of the fact that former Shan sawbwa renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are intentionally attempting to break up the Union and sow seeds of mistrust among the national races.



Local people attending the mass rally in Hsipaw to oppose and denounce announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. — MNA

Sawbwas bullied, dominated, ill-treated and oppressed local people in Shan State



U Kaung Taing, member of the central committee of Shan State (North) Special Region-3.—MNA

YANGON, 13 May—The following is a translation of the motion tabled by U Kaung Taing, member of the central committee of Shan State (North) Special Region-3 of Shan State Army (SSA).

Regarding the announcement of renegade

Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices to secede Shan State from the Union, U Kaung Taing said that the national people want to see the nation and their regions prosperous to be able to fully enjoy the sweet taste of peace, independence, and high living standard. So, the people have given the top priority to upholding the three tasks — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

If the Union and national unity disintegrate and sovereignty is lost, the nation will fall again under the alien subjugation, the people will get into great troubles with blood-

shed and will find it difficult to put out the blazing inferno of armed conflicts. Thus, the people are safeguarding and protecting in unison the mother country from all possible dangers. The nation has faced so many times the evil acts committed by internal and external destructive elements accepting the patronage of certain foreign countries. On 17 April, expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts, with a show of boldness but without good results, issued an announcement on the formation of so-called Shan provisional government with Sao Hkam Hpa as president.

They also announced that 48 townships in Shan

State supported them. Indeed, it was a one-sided announcement unacceptable to more than 100 national races of the nation. The meeting stands witness to the fact that the entire national people do not accept and strongly oppose the acts and aims of the fugitives.

Since the early 1950s, descendants of Shan sawbwas (chieftains) have been conspiring plots to secede Shan State from the Union.

And the federal principle movement, which came into being in 1961-62, was just an attempt to secede from the Union and then to join one of the military blocs of colonialists, met with an

end more than 40 years ago due to the disapproval of the entire national people. In fact, descendants of Shan sawbwas commit an act of secession from the Union according to the dictates of the colonialists always resorting to wicked means to deal a shattering blow to Myanmar.

The sawbwas bullied, dominated, ill-treated and oppressed local people in Shan State during the colonial period and post-independence period. These sufferings were indeed too bitter to forget. Local people still remember the incidents that sawbwas lured them with various games of gambling and shared the profits with the bankers.

The gamblers became

impoverished. The people had to pay a diversity of taxes to them. The Sawbwas never set up a stand for pots of drinking water for the public, but squandered the taxes levied from the public.

Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices with racism are committing evil acts that pose grave danger to the nation and the people.

He said he therefore tabled a motion that in line with the four-point people's desire, local residents in Hsipaw Township do not accept and strongly denounce the declaration of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts to secede Shan State from the Union.

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No one supports traitor Sao Hkam Hpa and his group



Daw Nan Theingi of Teinsan Village-tract of Hsipaw Township. —MNA

YANGON, 13 May — The following is a translation of speech delivered by Daw Nan Theingi.

Daw Nan Theingi, a Shan national of Teinsan Village-tract of Hsipaw Township said that the aim of the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts highlighted a wicked and cruel conspiracy of expatriates and

colonialists to break up the Union. It was very harmful act to the State and the national people. Therefore, the Government declared the group unlawful. Similarly, political parties, social organizations, national race peace organizations and national people from all the regions also opposed and condemned them.

Voice of a handful of expatriates was unpleasant to the ears of the

national people. So, all the national races had declared that those who broke up the Union are our enemies. Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his cohorts lied to the people of Laikha and Mongnaung townships that the local people supported them.

Therefore, we all have heard the news that national races from Laikha and Mongnaung regions held mass rallies

and strongly oppose and condemn renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts.

By applying Internet and websites, the expatriates used various ways and means of propagation. It can be said that their acts could lead to the disintegration of the Union and national unity.

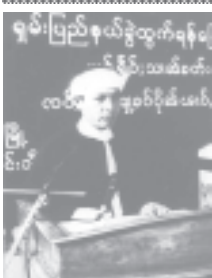
All the national people declare they do not accept the instigation of the expatriates and wicked and devil acts of renegade Sao

Hkam Hpa and cohorts. There is no supporter of traitor Sao Hkam Hpa and his group in the entire nation including Shan States (North),(South)and(East).

She seconded the motion calling for opposing and condemning the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts tabled by U Kaung Taing.

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Sao Hkam Hpa's so-called parallel government has become drug bandit one



Palaung national race U Khum Soe Lwin of Zatsu Ward, Hsipaw. — MNA

YANGON, 13 May — The following is a translation of the address delivered by Palaung national U Khum Soe Lwin of Zatsu Ward, Hsipaw, on 11 May.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts announced the secession of Shan State from the Union through some foreign radio stations including BBC and VOA

that are making skyful of lies. It is obvious that the perpetrators are making lies using the media as a tool.

SSA, a handful of drug bandits, are now under the command of the renegade Sao Hkam Hpa's parallel government.

They are an alliance of robbers and bandits. In other words, the

renegades have formed alliance with the saboteurs.

The atrocities of SSA are loathsome to the people of Shan State. Ywet Sit and his men were included in the list of group that were going to surrender together with the MTA in 1996. But Ywet Sit group went underground again as it had to receive a large amount

of outstanding payments from drug dealers. As the drug bandit SSA has become the army of the so-called Shan Republic of Sao Hkam Hpa, the parallel government has also become a drug bandit government.

When the strength of robbers grows bigger and bigger, they become insurgents and they formed the so-called par-

allel government. And in the end they become terrorists. The alliance between the renegade descendants of sawbwas and the drug bandits will harass the people. Together with the people of the entire Union, the nationalities of Hsipaw denounced Sao Hkam Hpa and his men in strongest terms.

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The entire people can't stand idly by acts of terrorist insurgents



U Sai Ohn Kywe of Zayyat, Hsipaw. —MNA

YANGON, 13 May —The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Sai Ohn Kywe of Zayyat, Hsipaw.

He said terrorist insurgents, lackeys of colonialists, are trying to harm their own nation, and their mounting destructive acts are unbearable for the public including monks.

While KNU is committing such subver-

sive acts as opening fire on convoys of pilgrimage and excursion tours and killing university teachers and students, members of Ywet Sit's group are also planting bombs, murdering the innocent people and setting fires to houses and villages, he said.

Again, taking foothold in the country, runaway Sein Win of NCGUB and his accom-

pllices and those of KNPP, known for teak smuggler, are being awarded by colonialists for their killing of innocent people.

He added those destructive elements on 7 May blew off the bombs at Thai Trade Fair in Pazundaung, Junction-8 Department Store in Mayangon and Dagon Shopping Centre.

Eleven people

were killed and more than 160 others injured in the bomb blasts.

He said the people can't stand idly by the acts of those terrorist insurgents, who are advocating democracy and demanding a paralleled government, and it is time to oppose and condemn their acts.

All the national people are unbearable that as soon as renegade

Sao Kham Pha has announced the secession of Shan State from the Union, insurgent members of KNU, SSA, KNPP and NCGUB with great delight and no mercy started killing the people of their own motherland.

That's why, he concluded, people are outraged and denounce their acts.

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Discussion of pensioners —10

Hein Myint

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

The Palaung State Liberation Army (PSLA) led by U Aik Mone unconditionally exchanged arms for peace at a ceremony held in Mangton, Kyaukme District, northern Shan State, on 29 April 2005. Altogether 843 members including U Aik Mone, vice-chairman U Nyi Lone, joint secretary U Mong Ohn Khaing, and battalion commanding officers U Aik Hsam, U Han Thein, U Aung Pe and U Pan Siya handed over their arms to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

After having our lunch, we, the pensioners, continued our discussions.

"The bold and decisive resolve of U Kan Na and his men and the PSLA to unconditionally exchange arms for peace is an auspicious news for the whole nation."

"It is an encouraging news for the entire nation, especially, for the Hsenwi, Mongton and Namhsan regions."

"As the regional people are imagining with pleasure the total peace and stability they are going to enjoy, we honour U Kan Na and U Aik Mone and their men."

"When we compare the acts of U Kan Na and U Aik Mone and perpetration of Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts we can clearly see whose are constructive and whose are destructive."

"The people and organizations are welcoming and supporting the constructive acts and condemning and opposing the destructive acts of Sao Hkam Hpa."

"According to U Kan Na, he had been launching the armed opposition against the Government with narrow-racism belief since 1976. In 1995, he and his group returned to the legal fold. But due to the divide-and-rule policy, and the evil legacy of the colonialists, he and his men did not hand over their arms to the Government as they had not the full trust in the Government yet then, but cooperated with the Government for the locals' interest.

Now they have come to understand that they will not serve the interests of the people as long as they are collecting taxes from them and do not discard their arms. As they saw the rapid developments emerging in a short period in all sectors, they began to assess their stance to hold arms. The Constitution the nation is drawing at present will ensure equal rights for every nationality regardless of its race and creed. Because of the sincerity and goodwill endeavours of the Government, they now have full confidence in it. So they are free from all doubts caused by narrow-racism, and without any one's urge, they have come back to the fold of their own volition.

"They are honourable, for, they have a firm resolve to hand over the arms they had held for over 29 years."

"But some foreign radio stations are slandering them as if they have made the resolve under pressure."

The parents could not earn their living well and the children could not attend classes. Out of fear, the locals unwillingly paid extortion money to the insurgents following the armed struggle line with the motto to serve the interests of the Shan State and its people.

"It is usual that the destructionists inside and outside the country and those foreign radio stations have the pessimistic view on all the national development undertakings. They always support the destructive acts."

"While I was watching with pleasure the PSLA's unconditional exchange of arms for peace, the BBC aired an interview with an anonymous so-called PSLA member on line. The interviewer asked him a question, which said, "Why does the PSLA unconditionally exchange arms for peace before meeting its demands?" I was so angry to hear the question. Instead of welcoming the news with pleasure, he asked a question with destructive outlook. He is a real saboteur."

"At the ceremony, U Aik Mone said, "The Palaung people could not unite themselves due to pretty trouble under the different armed insurgents as there were no security and regional peace. The Palaung National Army was founded in 1963 to protect and lead the Palaung people. In 1976, it was changed to the Palaung State Liberation Army, and

was active in the Palaung region. Thanks to the sincere goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government, the PSLA met with the Government representatives several times in 1991, and returned to the legal fold. We are now free from doubts and narrow racism, and thus, we have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace of our own volition for the betterment of the present people and the posterity."

"A Shan national Dr Phyu Phyu, on behalf of the U Kan Na and his men and a Palaung national U Hkun Pwint and Ma Nang Mya Sein, on behalf of the PSLA, explained the experiences the locals had faced during the three periods."

"Three periods...what do you mean? Please explain!"

"The first is the period of the PSLA's following of the armed struggle line, the second, the period of the returning to the legal fold, working together with the Government for regional development and building mutual trust with the Government, and the third, the period of making the unconditional exchange of arms for peace."

"We heard the PSLA leaders admitting that they had followed the armed struggle line because of the evil legacy of the colonialists' divide-and-rule policy, and the narrow racism."

They also said, "In reality the armed opposition slowed down the pace of development in addition to suppressing the local people. Many local people were killed and wounded in the battles that occurred frequently in the region. The region was in the darkness then. The locals had to live in fear, and the battles had separated many families. The transport, education, health and many other sectors were in a state of decline because of the regional insecurity. The parents could not earn their living well and the children could not attend classes. Out of fear, the locals unwillingly paid extortion money to the insurgents following the armed struggle line with the motto to serve the interests of the Shan State and its people. And the wives and relatives of the insurgents were always worried about their beloved ones. The locals' real wish was to free themselves from the burden of the insurgents."

"Although we have not faced the flames of internal insurgency in person, we can understand their bitter experiences with sympathy."

(To be continued)

(Translation: TMT)

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MWAF officials comfort patients at hospitals

YANGON, 13 May — The president, the vice-president, the general secretary and the joint general secretary and others of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation dividing into four groups this afternoon comforted patients who were injured in the recent bomb blasts due to cruel acts of destructive elements.

Next, MWAF personnel donated K 300,000 for medicines to Yangon General Hospital, K 100,000 to new Yangon General Hospital, K 200,000 to General and Teaching Hospital (North Okkalapa), K 200,000 to Insein General Hospital and K 5,000 each to 86 patients.

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Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping of FAO gives a speech at Seminar of Coffee Quality in Myanmar. (News on Page-2) —NLM

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

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Singapore, Pakistan to start talks on FTA in June

SINGAPORE, 12 May—Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced here Tuesday that his country and Pakistan will start talks on a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) in the coming June.

Singapore and Pakistan share the mutual willingness and desire for greater engagement and cooperation, said Lee on Tuesday night at a dinner for his visiting Pakistani counterpart Shaukat Aziz.

"I hope that with the FTA, we will make a concerted effort to remove trade barriers between our countries, and identify sectors which we can further open up for investments," Lee said.

Lee said the island state is increasingly interested in South Asia and the Middle East for co-

operation opportunities.

"Pakistan is located at the junction of these two regions, and is well placed to be strategic partner for Singapore," Lee said, adding that Pakistan's "Strategic Vision East Asia" policy also aims at forming partnerships with countries in East and Southeast Asia.

Lee said he hoped the enhanced bilateral ties will help bring about cooperation for mutual benefit and cement the linkages between the two regions.

Aziz began his three-day visit to Singapore on Tuesday and witnessed, with Lee, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Combating Terrorism and Other Transnational Crimes between the two sides. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Japan provides food aid to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 12 May — The Japanese Government will extend a grant assistance of 233.1 million Nepali rupees (3.33 million US dollars) to Nepal for food aid, the Japanese Embassy to Nepal said here Tuesday.

"The assistance has been provided with the basic objective of the Nepali Government to procure rice and supply it to the needy population living in the food deficit districts of Nepal," the

embassy said in a Press statement.

Nepal will however have to deposit a specified amount of money in a bank as a counterpart fund of the food aid after the utilization of the grant, the statement noted, adding, "The deposited amount shall be utilized for the purpose of economic and social development, including food production in Nepal, with prior consultation between the two governments".

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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 51st 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

India, Pakistan hold talks on Amritsar-Lahore bus service

ISLAMABAD, 12 May — India and Pakistan on Tuesday held talks on the launch of Amritsar-Lahore bus service, restoration of communication links between the Coast Guards of the two countries and liberalizing procedures for repatriation of fishermen who stray into each others' waters.

An Indian delegation of transport officials headed by Secretary Transport Alok Rawat discussed with the Pakistani officials modalities of the Amritsar-Lahore bus service linking the two Punjab.

The two countries had agreed in principle to run the bus during President Pervez Musharraf's visit to India last month.

India and Pakistan already run bus services between Lahore and New Delhi and Srinagar to Muzaffarabad and a train service between Lahore and Attari near Wagah border point in Punjab.

Also an Indian Coast Guard delegation led by Chief Vice Admiral A.K. Singh held talks with officials of the Pakistan's Maritime Security Agency, (PMSA), on establishment of communication links between the two sides and liberalizing of procedures to release fishermen who stray into each others' waters.

Besides establishment of communication links, the two sides discussed exchange of information on the detention of fishermen and necessary coordination for their early and smooth repatriation. They also discussed ways to educate fishermen about maritime boundaries and coordinate search and rescue at sea.

Hundreds of fishermen from both the countries are nabbed every year by the ICG and PMSA off Gujarat and Karachi coasts. The two sides discussed possible exchange of information on other important maritime aspects like natural disasters, pollution incidents, smuggling and illicit drug trafficking. — *MNA/PTI*

Nepal to set up Special Economic Zone in Birgunj

KATHMANDU, 12 May — The Nepali Government has decided to develop a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in its southern city of Birgunj that will be treated as a tax and duty free zone, a government official told reporters on Wednesday.

The Council of Ministers, or Cabinet, has decided to hand over about 544 hectares of land for the SEZ development recently, said Sarbajit Prasad Mahato, acting chief of the SEZ project under the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies.

"About 340 hectares of land will be used in the development of the SEZ. The remaining 204 hec-

tares will be developed into Garment Processing Zone," Mahato said.

The land will be formally handed over to the ministry's SEZ project soon, and the ministry will take initiatives to develop it in the new fiscal year beginning from July 16, 2005. With the decision, the ministry is finally set to implement over a decade long plan to set up the SEZ in the southern trade hub bordering India, he noted.

To gain confidence of the private sector to move their units to the SEZ, the government is also formulating a separate act, promising them special duty concessions and facilities.

Moreover, a fast track road will be constructed to link the SEZ with Birgunj-Pathlaiya road segment of Trihuvan Highway, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

China issues first licence for IP video service

BEIJING, 12 May — The Shanghai Media Group (SMG), the major rival of China's Central Television (CCTV), has received the country's first licence for promising Internet Protocol (IP)

video service, according to China's General Administration of Radio, Film and TV (GARFT).

The licence approved SMG to operate IP video service through TV sets and mobile equipment like

cellphones. It means that the station is authorized to broadcast its own TV programmes or introduced programmes through the IP network, reported Wednesday's *The Beijing News*.

The station estab-

lished two companies responsible for TV receivers and mobile receivers such as cellphones.

An IP TV company under CCTV had been allowed to operate pay-TV programmes through the IP

network last February, but it was not approved to broadcast its programmes via mobile phones. It launched its IP TV service in five additional provinces this week, totalling to eight provinces. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Cameras to be installed along Mexico-US border

MEXICO CITY, 12 May — A total of 300 cameras will be set up in the Mexican northeastern state of Nuevo Leon along the border with the United States as a wave of drug-related violence increased, the authorities said on Tuesday.

At a Press conference, State Attorney General Luis Carlos Trevino said the cameras are aimed at preventing the drug-related violence and the surveillance system will be put on operation within 20 days.

“Through the cameras connected to the state Public Security Department (SSP), it will be possible to read the licence plates of suspicious cars and have an immediate match with data-bank information,” said Trevino.

On Monday, four people were assassinated in the state capital of Monterrey, some 200 kilometres south of the borders between Mexico and the United States. Two bodies were badly burned when they were found in separate locations in the city, police said.

Trevino said his office and the SSP are determined to crack down on the rampant crimes in the zone.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijingers likely to drink water from Yangtze River by 2010

BEIJING, 12 May — An emergency project to divert water from nearby Hebei Province is expected to be completed next year and to start to pump water to this thirsty Chinese capital city in 2007, an official with the Beijing Water Authority said here Wednesday.

The 225-kilometre conduit, which will cost 12.384 billion yuan (about 1.497 billion US dollars), will siphon water from four major reservoirs of Gangnan, Wangkuai, West Ocean and Huangbi Village in Shijiazhuang City of Hebei Province, at a time when Beijing is expected to suffer from severe water shortages.

The new waterway is also part of China’s massive project to divert water from the Yangtze River to north China, which will be finished by 2010. From that time on, one billion cubic metres of water will be able to be transported to Beijing through the conduit, around the size of three Miyun Reservoirs, the major water supplier for Beijing today. According to estimates, the price of water from Yangtze River is six yuan (about 0.73 US dollars) per cubic metre. And the current price of 5.14 yuan (about 0.62 US dollars) per cubic metre will be raised to six yuan by 2007. — MNA/Xinhua

China, Netherlands to build biomedical, information school

SHENYANG, 12 May — China and the Netherlands will cooperate on a biomedical and information engineering school on the campus of Northeast University of China in Shenyang, capital of Northeast China’s Liaoning Province, according to an agreement signed here Wednesday.

The university will be jointly built by Northeast University of China, Holland Eindhoven University of Technology, the Neusoft Group and Royal Philips Electronics.

The school will train students in basic medicine and biology and modern bio-techniques, bio-information and computer science.

The school will enroll 1,000 students, 40 percent of whom will be post-graduate students, said He Jicheng, president of Northeast University of China.

MNA/Xinhua



A member of the Singapore Navy’s 180 Squadron stands guard onboard a ship during an exercise in the Singapore Straits on 12 May, 2005. —INTERNET

India to reduce tax rates to ASEAN levels

NEW DELHI, 12 May — The Indian Government will continue tax reforms, including reducing tax rates to ASEAN levels in the coming years, improving administration and making enforcement stricter to check evasion, Finance Minister P Chidambaram said here on Wednesday.

Launching e-payment of excise and service tax, Chidambaram said, Help Centres would be put in place for the small tax payer and e-payment facilities for 5,500 large companies to improve tax administration and push up revenue collections.

Stating that the government intended to rely more on information and intelligence rather than on search and seizures to check tax evasion and avoidance, Chidambaram said: “Tax

reform is an ongoing process... In course of time, it is our endeavour to bring down tax rates to the ASEAN level.”

Asserting that the central government has kept its promise of carrying out reforms in both direct and indirect taxes, he said India will soon have the best tax rates in the world.

Tax rates must be moderate, tax administration should be user-friendly and enforcement impartial and strict, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Travel mart to be held in Nepal to attract visitors

KATHMANDU, 12 May — Nepal is organizing a travel mart on 12-14 May in Kathmandu at a time when the country’s tourism industry has been passing through difficult phase.

The event is aimed at highlighting the safety of tourists in Nepal and countering the negative publicity of the country in the international market, said Rabi Paudel, president of Nepal Association of Tour and

Travel Agents on Wednesday.

“We are holding the event with a view to effectively spread Nepal’s positive image among foreign tourists,” Paudel said.

According to Paudel, some 180 travel agents from 14 countries will

participate in the event.

“Tour agents will visit different tourist destinations in order to gain first-hand experience. And they will convey their message back home, encouraging those who are having second thoughts to visit Nepal,” Paudel added.

He said that they will provide foreign travel agents with accommodation free of charge, take them for sightseeing, and extend free air ticket to the leaders of delegations and provide 50 per cent discount in air ticket for the other visitors.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombian Army kills 35 guerillas of illegal groups

BOGOTA, 12 May — About 35 combatants of Colombia’s illegal groups were killed on Tuesday in fire exchanges with the Army in different parts of the country, said the military.

The deaths were 29 guerillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and six members of the right-wing United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC). Twenty other right-wing fighters were captured by the Army.

The military said at least three rebels of the FARC’s 9th front were killed in clashes with soldiers of the Fourth Army Brigade in the south of the northwestern department Antioquia.

Two other FARC guerillas, members of the Julio Mario Tavera Column, were killed in a skirmish with the Army in the east department of

Arauca when they attempted to attack an oil pipeline.

In the south of the central department Tolima, the troops of the 9th Army Brigade killed nine FARC guerillas, including three minors.

The military did not reveal information about the other casualties and those captured.

The FARC is the main rebel group in Colombia with at least 17,000 combatants, while the 20,000-strong AUC has its origins in vigilante groups set up by cattle ranchers and drug traffickers to combat left-wing guerillas. — MNA/Xinhua



Agricultural workers in Germany. The German economy, the biggest in the 12-country Eurozone, grew faster than it has done in four years in the first three months of 2005. — INTERNET

S P O R T S

Glazer launches formal bid for Manchester United

MANCHESTER, 13 May — American business tycoon Malcolm Glazer threw in a 790.3 million-pound bid for the takeover of Manchester United on Thursday after stealthily acquiring shares from the club's biggest single investors.

A statement released by Glazer's bankers said he would make a 300-pence-per-share cash offer to United shareholders, valuing the world-famous club at 790.3 million pounds (1.16 billion euros, 1.47 billion dollars).

United's share price jumped by 12.92 per cent to 299.25 pence in late London stock market trading, while the capital's FTSE 100 index of leading shares rose 0.23 per cent to 4,886.50 points.

Glazer is the majority shareholder at United with 56.9-per-cent stake after buying Irish racing tycoons JP McManus and

John Magnier's 28.7 per cent stake in the club.

The Irish duo's stake was snapped up by Glazer's investment vehicle, Red Football Limited, for 300 pence a share, automatically triggering a bid for the remaining stake under British takeover rules.

Manchester United said its board would review Glazer's bid before making a further announcement.

Glazer's bid triggered a furore among Manchester United supporters who flocked to the Old Trafford stadium holding high banners saying "not for sale" or "sell your

shares, sell your souls". Some wrathful fans even burned Glazer in effigy.

They fear his offer will saddle United with heavy debts, force up ticket prices and divert funds which could be used to buy players for the team, which will finish a disappointing third this season in England's top soccer league. —MNA/Xinhua



Brazil's Santo Andre player Leandrinho, right, fights for the ball against Venezuela's Deportivo Tachira player Cuevas, during their Libertadores Cup match at the Bruno Daniel Stadium in Santo Andre, Brazil, on 12 May, 2005. — INTERNET

China beat Indonesia to set semi clash with South Korea

BEIJING, 13 May — Hot favourites China, in a bid to reclaim the badminton Sudirman Cup on home ground, whitewashed Group 1B rival Indonesia 5-0 here on Thursday to set the showdown with defending champion South Korea in the semifinals.

Indonesians, champions of the inaugural event in 1989, produced little trouble to China's big guns.

Hosts started their last group battle with two-time Olympic medallists Zhang Jun/Gao Ling taking on newly-paired Flandy Limpele/Yunita Tetty in the opening mixed doubles category.

The Indonesian duo put on real challenge when they overcame a 7-0 deficit to win the first game 15-12. Zhang/Gao regained their form and finished the remaining two games 15-8, 15-2.

In men's singles, where current world Number One Lin Dan and Indonesian Olympic champion Taufik Hidayat were expected to meet before the match, Indonesian sent Sony Dwi

Kuncoro instead.

Despite a narrow win 17-14 in the first game, Lin proved his world top form to outclass Kuncoro 15-10 in the second.

"Sony plays well and Lin always has trouble with him in the first game," Chinese head coach Li Yongbo said.

"I think my players have given their best and I hope they will keep the winning form in the following semifinals and even in the final."

Lin's girlfriend Xie Xingfang, winner of six IBF tournaments in a row, hammered Fransisca Hari S 11-5, 11-0 to secure the victory for China.

In the remaining men's

and women's doubles, Chinese Fu Haifeng/ Cai Yun downed former world number one pair Candra Wijaya/Sigit Budiarto 15-10, 15-10 and Gao Ling/Huang Sui crushed Gresya Polii/ Lilyana Natsir 15-1, 15-4.

China has won three out of the three ties to top the group.

In a Group 1A match which ended later, Denmark shocked reigning titleholder South Korea 3-2 to top the group with an unbeaten record.

China will meet South Korea and Denmark is to play against Indonesia in the semifinals on Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

Costa Rica's Saprissa win CONCACAF Champions Cup

MEXICO CITY, 13 May — Costa Rican club Saprissa won the CONCACAF Champions Cup despite losing the second leg of the final 2-1 away to Mexico's UNAM to qualify for the World Club Championship in Japan at the end of the year.

Saprissa took the trophy — the North, Central American and Caribbean equivalent of Europe's Champions League — for the third time 3-2 on aggregate after last weeks' 2-0 home victory.

The club, also winners in 1993 and

1995, are coached by former Costa Rica forward Hernan Medford and owned by flamboyant Mexican businessman Jorge Vergara, who also owns Mexico's most popular club Guadalajara.

MNA/Xinhua

Sharapova progresses in Rome Masters tennis

ROME, 13 May — Top seed Maria Sharapova of Russia had a smooth progress into the quarterfinals of the Rome Masters with a 7-6, 6-4 win over

Mary Pierce of France here on Thursday.

Meanwhile, defending champion Amelie Mauresmo of France eliminated Italy's Silvia Farina Elia 6-4, 6-3 to set up a clash with four-times former winner Conchita Martinez.

Sharapova had never gone beyond the last eight in her previous six tournaments on the surface and was facing a claycourt expert who won the Rome title in 1997 and the 2000 French Open.

The Russian started aggressively, firing groundstrokes deep in an attempt to close out each point as quickly as possible. And Pierce fended off six break points before a long backhand put the Russian 4-2 up in the sixth game.

Sharapova again came out on top of a see-saw opening to the second set, which included five consecutive breaks of serve. She finished off by lashing a winner down the line. The early exits of her highly-ranked compatriots Elena Dementieva and Svetlana Kuznetsova have left the draw wide open for Sharapova, who will wrestle the world number one ranking from Lindsay Davenport if she triumphs in Rome this week. "That would be an amazing feeling, but I'm just taking it one match at a time," said the second seed. "This is only my second claycourt tournament of the year and I'm trying not to think too much about the expectations." —MNA/Xinhua



Seattle SuperSonics forward Nick Collison (R) dunks over San Antonio Spurs forward Robert Horry during the semi-finals of their Western Conference semi-finals game three at Key Arena in Seattle on 12 May, 2005. The Sonics beat the Spurs 92-91, but trail San Antonio 2-1 in the best-of-seven series. —INTERNET

Big names to attend Vogue Party Laureus World Sports Award

LISBON, 13 May 13 — The world of fashion and the world of sport come together on Sunday, 15 May, in a celebration of style at the exclusive Vogue Party to be staged at the chic Farol Design Hotel in Cascais, Portugal, on the eve of the sixth annual Laureus World Sports Awards.

Among the guests at the party hosted by Vogue, the eternal arbiter of taste in fashion, are Jean Paul Gaultier, who has been at the forefront of fashion for over 20 years, Isabella Blow, style queen and supporter of new designers, Eva Cavalli, former Miss Universe now married to iconic Italian designer Roberto Cavalli, Sofia Kokosalaki, the brilliant new Greek designer, Angela Missoni, the current force behind the Italian knitwear company, Philip Treacy, the celebrated English hat designer, and Joaquin Cortez, the exciting Flamenco dancer.

The venue for this exclusive event, the Farol Design Hotel, is perched on cliffs overlooking the sea near the centre of the historic resort of Cascais. Formerly owned by the Count of Cabral, this remodelled 19th Century mansion combines a new infrastructure with a

unique contemporary minimalist design, which bridges time.

Among the guests at the Vogue Party include Stefan Bartlett, Boris Becker, Sergey Bubka, Isabella Blow, Michael Johnson, Amir Khan, Edwin Moses, Martina Navratilova and Eric Wright.

The day after the Vogue Party, the sixth annual Laureus World Sports Awards will be held in nearby Estoril. The Awards Ceremony, which is seen by a worldwide first run TV audience of 460 million, will be staged at the Casino Estoril on the evening of Monday, May 16. Laureus TV programming annually attracts an audience of over one billion.

The Laureus World Sports Awards has established a unique place in the sporting calendar, honouring the greatest sportsmen and sportswomen from around the world and across all sports.

MNA/Xinhua

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First test-tube quadruplets born in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 13 May — A Nepali woman who had conceived with the test-tube technology and gave birth to quadruplets at a private hospital here Wednesday, chairman of the hospital told *Xinhua* Thursday. "Urmila Bajracharya, wife of Pramod Harsha Bajracharya of Ason, resident of Kathmandu, gave birth to three sons and a daughter," said Bhola Rijal, senior gynecologist and chairman of the Om Hospital and Nursing Home (P) Ltd.

The babies could be the second quadruplets to be born through the in-vitro fertilization method in the world, Rijal noted, adding, "According to Internet, the first quadruplets were born in Germany about a month ago." — *MNA/Xinhua*

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- ၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့် အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ
 - (က) မိုးဦးကျွန်းပြင်ပတွင် လွှင့်လွှင့်ပေါလာသည့် အချို့စာတို့ ပါသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဓားတို့သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည် သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အနှံ့ အစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ အောင်မြင်စွာ စားသုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါက်ဖွား၍ ယင်ပေါများခြင်း။
 - (ခ) ရာသီဥတုအပြောင်းလဲမှုနှင့် အပူချိန်အပြောင်းလဲမှုကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း။
 - (ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီး ရေတင်း၊ ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဖျက်ဖြစ်၍ ရေမြောင်းပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွတ်ယိုပိတ်ပင်မှုကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း။
 - (ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရှိပါခြင်း၊ အဆေး ပတ်ခြင်း။
 - (င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း။
 - (စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် ညီညွတ်သည့် အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့ အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း။
- ၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ တူစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးနိုင်မည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း တိုက်တွန်း နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
 - (က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ခ) ယင်နားစားများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ဂ) စားကြင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများ ကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ဃ) မိမိတို့ မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေး အသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။
 - (င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။
 - (ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။
 - (ဇ) ရာသီဥတု၊ အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။
 - (ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် မြင်း၊ ယင် နှိမ်နှင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေး အမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်း စုပေါင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးမျိုး ဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့လာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ လိုက်ရောက် သတင်းပို့ပါ။
 - (ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးရာဆေးပေးစခန်း၊ ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသ စစ်ဆေးကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။



Saturday, 14 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Show me the meaning of being lonely
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: What becomes of the broken heart
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: Lay all your love on me
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Music - In your eyes
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Request - Where would I be - I know him so well
- 9.00 pm ASEAN review - News
- 9.10 pm Music
- 9.20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9.30 pm Souvenirs - (Quando)³
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

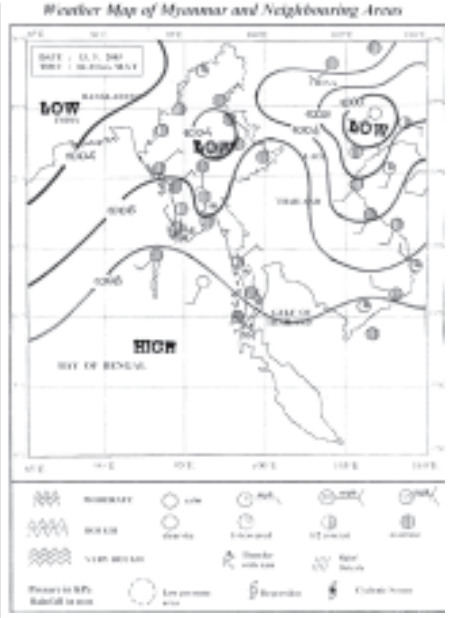


Saturday, 14 May View on today:

- 7:00 am
 - 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am
 - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 - 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
 - 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am
 - 7. လူ့ချောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
 - 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 - 9. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 11:00 am
 - 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
 - 2. Musical programme

- 11:30 am
 - 3. News
- 11:40 am
 - 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 - 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:30 pm
 - 6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စောရတီဇာနှင့် မိစ္ဆာစွမ်းစား" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 1:10 pm
 - 7. ဓမ္မာပဒါန (ဓမ္မာပဒါနအပေါ် ပန်ကြူ ကုသိုလ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်မိုရ်ကျွေး)
- 1:20 pm
 - 8. "ခံစားရင်ခံစားပါ" (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်မိုရ်ကျွေး)
- 1:55 am
 - 9. Musical programme
- 2:10 pm
 - 10. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm
 - 11. လွှမ်းမိုးပြင်ချေလှောင်တံခံ
- 2:40 am
 - 12. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm
 - 13. International news
- 4:00 pm
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 - 4. Musical programme

- 5:00 pm
 - 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းပုံစံပညာရေး ရှိမည်သည့်အား သင်ခန်းစာ - နာမည် (စာတည်း၊ သတ္တဗျာ အထူးပြုစာ) (စာတည်း)
- 5:15 pm
 - 6. နားဝင်စိတ်ယူလက်သံ
- 5:25 pm
 - 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတတ်
- 5:40 pm
 - 8. Musical programme
- 5:55 pm
 - 9. Games for children
- 6:20 pm
 - 10. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm
 - 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 - 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 - 13. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
 - 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရန်ကင်းမြို့တစ်ရာတစ်လီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 7:35 pm
 - 15. ကမ္ဘာ့သွေးတိုးရောဂါ ကာကွယ် ထိန်းသိမ်းရေးနေ့
- 7:45 pm
 - 16. ရှုမယ့်နည်း မြန်မာပြည်
- 8:00 pm
 - 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း ၄၀)
- 21. The next day's programme



WEATHER

Friday, 13 May, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan, Kayin States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in Rakhine, Kayah States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nyaunglaypin (3.17) inches, Gwa (1.97) inches, Shwegyin (1.54) inches, Yay (1.22) inches and Mawlamyine (1.14) inches. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions. (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions. (6°C) below normal in Mon State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (43°C), Monywa and Magway (42°C) each.
 Maximum temperature on 12-5-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 13-5-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-5-2005 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 12-5-2005 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfalls on 13-5-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and 0.04 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 2.84 inches at Yangon Airport, 3.46 inches at Kaba-Aye and 1.89 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from South at (17:30) hours MST on 12-5-2005.
Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of 14-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States, and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah States and Mandalay Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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 14-5-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-5-2005:** Partly cloudy.
Weather outlook for second weekend of May 2005: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon Division and rain or thundershowers are possible to be isolated in Mandalay Division.
Asleep in Jesus Naw Dollar 73 YEARS
 Naw Dollar, daughter of (U Aye Si)-(Naw Sein Toke), wife of Dr Maung Maung Myint (Retired-ENT Specialist), mother of Dr Aye Aye Myint-Gordon Paw, Sann Sann Myint-U Aung Tun, Khin Thida Myint-Gibbons-Bill Gibbons, (Dr Aung Myint), Dr Tun Myint-Khin Khin Nyo, Aung Thura Myint, grandmother of (8) passed away at 11:00 am on Friday, May 13, 2005. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at Judson Church at 8:00 am and to Yayway for cremation. (about 9:30 am.)
 Bereaved family

Encouragement is to be given to make more ornaments such as figurines, paintings and other household items in addition to production of jewelry Secretary-1 addresses coord meeting on development of Myanmar gems industry



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives instructions at the meeting on development of Myanmar gems industries.—MNA

YANGON, 13 May — The coordination meeting on the development of Myanmar gems industries was held at the meeting hall 1 of the Ministry of Mines at 3.30 pm today with an address by the State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Chief Justice, the Auditor-General, the Deputy Minister for Mines, members of Gems Supervisory Central Committee and officials at the SPDC Office.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for the Development of Myanmar gems industries, the State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address.

He said the leading committee is to take measures for mining and trading of gems in accord with the rules and regulations laid down by the State. The Head of State gave guidance that attention was to be paid to the development of gems industry, and environmental

conservation.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources including precious stones. Only if these resources are systematically harnessed, will they be continuously extracted in the long run, and it will help improve the nation's economy, the Secretary-1 noted.

If gems are not tapped systematically posterity will not be able to enjoy their benefits, leading (See page 9)

Mass rally to denounce announcement on secession from Union by Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts held in Hsipaw, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North)

YANGON, 13 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

Grounds in Hsipaw, Hsipaw Township, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North) on 11 May.

Departmental officials from Hsipaw Township, members of the Township Maternal and

Child Welfare Association, Township Women's Affairs Organization, Township War Veterans Organization, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people in Hsipaw Township, social organization from Kyaukme Township, Palaung Culture Committee members in Kyaukme Township, Danu Culture Committee (See page 8)



Participants of mass rally held in Hsipaw chanting slogans.—MNA

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A Shan national Dr Phyu Phyu, on behalf of the U Kan Na and his men and a Palaung national U Hkun Pwint and Ma Nan Mya Sein, on behalf of the PSLA, explained the experiences the locals had faced during the three periods.

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