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Nation's industrial sector contributes to annual development by 24 per cent on average in recent years

Greater efforts to be exerted for transition from agro-based nation to industrialized one

Thabaung Pulp Plant (200-ton) commissioned into service

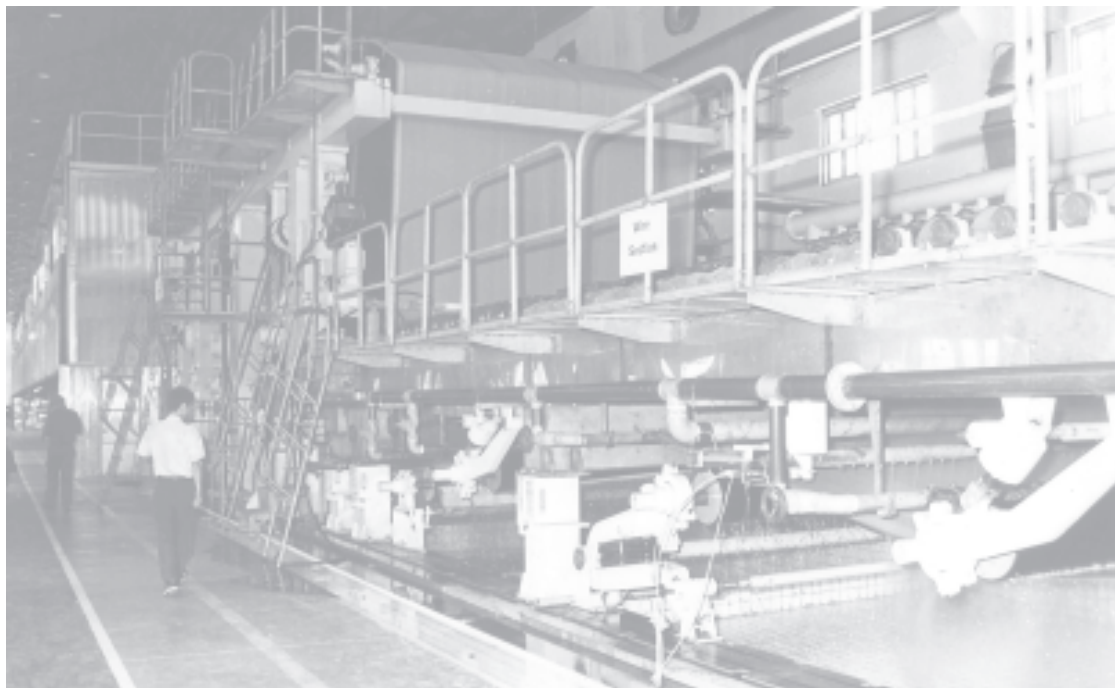
YANGON, 14 May— The inauguration of Thabaung Pulp Plant (200-ton) under the Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries of Ministry of Industry-1 took place at the plant near Hlaygyit Village, Thabaung Township, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Division, this morning, with an address by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Ayeyawady Division PDC Chairman South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Ag-

riculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thau, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, officials, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, President of China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation (MCC) Mr Ma Yanli, local authorities, mem-



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party view the production process at newly-opened Thabaung Pulp Plant (200-ton). —MNA



bers of social organizations and local residents.

Chairman of the Committee for Industrial Development Lt-Gen Soe Win in his address said that Thabaung in Ayeyawady Division would become a region endowed with many industries based on paper thanks to the emergence of the pulp plant. Out of the 200 tons of pulp the plant produces daily, 150 tons will be exported, and 50 tons will be used in producing quality paper and different types of paper. According to the process, a 50-ton quality paper plant and a 60-ton newsprint plant will be built.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards systematic mining of gems without causing environmental deterioration

The Union of Myanmar is rich in natural resources including precious stones. Only if these resources are systematically harnessed, extracted in the long run, will they help improve the national economy.

Therefore, the government has formed the Leading Committee for Development of Myanmar Gems Industries and is taking systematic steps for mining and trading of gems in accord with rules and regulations set by the State.

The coordination meeting on development of Myanmar gems industries was held at the Ministry of Mines 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 as Myanmar is a land of precious stones such as jade, ruby and sapphire, the main market of these gems should be Myanmar; that more efforts, therefore, are to be made for making the nation globally known for its invaluable gems and jewellery; and that concerted efforts are to be made for development of the gems industries.

As the agriculture, fish and meat, forest, mining and energy sectors play a crucial role in generating foreign exchange, the gems sector is to do its bit in this regard.

Jade is globally in high demand and it generates much foreign exchange. Hence, measures are to be taken for boosting production of jade by means of extending new jade mining blocks.

Meanwhile, extended exploring and mining of jade, ruby, sapphire and gold as well as diamond and platinum needs to be carried out. With the advancement of technology, it is better to sell finished products of gems than sell them uncut or unpolished.

If the precious stones are not extracted systematically they will fail serve the long-term interests and it could lead to environmental deterioration.

All in all, integrated and well-coordinated efforts are to be made for the emergence of an ample gems market, while supervising the mining of gems in accord with rules and regulations without causing environmental deterioration.

People's Desire

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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint on tour of Mandalay Division



Lt-Gen Ye Myint and officials inspect thriving of crops including summer paddy using water from Thittatkon Dam in Kyaukse District on 12 May.—MNA

YANGON, 14 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials arrived at the construction site for Myitnge river crossing bridge (Mandalay) on 12 May.

After hearing reports presented by Senior Engineer U Soe Min on progress of work, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of works meeting the set standard and fulfilled the requirements.

Myitnge bridge is 840 feet long and has 72 feet wide motorway and 4 feet wide pedestrian lanes on both sides. It can withstand 75-ton loads.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Pincha bridge construction project in Singaing, Kyaukse District and inspected the work being carried out there.

With the length of 224 feet, the bridge lies on Yangon-Mandalay Highway at mile post 409/5.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Myogyi Dam construction site near Myogyi village in Ywangan Township, Shan State (South). An official reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on facts about the project and work done.

After hearing the report, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions saying that Myogyi dam project is part of Meikhtila plain greening project and thus all are to make concerted efforts in the interests of posterity.

Next, they inspected growing of crops includ-

ing summer paddy using water from Thittatkon dam in Kyaukse District. Kyaukse District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Tin Ohn reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on crop cultivation. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on arrangements to be made for durability of the dam and extended cultivation. He urged officials to strive for putting 1 million acres of land under monsoon paddy.

Previously, Thittatkon dam was built with 15 miles long canal to supply water to 5,000 acres of land. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, 13 miles long canal was built to supply water to 11,000 acres of land.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Tamar Pesticide Factory in Paliek. Supervisor Daw Yi Yi Mon of the factory reported on investment in the factory, production of pesticide, work done in 2004-2005, targets for 2005-2006 and export.

After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the factory.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected thriving summer paddy fields and summer crops along their way to Mandalay and they spent the night in Mandalay.

On 13 May, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, Mayor of Mandalay Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back here in the afternoon.

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Myanmar-Korea Business Forum held

YANGON, 14 May— the Myanmar-Korea Business Forum organized by Economic Division of the Korean Embassy to the Union of Myanmar took place at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda road yesterday morning.

At the forum, 25 Myanmar companies and eight companies of Trade Mission from Korea Electrical Manufacturers Association (KOEMA) discussed matters on trading generators, transformers and other electrical devices.

Also present were Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Ju-Heum, Commercial Attache Mr Choi Yong-Tae and officials.

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Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Ju-Heum visits Myanmar-Korea Business Forum.— MNA

All this needs to be known

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

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Indonesian Navy to secure energy projects in Malacca Straits

JAKARTA, 13 May — Indonesian Navy would secure offshore crude oil and natural gas projects across the country's waters, including the Malacca Straits from possible terrorist threats, the naval chief of staff said on Thursday.

Talking to reporters after signing a five-year agreement with the country's state oil and gas regulator BP Migas, that represents oil companies operating in Indonesia, the chief of staff Slamet Soebijanto said the Indonesian Navy would guard the facilities of the upstream sectors of oil and gas industry in the waters from the possible terrorist attacks as well as other activities related with the sector.

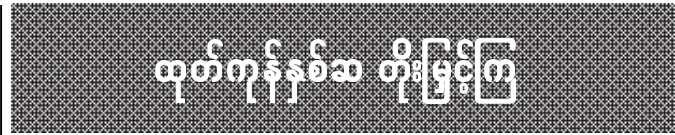
Kardaya Warnika, vice-chairman of BP Migas, was quoted by the Indonesian daily *Kompas* as saying on Thursday that there were thousands

of operational facilities of the upstream sectors on the waters, as well as scores of ongoing exploration activities.

Piracy in the Malacca Straits and its surrounding has been on the rise recently, despite three littoral countries, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore have conducted a coordinated patrol in the straits since last year.

Ships from Indonesia and Japan carrying tin and oil had been hijacked recently. The straits is used by more than 50,000 vessels annually, carrying a third of world trade and half its oil supplies.

MNA/Xinhua



Customers queue up at a famous cake shop to buy egg tarts and donut-like treats in Hong Kong on 12 May, 2005.—INTERNET

China hopes to lift "IT" cooperation with ASEAN

BEIJING, 13 May — A top Chinese official said here on Thursday that China strongly hopes to raise its cooperation in the information and telecommunications sector with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to a higher level.

Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju told ministers from the 10-member ASEAN during a "China-ASEAN ICT Week", which opened here Thursday, that China and ASEAN should explore more potential avenues for cooperation in the IT sector on the basis of "equality, friendship and mutual benefit".

The week-long workshop was proposed by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao last year. The theme of the workshop is building an IT sector partnership for common development.

China's IT industry has been growing rapidly

over the past decade. The total number of telephone subscribers reached 674 million by March, the largest in the world. The number of Internet subscribers have reached 94 million, the second largest in the world.

China and the ASEAN are highly complementary in the IT sector and they can have good cooperation, Chinese analysts said.

China and the ASEAN have developed closer economic and political ties in the past years. They have established a strategic partnership for peace and prosperity, and reached an agreement to build a free

trade area before 2010.

China-ASEAN trade reached 105.8 billion US dollars last year, making ASEAN China's fourth largest trading partner.

Cooperation in the IT sector is one of five

key areas of China-ASEAN cooperation in the 21st Century, according to a memo signed in 2001. The two sides have since signed a number of agreements to outline their IT cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippine President vows to wipe out corruption in three years

MANILA, 13 May — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Thursday said she needed three years to win the war against corruption, which she likened to deadly cancer that the Philippines must immediately cure.

In a speech before the Office of the Ombudsman's 17th founding anniversary and the launching of the European Commission-backed corruption

prevention project, Arroyo said "what Hong Kong was able to do in seven years, we could perhaps be able to do in three years". She was referring to the successful campaign against corruption in Hong Kong in the 1990s to build one of the most honest administrations in the world under the Independent Commission Against Corruption leader Tony Kwok, who is now a consultant to the Philippine Ombudsman.

We shall win this war against corruption, hopefully in three years, certainly most hopefully by the end of my term through better investigation, electronic procurement, stricter bidding, anti-corruption education and other strategies," said Arroyo.— MNA/Xinhua

Entry fee to Angkor Wat to be raised next month

PHNOM PENH, 13 May — Entry fees to Cambodia's world wellknown Angkor temples for foreigners will be increased next month.

According to a notification from the Apsara Authority, which manages the park, the entrance ticket for one day will cost 23 US dollars starting from 1 June, up from the current price of 20 dollars.

Meanwhile, a three-day ticket will be 43 dollars, while current price is 40 dollars, and one-week ticket will be raised from 60 dollars to 63 dollars.

The news was confirmed by local travel agents. "We are worrying that the raise will affect tourists," Te Kang, general director of Wanly Travel, told *Xinhua* on Thursday.

The mandatory 3-dollar price hike helps pay for a "free Cambodia guidebook for tourism and investment," Tep Henn, Deputy Director General in charge of tourism at the Apsara Authority, was quoted as saying by *The Cambodia Daily*.

Some travel agents expressed dissatisfaction with the fee increase, saying that the move will do nothing to draw visitors to Cambodia and many tourists already complains the expences of travelling in Cambodia.— MNA/Xinhua

Foreign investors eyeing Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 May — Foreign investors have been eyeing Bangladesh, a country of cheap labour cost, despite its negative law and order and the country's foreign investment is growing every year.

The country saw 431.35 million US dollars foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2004, which was 268.92 million dollars a year before. The country is expected to see more FDI in the current year as a US Company Global Vulcan Energy Inc, is negotiating with Bangladesh to invest two billion dollars in power and energy sectors.

An official in the Board of Investment (BoI) told *Xinhua* on Thursday that this would be the second largest investment in Bangladesh behind India's industrial giant Taka's proposal to invest 2.5 billion dollars also in power, energy and mining sectors of the country.

According to a survey of the BoI available Thursday Bangladesh received FDI worth 431.35 million dollars in the year 2004, up from 268.92 million dollars a year ago. —MNA/Xinhua



A signboard 'Mumbai' at the Gateway of India seen on 12 May, 2005.

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Microsoft Japan executive Yoshihiro Maruyama (L) and Yoshiki Okamoto (R), Japan's famous game creator known as 'Street Fighter' and 'Biohazard' display the console and wireless controller of Microsoft's next generation video game console 'Xbox 360' on 13 May, 2005.—INTERNET

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China witnesses dramatic rise in electricity generation, consumption

BELING, 13 May — China's maximum shortage of power supply during the coming summer peak-time is estimated at around 25 million kilowatt, said a senior official with the China State Electricity Regulatory Commission here on Thursday.

Shi Yubo, vice-chairman of the commission, said at a news briefing that starting from June, power supply will experience the peak load period. Electricity will remain in short supply nationwide, although the shortage of power will be less acute compared with last year.

Since the beginning of this year, China's electricity generation and

consumption have continued to grow at high speed. From January to March, total power consumption nationwide was 550 billion kilowatt per hour, an increase of 13.38 per cent over the same period of last year.

Due to rapid economic growth, China witnessed a dramatic rise in electricity generation and consumption over the past years. — MNA/Xinhua

FM says India will prevent nuclear proliferation

NEW DELHI, 13 May — Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh said on Thursday that India will always remain a "responsible" nuclear power and ensure that sensitive technologies do not fall into the wrong hands, especially those of terrorists.

Natwar Singh's assertion came in reply to the debate on the weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Bill, 2005 in the Lok Sabha. The house later

approved the bill. "India is and will remain a responsible nuclear power. We have adopted the most responsible policy on sensitive and dual-use nuclear and missile-related technologies," the minister said.

The bill, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha (the Lower House of the Parliament) by Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee Tuesday in the absence of Natwar Singh, reaffirms that "India is

determined to safeguard its nuclear security as a nuclear weapons state".

"India is fully committed to safeguarding its security as a nuclear weapons state and to deepen its autonomous, scientific and technical capability for meeting its security imperatives as well as its developmental goals," Natwar Singh said.

"India was committed to ensure that these do not fall into the wrong hands, especially the terrorists and non-state actors," he stressed "India's policy has always been not to assist, encourage or induce any other country to manufacture weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons or other nuclear devices," the bill says.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Armed Forces ready to join hands with Romanian Army

BELING, 13 May — A senior Chinese military leader said here on Thursday that the Chinese Armed Forces are ready to join hands with the Romanian Army to promote the healthy, sustained stable development of bilateral military ties in the new century.

Xu Caihou, vice-chairman of the Chinese central military commission, told visiting Romanian Chief of Land Forces Sorin Ioan that Romania was one of the first countries in the world to recognize new China. It is Chinese people's old, good friend, he added.

The two countries have seen continuous growth of bilateral ties in recent years, Xu said, adding that the two countries' Armed Forces have had close contacts and cooperation.

"The Chinese Armed Forces value friendly cooperative ties with the Romanian Army, and hold a positive attitude toward boosting Sino-Romanian traditional military friendly relations," he said.

Ioan said that it is a consensus reached by all social strata in Romania to develop multi-level friendly cooperative ties with China in various fields, including the military.

Ioan arrived here Wednesday morning for a seven-day official visit to China at the invitation of the Headquarters of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong sees rise in world competitiveness

HONG KONG, 13 May — Hong Kong ranks the second most competitive economy in the world and the most competitive in Asia, the *World Competitiveness Yearbook 2005* released by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) said on Thursday.

A total of 60 economies have been selected by the IMD for the current round of the world competitiveness study. The competitiveness ranking for Hong Kong rises visibly from sixth to second among all the 60 economies assessed and from third to first among the small economies.

Hong Kong's ranking has improved in all the four main competitiveness factors, that is, economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency and infrastructure, among which the ranking for economic performance has risen notably.

On individual criteria, Hong Kong ranks first in 29 criteria, and obtains very high rank in a number of other criteria.

These include ease of doing business, entrepreneurship, labour regulations, legal and regulatory framework,

direct investment flows and stock market capitalization.

Hong Kong Financial Secretary Henry Tang is glad to see the result. "As recognized by the IMD, the flexible labour

market, entrepreneurship, sound legal and regulatory framework, and an open economy will continue to underpin Hong Kong's competitiveness as a place for doing business," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

1,616 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 13 May — As of Friday, 13 May, 2005, at least 1,616 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,238 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT on Friday.

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,478 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,129 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. —Internet



Miss Universe 2005 contestant Natalie Glebova of Canada talks to Thai girls while visiting the floating markets in Thailand's Ratchaburi Province, nearly 105 km (65 miles) south west of Bangkok, on 14 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Discussion of pensioners —10

Hein Myint

(Continued from yesterday)

"Anyway, more or less the entire people suffered evil consequences of the internal strife. Some innocent people fell victim to the bomb blasts on railroads, roads and waterways."

"I was engaged in the military operations in Lashio and Momeik, so I had been to the areas where Shan and Palaung national races armed group were active. At that time I was a junior army officer. So, I know very well what local people said at the ceremony are all true."

"I was a member of civil staff and was posted to some regions where peace and stability had been restored. So, I wasn't able to guess what local people suffered would be like previously. I had an opportunity to watch and listen to the expressions on TV and radio of local people who had been suppressed for a long time, at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace."

"The sufferings they encountered were nothing if compared to those that local people in border areas faced in the past, and those the people are still facing in some areas up to now."

"Really? Local people in Lashio and Kyaukme Districts experienced the sufferings seriously."

"Certainly, it was a true story, not hearsay. I had to take charge of military operations and security duties for many years in the border areas of Kachin State, Shan State (North), Kayah State, and Kayin State. In some regions, the insurgents ordered the entire villagers to abandon the village and to stay hidden in the jungle. So they had to stay hidden in the jungle for a long time and in the end they no longer endured the undesirable situation and secretly informed us Tatmadaw members. Then, we brought them back to their village. But, in the absence of the Tatmadaw battalion, the insurgents again ordered them to leave their homes. Local people in some regions lived in dire poverty. So, we had to give them clothes and food as much as we could."

"The region has an expressive natural scenery. But, the living standard of the local people was just a bit better than animals. Then, I decided to try my best to enlighten national brethren sticking to racial extremes, and to regain national solidarity. Since then, I had put my resolve into motion throughout my life of army officer wherever I was."

"Did you achieve any success?"

"Yes, I did. Because we Myanmar nationals have an adorable tradition to fully respond to others' loving kindness to them."

"A lot of local people lost their lives and property due to the armed conflicts."

"The insurgents smuggled the nation's invaluable natural resources out of the country. On account of evil consequences of internal strife, many young national people had to illegally earn money in the neighbouring nation. So, they suffered a diversity of social problems there."

"The leaders of national race armed groups are doing well in business with enterprises along with fine residences, buildings and automobiles. And they enroll their children in the neighbouring country. But, the majority of their subordinates and some villagers have to stay in so-called refugee camps in that country and to serve their interests."

"What you've said reminds me about the speech of Palaung national U Khun Pwint. At the

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ceremony, he said the armed insurgents shouted that they were holding arms for the people, and for the liberation and development of the people. But in practice, they were armed just for the sake of their own, and it was a heavy burden on the people."

"Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General addressed the opening ceremony of the Myanmar and International Studies Course No 7 of the USDA on 2 May 2005. He said that if the political life of the State was assessed, after the independence had been regained, it could be found that differences arose among the people due to party splits; that there was a lack of security for the people due to armed insurgencies of sectarians; that national solidarity became weak owing to divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists; that those situations had caused deterioration in political, economic and social sectors of the nation; that it was common knowledge that there had been no economic infrastructures until

1988 and there would be no development in a region where there had occurred conflicts lacking of security; and that the history showed that there was no future in a chaotic society in the absence of unity."

"So, the aboveground and underground organizations and remnant insurgents should take lessons from the historic evidences and do their best to return to normal life."

"I'd say instead of just saying they love the nation and the people, they should review their acts as to whether they contribute toward the development of the nation and the people."

"After realizing the Tatmadaw's benevolent attitude and constructive deeds, so far 17 national races armed groups and small armed groups have returned to the legal fold. We can guess that during the confidence-building period, the armed groups continued to hold arms, so local people enjoyed fruitful results of peace, but were still frightened of that."

"Now, local people haven't enjoyed fruitful results fully, but partly."

"The peace groups are now carrying out regional development tasks in cooperation with the government, so the regions have developed."

"The local people in the regions, where armed insurgents are on rampage, are still facing a variety of hardships and adversities, and fall victim to the armed strife."

"I think, it is high time the remnant insurgents were convinced of evil consequences, got rid of racial extremes and returned to the normal life."

"Now, peace and stability has been restored in the regions of U Kan Na and U Aik Mone. So, local people no longer need to bear the burden and are free from anxieties. They can step up regional development work. All the local people are happy with it."

"Here, I would like to urge all the remnant groups to remove their doubts and suspicions and seek ways and means for the development of their regions."

After the conversation, in my mind were the local people of Hsenwi, Mongton, and Namhsan regions carrying out regional development tasks energetically, and enjoying fruitful results of peace and stability. I wish the entire national people would enjoy the fruits of peace and stability.

Translation: MS

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Professor Dr Daw Khin May Sann gives talks on hypertension at the ceremony of World Hypertension Day on 14 May at Yangon Division Health Department in Bahan Township. — (H)

Coord meeting of MAS held

YANGON, 14 May— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo attended the coordination meeting of Myanma Agriculture Service here on 12 May and made a speech.

In his address, the minister said the Union of Myanmar is blessed with favourable conditions for agriculture and the State has been making systematic arrangements for boosting agricultural production which will surely raise the living standard of rural people. Efforts are to be made to meet the target in growing the ten major crops so as surplus is to be exported. Moreover, new items of crops are to be cultivated, he elaborated. The minister urged officials concerned to give assistance to local farmers in respective regions.

In conclusion, the minister stressed the importance of staff welfare and urged officials to lend themselves to national development undertakings.

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Announcement on secession of Shan State from Union by Sao Hham Hpa and...

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in Hsenwi, teachers and students, Shan, Kachin and Lahu Culture Committee members totalling over 5800.

Shan national U Sai Kyaw Myint of Ward-1, Hsenwi presided over the rally together with Kachin national U Hpwada Tun of Ward-3, Hsenwi and Lahu national U Gyabushi of Mongli Ywathit, Hsenwi

Township. Shan nationals Daw Nan Myat Yu Thaug and Daw Nan Shwe Sin Aye acted as master of ceremonies and co-MC.

After taking designated places, those present at the rally saluted the State flag.

Afterwards, U Sai Kyaw Myint delivered an opening speech in both Myanmar and Shan

languages. (*U Sai Kyaw Myint's speech is reported separately.*)

Next, Shan national Brigade Commander U Kan Na of Shan State National Army (SSNA) which unconditionally exchanged arms for peace tabled a motion condemning the announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and co-



Members of the panel of chairmen and local people chanting slogans at the mass rally.—MNA



Local residents attending the mass rally. — MNA

horts both in Myanmar and Shan languages. (*U Kan Na's speech is reported separately.*)

Shan national Daw Nan Mya Ohn of Nantsalat Village, Hsenwi Township, Kachin national Daw Ti

Hseng Khaung and Shan national U Sai Khaing Win of Ward-1, Hsenwi, seconded the motion. (*Speeches of Daw Nan Mya Ohn, Daw Ti Hseng Khaung and U Sai Khaing Win are reported separately.*)

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

The rally concluded at 8.35 am with the chanting of slogans.

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Local people cannot stand such evil acts and aims posing grave ...

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assistance of colonialists, issuing an announcement.

In this regard, the entire local people cannot stand such evil acts and aims posing grave dangers to the nation and the people.

The purpose of the meeting is to submit the local residents'

real attitude to the announcement of the fugitives.

The local populace of Hsenwi will continue to take part in the nation-building tasks, while safeguarding and protecting the Union in concert with the entire national people of the Union.

In conclusion, he

called on the people to make increased efforts for the development of the nation with peace and stability, while crushing all the dangers of certain internal and external destructive elements who are causing a great hindrance to the national progress.

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To live together in the...

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oppressed for the successive eras by feudalist sawbwas. Like insurgents extorted money from the local people, they forcefully collected taxes. They lived in luxury after collecting all kinds of taxes from the people even though they did not contribute to the construction of a single small dam, school or dispensary for the region.

But renegade Sao Kham Pha, a sawbwa descendant, and his cohorts with the intention of causing the break-up of the Union announced that they established a Republic of Shan State. It means they want to secede Shan State from the Union in accord with the desire of neo-colonialists.

U Kan Na said their announcement was just like a bubble and all

the people of Shan State totally opposed and denounced their acts. On April 23, they fabricated a piece of news on the Internet that the mass people of Hsenwi supported their announcement of Shan Union and Shan independence. They deceived and dishonoured the people, he noted. That was why the people of Hsenwi were at the mass rally to show

their true attitude, he said.

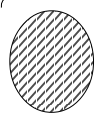
Hsenwi Township at present is enjoying peace and stability and developing. This is due to the cooperative efforts of all national people of the Union. He concluded saying that the people of the township totally opposed and condemned the announcement on the secession of Shan State from the Union by renegade Sao Kham Pha and his cohorts. —MNA



Daw Nan Myat Yu Thaug acts as MC and Daw Nan Shwe Sin Aye as co-MC. — MNA

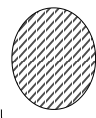
Local people marching to the sport ground in Hsenwi Township to attend the mass rally. — MNA

Collusion between traitor Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts and SSA of Ywet Sit will not benefit the nation and the people



Daw Nan Mya Ohn.

MNA



YANGON, 14 May — *The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Daw Nan Mya Ohn, a Kachin national of Namhsalat Village in Hsenwi.*

Shan national Daw Nang Mya Ohn of Namhsalat Village of Hsenwi Township said that the people reviewed that one-sided announcement on establishment of Shan Republic to undermine the peaceful and developed Union by expatriate Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts meant wicked and cruel act only. In doing so, SSA opium trafficker Ywet Sit is a terrorist leader of the provisional government of renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and his group. Ywet Sit, a MTA member, fled to other country across the border and committed destructive acts such as robbery, recruitment of new members, extortion of money from local people and detonation of bombs after cancelling plan to return to the legal fold in 1996. Ywet Sit committed about 40 times of destructive

acts; a total of 220 persons were killed and 150 wounded in his robbery acts. On 3 January 2000, Ywet Sit and his group blasted Mongshu gems land. Over 120 employees were killed and over 50 wounded in the fire. Loss of property amounted to over K 250 million.

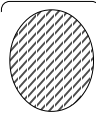
Similarly, they opened fire on Meethwaygon Village of Namsan in Shan State (South) at night on 18 January 1997. In the incident, 13 children and adults were killed and eight wounded. Three days later, they cruelly killed 21 people. In addition, they exploded a bomb at Myoma Cinema in Mandalay on 21 May 1998.

It can be said that collusion of traitor Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts with SSA of Ywet Sit will not benefit the nation and the people.

That is why the people do not believe and accept the expatriates and opium traffickers.

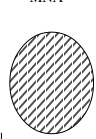
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Local people outraged by despicable acts of KNU, KNPP, SSA, NCGUB



Daw Ti Hseng Khaung.

MNA



YANGON, 14 May—*The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Daw Ti Hseng Khaung, a Kachin national of Ward-3 in Hsenwi. It is known to all that there occurred loath-*

some and despicable acts of national traitors, lackeys of colonialists, including murder, robbery, plundering and setting the villages on fire. There are a series of traitorous acts of descendants of Shan Sawbwas and atrocities of KNU, SSA led by Ywet Sit, KNPP and NCGUB headed by runaway Sein Win. Their machinations and atrocities have been stated in various kinds of publications including newspapers.

The people have been in a state of anxiety and had to lead a miserable life due to the atrocities of terrorist insurgents including KNU and SSA. These atrocities include attacking of buses carrying passengers including teachers and students of Dawei University on Dawei-Ye Road by KNU, killing and injuring innocent people by detonating a time bomb at Zaycho Market in Mandalay, blowing up of a tower of the national grid which is linking Lawpita Power Station and Tounggoo by KNPP, killing of innocent people by planting bombs by NCGUB. The people opposed and denounced those subversive acts in the

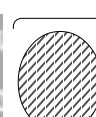
strongest terms.

They are responsible for killing the devotees who were paying homage to tooth relics in Kaba Aye Cave by detonating bombs and for attacking and killing of the pilgrims, who were on their way to Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda, and robbing of their belongings and plundering funds of the pagoda. They are none other than those terrorist insurgents.

On 7 May, they also perpetrated atrocities in Yangon by detonating time bombs at the Yangon Trade Centre where Thai Trade Fair was being staged, at the Junction-8 Centre at Eighth Mile, Mayangon Township, and at the Dagon Centre in Myenigon. The atrocities left 11 people dead and 160 others injured.

The entire national people can't stand idly by the acts of those terrorist insurgents. The people are outraged by the despicable acts of KNU, KNPP, SSA led by Ywet Sit and NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win. Therefore, the entire national people denounced their inhumane acts.—MNA

All Shan nationals do not accept secession of Shan State from the Union



U Sai Khaing Win.

MNA



YANGON, 14 May — Shan national U Sai Khaing Win of Ward 1 in Hsenwi said that renegade Sao Hkam Hpa declared that 48 townships of Shan State supported Shan State provisional government. However, local national people at mass rallies held in Laikha and Mongnaung townships disclosed the traitors' lies that the townships supported them. The expatriates issued fabricated announcements with the use of false Internet news that those from townships in Shan State (North) supported them. That is why mass rallies to oppose and condemn renegades and expatriates are being held in townships of Shan State (North) one after another.

Renegade Sao Hkam Hpa attempted to commit the same act as feudalist sawbws did to break up the Union in the 1950s and in 1961-62.

Shan State is home to about 40 national races including Shans. All innocent Shan nationals do not accept the secession of Shan State from the Union.

Some nationals were said to have told a group of politicians carrying out activities to secede from the Union that the day on which the latter seceded from the Union they would remain in the Union. It shows the entire people born in the Union never accept the secession from the Union.

That is why he seconded the motion that local people in Hsenwi 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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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win unveils the signboard of 200-ton pulp plant (Thabaung). — MNA

Nation's industrial sector contributes to...

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 In a few years, these a paper mill and newsprint mill will be completed, and by then, Thabaung
 seminated in the region. Now, the annual pulp manufacturing capacity of State-run factories — Sittoung, Yeni, Paleik
 cal changes, the State's paper demand is on the considerable increase. The nation's paper production fulfils only 33

plants, while repairing or upgrading the old ones. The plants in the compound of Thabaung Pulp Plant will stand as the industry to produce not only exports but also

Such a gigantic project is beyond the reach of national entrepreneurs.

has to pour US\$ 18 million into the quality paper plant project and is beyond the reach of national entrepreneurs and paper industry is the



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win presents a basket of fruits to the President of MCC Co at the briefing hall of 200-ton pulp plant (Thabaung). — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win greets local people attending the opening of 200-ton pulp plant (Thabaung). — MNA

will become a region of paper and chemical zone creating a lot of job opportunities, and modern technologies will be dis-
 and Kanbe pulp plants is around 25,000 tons and 300 private factories, more than 27,000 tons. Due to the technologi-
 per cent of the demand — 160,000 tons a year. Therefore, the government has to build new pulp plants and paper

import-substitute items. The State had to throw K 28 billion plus US\$ 90 million into Thabaung Pulp Plant Project. It also

more than 36 million into the paper plant for production of newspaper paper. Such a gigantic project

one necessary for the State. Therefore, the State has established a paper and pulp mill based on the nation's rich forest resources for establishment of an industrialized nation.

The government is constructing textile factories in Pakokku, Pwintbyu and Salingyi upstream Thabaung. So these regions will become a zone of textile industries in the near future. These agro-based industries conform to the nation's prevailing conditions. The government is also upgrading the nation's industrial sector by building a variety types of factories and mills.

Simultaneously, it is implementing its drive for the development of the private sector by means of private industrial zones with promising future.



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party pose for a photo together with Chinese Ambassador, MCC Co President and officials — MNA

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win views the cranes at work at the 200-ton pulp plant (Thabaung). — MNA

Nation's industrial sector...

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As a result, the nation's industrial sector has contributed to annual development by 24 per cent on average in recent years. greater efforts are thus to be exerted for transition from an agro-based nation to an industrialized one. Only then, will the goal of emergence of a modern and developed nation be achieved.

tation of projects for the development of electricity and energy sectors under the guidance of the Head of State.

In the past few months, Mone and Palaung hydropower plants and Tikiyt coal-fired power plant were put into commission one after another. So greater volume of electricity will be supplied in coming

sion, the industries such as the ones based on agriculture, fish and meat, and forest products will make greater progress in harmony with the agricultural, fish and meat and trade sectors.

Now, thanks to the roads and bridges built by

transport sector.

Ayeyawady Division contributes more towards the State's agriculture and fish and meat sectors than any other states and divisions in the nation. And it is in the list of top states and divisions that contribute most towards

contribute much towards that of the State.

All are to do business with a fine concept of proportionately serving the interest of their own and the nation as well as that of a state or division and the Union. Respective regions are to be imbued with Union Spirit and to do their utmost for regional development.

With rich natural resources, working population, human resources,

solidation is getting stronger and stronger due to mutual confidence, understanding and cooperation among the national races. As a result, some armed groups exchanged arms for peace unconditionally and made eternal peace. Stability, peace, cooperation and development have prevailed in various parts of the Union.

In international community, Myanmar hand

National reconsolidation is getting stronger and stronger due to mutual confidence, understanding and cooperation among the national races.



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win gives instructions to officials at the 200-ton pulp plant (Thabaung). — MNA

And innovative measures are to be taken with added momentum for running of the mills and factories at full capacity for the nation's economy to be stronger. In order to achieve the drive, the government has placed emphasis on implemen-

rainy season.

In addition, the majority of hydel-power plant projects under implementation will be completed in two or three years, and it will scale up production of goods in the nation.

In Ayeyawady Divi-

the government, the region has an easier access to other states and divisions by car. River-crossing and creek-crossing bridges have been built wherever necessary in the region. And its economy is improving in parallel with the development of

the nation's GDP. So, the State's economic development depends much on Ayeyawady Division.

In that case, the local people are to pick up a conception that efforts for economic development of an individual and the region as a whole

entrepreneurs, better transport, and community peace and tranquillity alongside the strong efforts of the dwellers, Ayeyawady Division has a promising future.

The emergence of industries like the pulp plant along with hotel and tourism services greatly enhances the region's economic sector.

He said in accord with the guidance of the Head of State the government is practically implementing tasks for development of Ayeyawady Division and all the regions of the Union, narrowing the economic and social gaps between one region and another and upgrading social life and security.

Therefore, he said, all States and Divisions and the whole economy of the State have developed simultaneously year after year. National recon-

in hand with the nations of the world especially with neighbouring countries is actively taking part in the tasks for peace, security and development. She is also participating in regional organizations such as ASEAN and BIMSTEC, adhering to independent and active foreign policy. Despite accusations with the aim of tarnishing the dignity of the country in international circles and pressures, Myanmar has been standing tall among the nations of the world, the Prime Minister said.

As is known to all, expatriate traitors from abroad who begrudge the accomplishments of the country declared formation of Shan State provisional government and independence of Shan State. Their intention is to have misunderstanding (See page 10)



200-ton pulp plant (Thabaung) of Myanma Paper and Chemicals Industries in Thabaung Township, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addressing the inauguration of the 200-ton plant (Thabaung) near Hlaygyit village, Thabaung Township, Patheingyi District. — MNA

Nation's industrial sector contributes to...

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between the national peace groups and the government. They created a situation to break up the Union in the end, he said.

All the national people, national armed groups and national political forces took notice of their dangerous plan in

ments are the results of cooperation among the State, the people and the Tatmadaw in carrying out the tasks upholding Our Three Main National Causes. In the future, the government is to cooperate with the people and the Tatmadaw in nation-building tasks and defence tasks.

the Tatmadaw is important. The future programmes are to be undertaken with the cooperation of the people.

Moreover, the danger of destructive elements who attempted to destroy the State under the influence of foreign elements is to be warded off unitedly in accord with

government for construction of the pulp plant.

The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted local people and members of social organizations who attended the ceremony.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister U Aung Thuang and President of MCC Co Mr Ma

bassador, the chairman of MCC Co, officials of the plant and local people greeted for documentary photos.

The Prime Minister

supplementary report.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected production of caustic soda and chlorine oxide, cutting of bamboo



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister U Aung Thuang and Mr Ma Yanli formally open the pulp plant. — MNA

collusion with internal and external destructive elements and strongly condemned and opposed it. However, they committed acts of bomb explosion in accord with their scheme. Whatever it is, the government hand in hand with the people has to remove the danger without losing sight of goal.

He said the already-achieved accomplish-

With the establishment of better political foundations such as national solidarity, cooperation, peace and stability, economic progress, social and transport foundations, the government has given priority to emergence of the State constitution for the future.

In order to undertake the two objectives of building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution and emergence of a new enduring State constitution, the government laid down political future programme and is implementing it.

In effective implementation of economic and political tasks, harmonious cooperation of the State, the people and

four-point people's desire.

People can distinguish good and bad, making the nation or marring it and black or white through their own experience. They are to march towards the goal along the correct way with perseverance and courage.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the people to preserve traditions of Ayeyawady Division, to build democratic life style in conformity with our peoples while transforming into a democratic State in unity under the leadership of the State.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister U Aung Thuang spoke on the occasion.

Next, U Win Thein of No 2 Ward in Thabaung Township thanked the

Yanli formally opened the plant.

The Prime Minister and party sprinkled scented water on stone inscription and the signboard of the plant.

In front of the stone inscription, Chinese Am-

and party inspected the plant and signed in the first pulp produced in the plant. They also inspected packaging and cutting of the pulp.

Managing Director U Than Shwe and officials reported on running and process of thermal power plant and recovery plant. Minister U Aung Thuang gave a

and stockpiling of bamboo. They inspected unloading of bamboo from Ngawun River and bamboo rafts, water treatment plant. They attended a stake-driving ceremony of 50-ton paper mill.

The Prime Minister and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jimjun drove the stakes.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win drives the stake to build 50-ton quality paper plant. — MNA



Local resident U Win Thein. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thuang. MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing. MNA



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 Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Vice-President of MCC Mr Xu Xiechung, the commander, Director of MCC Mr Wang Laren, Minister U Aung Thuang, President of MCC Mr Ma Yanli, drove the stakes in the respective places. Next, they sprinkled scented water on them.

Minister U Aung Thuang reported on the purpose of the plant, annual requirements and production, investment and future plans.

Managing Director U Than Shwe reported on data of the plant, transport of raw materials and staff.

Minister for Electric

Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on fulfilling the electric power and natural gas requirements.

The commander and the ministers reported on measures that should be taken for environmental protection.

In his discussions, the Prime Minister called for cooperation. He called for running the plant at full capacity and protection of environment.

Minister U Aung Thuang presented gifts to the Prime Minister and party.

The Prime Minister and the President of MCC exchanged gifts.

The Prime Minister greeted Chinese experts and posed for documentary photos.—MNA

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win hears reports on purpose of building Thabaung Pulp Plant by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang.—MNA



Thabaung Pulp Plant. —MNA



Education Zone, Fresh Water Fish Garden commissioned

YANGON, 14 May — The Education Zone, part of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens, was commissioned this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Managing Director U Ohn Than of Myanmar Agriculture Service formally opened the zone.

Afterwards, the commander, the mayor and Director-General of Fisheries Department U Than Tun cut the ribbon to open the Fresh Water Fish Garden. Later, the commander, the mayor and officials visited the gardens of Kandawgyi Gardens.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin open Education Zone of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens.
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THE INTERNAL REVENUE
DEPARTMENT
PROFIT TAX DIRECTORATE
NOTICE FOR FILING OF RETURN OF
INCOME**

1. All tax payers who have been assessed to tax under the profit Tax Law and those having income amounting to Kyats 10001 and above during the income year 2004/2005 are hereby informed of the necessity to file the return of income, duly filled in and personally signed, in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June, 2005.

2. Prescribed forms of return of income are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Offices. The Return can be filed in the person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issued by the Township Revenue Office concerned in case the return is filed in person.

3. Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices.

(Htun Nwe)

Director
Profit Tax Directorate

**Kuwait to deploy 150
peacekeepers to southern Sudan**

KUWAIT CITY, 13 May—Kuwait will deploy 150 soldiers to southern Sudan as part of the UN peace-keeping mission after the Cabinet tentatively approved the dispatch, Arab Times daily reported on Thursday.

"The Defence Ministry has made all necessary arrangements and is ready to send 150 soldiers to Sudan," Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah was quoted as saying.

The Sudanese Government and the southern rebels signed a peace deal on 9 January to end over 20 years of civil war, the longest in the African con-

tinents. The war pitted the mainly Christian and animist south against the Muslim-dominated government in the north, leaving an estimated 1.5 million people dead and four million more displaced.

Kuwait's move came after the United Nations asked it to take part in the international peacekeeping mission in southern Sudan, the official said.

MNA/Xinhua

**IMF approves
loan to
support
Turkey's eco
growth**

WASHINGTON, 13 May—The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Wednesday approved a loan of 10 billion US dollars to support Turkey's economic and financial programme through May 2008.

About 837.5 million dollars will be made available immediately, with the balance distributed in 11 installments, according to a Press release issued by the IMF.

"Turkey's economic performance is at its strongest in a generation," said IMF Managing Director and Chairman Rodrigo de Rato. "Growth was 8 per cent on average over the last three years, while inflation has fallen to single digits, its lowest level in more than 30 years."

"Through their strong policies, the Turkish authorities have transformed Turkey's economic performance, while reforms associated with EU accession negotiations hold out the promise for further economic advance," he said.

The challenge now for the authorities is to sustain and build on this recent success, Rato said.

MNA/Xinhua

**Iran to resume uranium
enrichment soon**

TEHERAN, 13 May—Iran has decided to resume uranium enrichment activities soon despite a stern warning from the European Union and the United States against it, a top Iranian nuclear official said on Thursday.

"We are going to restart a small part of the suspended nuclear activities, maybe some of those in the uranium conversion facility near Isfahan," Gholam Reza Aghazadeh, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, was quoted by state television as saying.

Aghazadeh said activities related to centrifuges might also be resumed, but he did not reveal the exact date of the resumption.

Teheran is expected to submit a letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN nuclear watchdog, on

Thursday officially announcing it will resume enrichment-related activities.

This move came in defiance of a warning by Washington and the EU to refer Iran's case to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions if it resumed enrichment activities.

Iran has blamed the EU for prolonging negotiations on its disputed nuclear programme and threatened to resume enrichment-related work, which it suspended in November 2004 as confidence-building measure.

The EU powers France, Britain and Germany have tried to persuade Iran to abandon its uranium enrichment programme in return for economic and political incentives.

The EU shared Washington's suspicions that Iran's uranium enrichment programme could be used to make nuclear weapons.

Teheran claims its nuclear programme is intended only for producing fuel for power plant and it will never give up its legitimate rights to own nuclear technology.

MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria, WB sign \$51.7m loan deal

Lagos, 13 May—Nigeria has signed a partnership agreement with the World Bank for 51.7-million-dollar loan to eradicate polio from the most populous African country, the official News Agency of Nigeria reported on Wednesday.

The agreement was signed in the capital Abuja this week by Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and the World Bank country representative in Nigeria Hafez Ghunem, the agency said.

Okonjo-Iweala said at

the occasion that the loan will later be converted into grant by the Gates Foundation in America if Nigeria fulfilled certain targets in the drive to eradicate polio.

Nigeria is considered as the epicenter of the

world's fastest growing polio outbreak. According to the World Health Organization, 78 cases of the debilitating disease were reported in the West African country between 14 March and 6 May this year. — MNA/Xinhua

**Tanzania fetches \$540m
on gold export in 2004**

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 13 May—Gold export remains the leading foreign exchange earner of Tanzania as the sector has fetched about 540 million US dollars in 2004.

Figures issued by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals on Thursday showed that most of the sum was from gold exports of the country's six large-scale mining companies.

Tanzania's gold pro-

duction has enjoyed an average annual growth of over 10 per cent since the year 2002 in response to a significant increase of foreign and domestic investment and technology improvement.

The strong perform-

ance of the mining sector is expected to put the East African country's total exports volume in the current fiscal year to over 1,276 million dollars, according to statistics from the Treasury.

MNA/Xinhua

**Euro-zone economy rebounds
in first quarter**

BRUSSELS, 13 May—The euro-zone economy grew by 0.5 per cent in the first quarter compared with a 0.2-per-cent rise in the previous quarter, according to a "flash" estimate by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union (EU).

The latest figure, which was in line with expectations, marked a rebound after weak growth since the second quarter last year.

However, the GDP (gross domestic product) in Italy, the euro-zone's third-largest economy, contracted by 0.5 per cent in the first quarter, extending a 0.4-per-cent fall in the previous three months.

A recession is usually defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

By contrast, Germany, the largest economy in the 12-nation bloc, saw its strongest quarterly growth for four years, expanding by an unexpectedly strong 1.0 per cent. Economists said that the improvement "was exclusively based on exports".

The Netherlands is also in a shallow recession, while economists believe the French economy has also slowed considerably. Separate French GDP figures are to be released next week.

The unexpected fall in Italian GDP will lead to fresh worries about the outlook for the euro-zone economy, hit by higher oil prices and the euro's appreciation late last year.

Despite the strong performance in the first three months, the EU's executive body, the European Commission, on Thursday lowered its euro-zone growth forecast for the second quarter to between 0.2 per cent and 0.6 per cent, shaving 0.1 per cent off both ends of the range.

MNA/Xinhua



Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei returns a shot during his men's singles match against Japan's Shoji Sato at the Sudirman Cup 2005 World Mixed Team Badminton Championships in Beijing on 13 May, 2005. Lee won 15-3, 15-0. —INTERNET

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Japan's ministry to use robot cleaner

TOKYO, 13 May — Japan's Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry plans to introduce six robots in fiscal 2006 to clean its office building, aiming at arousing public awareness to the promising industry, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* daily reported on Thursday.

The mechanical cleaners are responsible for cleaning up corridors in the building except for toilets.

They work at night on programmes, which include the structure of the building and their working route. After finishing cleaning on a floor, they automatically move to other floors via elevator.

The ministry hopes the

robots' performance would encourage other government departments to follow suit to help push forward application and popularization of the robot technology.

Plagued by aging population, Japan puts the robot technology on the top of its industrial development strategy in a bid to fill the manpower shortage.

The robots in opera-

tion in Japan were 350,000 at the end of 2002, accounting for 45 per cent of the total worldwide, according to the International Federation of Robotics.

The Japanese Government aims at materialize mass usage of robot after 2015, projecting a 6.2-trillion-yen (58.5-billion-US-dollar) domestic market in 2025.

MNA/Xinhua

White House, Capitol evacuated as plane breaches security

WASHINGTON, 13 May — The White House, the Capitol and the Supreme Court were briefly evacuated and security alert was heightened late morning on Wednesday after a light aircraft breached the security limits and entered into the restricted airspace.

The small *Cessna* aircraft flown by unauthorized persons, whose identity could not be immediately established, took off from an airport in Pennsylvania and was forced to land in an airport in Frederick, Maryland, some 40 miles from here by USAF jets. Those evacuated were allowed to return after a short while and the security alert was reset at the usual.

President George W Bush was away from White House at the time of the incident but among those evacuated were the First Lady and Vice-President Richard Cheney, Press Secretary Scott McClellan said. Two people were arrested, Capitol Police said.

MNA/PTI

Mexico blasts new US immigration legislation

MEXICO CITY, 13 May — The new immigration and identification rules in the United States, known as "Real ID", could not solve the problems of illegal immigration, said a Mexican official on Wednesday.

"Building walls is not the best way to attend to the challenges we share on our common border," said Ruben Aguilar, spokesman of the Mexican Presidential Office. "The President (of Mexico) laments these measures, which are a matter of sovereignty, but he laments them," he told the Press, referring to the US immigration reforms approved by the US Senate with the support of the Bush Administration.

The Mexican Government will continue to use diplomatic and political ways to procure legal, safe, orderly migration with respect to human rights, he added.

The law, prompted by Republican James Sensenbrenner, chairman of the Judicial Committee of the House of Representatives, is said to be aimed at helping protect against the entry of terrorists into the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Study shows leprosy genome reveals how it spread

LOS ANGELES, 13 May — By comparing strains of leprosy-causing bacteria, scientists have traced how the pathogen evolved and how it was spread across the continents by human migrations.

The findings indicate that the world's existing leprosy infections are all caused by a single bacterial clone that has spread yet barely mutated for centuries. They also show that the disease may have begun in East Africa, as opposed to India as previously thought, and then spread to the other continents in part through European colonialism and later the slave trade.

The research, led by scientists at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, appears in the 13 May issue of the journal *Science*.

Leprosy is one of the oldest known human diseases, and still a significant problem in parts of the developing world. According to the World Health Or-

ganization, roughly 500,000 new cases were detected in 2003.

The ability to trace an infection back to a certain region may help public health workers monitor the movement of the disease over time and determine the geographic source of new infections, according to study author Stewart Cole of the Pasteur Institute. Historically, it has been thought that leprosy originated in the Indian subcontinent and was then introduced to Europe by Greek soldiers returning from the Indian campaign of Alexander the Great. But the new findings indicate that the disease actually originated in East Africa or perhaps the Near East, then migrated east-

ward and westward. Europeans and North Africans then spread leprosy to West Africa, and the slave trade brought the disease from West Africa to the Caribbean and South America, the study suggests. Europeans also introduced leprosy to North America.

The disease, caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*, primarily affects the skin and nervous system, particularly the limbs and digits. It's not especially contagious, as people once widely believed, but it can cause permanent disability and disfigurement. The bacterium has long puzzled researchers because its genome is filled with an unusually high proportion of damaged, nonfunctional genes. —MNA/Xinhua

El Salvador to set up bio-diesel plant to cope with high oil costs

MEXICO CITY, 13 May — El Salvador will set up a bio-diesel plant in San Miguel Department, the east of the country, as an alternative to cope with the high costs of petroleum and its by-products, reports from San Salvador said on Wednesday. The plant will be set up within three months at an initial cost of 60,000 US dollars, El Salvador's Economy Ministry was quoted as saying in a communique. Tests have been made in El Salvador to obtain fuel from the seeds of what is known as *higuerillo*. —MNA/Xinhua

Fossils shed light on lichen evolution from sea to land

NANJING, 14 May — Scientists declared they have found a 600-million-year old fungi-algae symbiotic organism in marine fossils believed to be the ancestors of the earliest land-based lichens ever found, shedding light on the sea-to-land evolution of plant life.

The findings were published in Friday's issue of *Science*. The report was co-authored by Xunlai Yuan, a paleontologist with the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Shuhai Xiao, assistant professor of geosciences at Virginia Tech, and Thomas N Taylor, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Kansas. The previous earliest evidence of lichen was 400 million years old, discovered in Scotland.

The latest finding proved the plant's ancestors might have appeared about 200 million years earlier, Yuan said.

Yuan, Xiao, and their collaborators have been exploring the Doushantuo Formation in south China for a decade.

Taylor, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, is a paleobotanist who has reported on fossil lichens in Scotland.

Lichen is a consortium of two organisms that collaborate to survive in a harsh environments, such as exposed rock.

One partner, a cyanobacterium or a photosynthetic algae, or both, are able to form food from carbon diox-

ide, while the other partner, a fungus, provides moisture, nutrients, and protection for the consortium.

"When and where did they first learn the tricks to form this collaboration?" Xiao asked. "The earliest lichen fossils described by Professor Taylor were from non-marine deposits about 400 million years old, when plants began to massively colonize the land.

But did cyanobacteria or other algae form similar relationships with fungi in the marine environment, perhaps long before the evolution of land plants?"

At a site where abundant algae live in a shallow sub-tidal environment about 600 million years ago, Yuan and Xiao found three specimens that have evidence of two partners in a familiar relationship.

"The ability to form a symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae may have evolved long before the colonization of land by land-based lichens and green plants, which also form symbiotic relationships with various fungi," Xiao said.

The Doushantuo Formation in southwest China's Guizhou Province has yielded many marine fossils.

MNA/Xinhua



A flamingo preens its feather in the Singapore Zoo, Singapore on 13 may, 2005.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Miami heat beat Wizards for 3-0 lead NBA playoffs

WASHINGTON, 14 May— Veteran Alonzo Mourning and guard Dwyane Wade led the Miami Heat to a 102-95 victory over Washington Wizards for a 3-0 lead on Thursday in the Eastern Conference of the National Basketball Association playoffs.

In the absence of centre Shaquille O'Neal, sidelined by a bruised right thigh, Wade finished with 31 points and Mourning had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The Heat seized a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series and can complete a sweep here on Saturday. No team in NBA history has ever overcome such a playoff deficit to advance. "This is not a one- or two-man team, no matter who is out," Mourning said. "We're continuing to prove people wrong."

Miami stretched a club-record playoff win streak to seven games and the Heat defeated Washington for the 11th time

in a row over the past two years.

Wade went 5-of-12 in the first half with 12 points and six turnovers and was miserable in the locker room at half-time with the Wizards leading 51-49.

The Wizards opened a 60-52 lead early in the second half but Miami answered with the next 13 points, part of a 22-5 run that pushed the Heat to a 74-65 edge.

The Wizards made two runs in the fourth quarter but Wade ended both threats with baskets. Mourning has struggled for years with kidney problems, but after 12 seasons he hungers for his first NBA title.—MNA/Xinhua

Glazer closing in on Manchester United

MANCHESTER, 14 May— American business tycoon Malcolm Glazer has been within a whisker of taking full control of Manchester United with his 1.5-billion-US-dollar takeover bid, his spokesman said on Friday.

The spokesman for Mr Glazer said he now owns 74.81 per cent of the club — just short of the 75 per cent he needs to take it private.

Mr Glazer confirmed that the offer would be 300 pence for each Manchester United share, valuing it at 790.3 million pounds.

On Thursday, he bought the 28.7-per-cent stake of Irish racing tycoons JP McManus and John Magnier.

Earlier, the US tycoon unveiled full details of his bid, saying he plans to borrow 265 million pounds to fund the deal, set against the club's assets.

He will also raise another 275 million by issuing securities but this debt will not be held against the club's assets. And he will use 272 million of his own cash, in the form of United equity already

owned by him.

"We are delighted to make this offer to acquire one of the pre-eminent football clubs in the world," said Mr Glazer's son Joel who is expected to take charge of the running of the club on a day-to-day basis.

"We are long-term sports investors and avid Manchester United fans."

In response, Manchester United said it would wait for the "full facts" to become available before advising shareholders whether to accept the offer from Mr. Glazer.

Further demonstrations are expected to follow Thursday night's angry scenes outside the club's Old Trafford ground where five fans were arrested after hundreds gathered to protest, armed with banners and burning effigies of Malcolm Glazer. —MNA/Xinhua

Juventus to visit Hong Kong in June

HONG KONG, 14 May— Italian soccer giants Juventus will play in Hong Kong on 4 June, 2005. The historic visit of the Italian Champions is the first ever to these shores.

Invited to Hong Kong by local football team Kitchee's Chief Executive Ken Ng, Juventus will play in the event known as the Grand Promenade Cup, Kitchee Versus Juventus, in the United Christian Medical Service Charity Challenge 2005. Juventus' opponents, Kitchee football team, last year thrilled and surprised fans with two outstanding displays against AC Milan and Newcastle United.

Organizers announced that Juventus has guaranteed the attendance of some of the world's leading footballing stars. They include Alessandro Del Piero,

Pavel Nedved and Lilian Thuram. There is also a reasonable chance that French international star David Trezeguet will be included in the line up. Organizers acknowledged that some of the other Juventus international players will be missing from the tour, as they will be on national duty at that time.

Organizers made it clear that if Juventus finish the season tied on points with AC Milan, they would have to cancel their tour to both Japan and Hong Kong, as they would have to play in a two-leg play-off match to determine the Serie A Champions.—MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia returns to top division at Sudirman Cup

BEIJING, 14 May— Malaysia gained promotion into the top division of the badminton Sudirman Cup with a 3-1 victory over Japan on Friday.

Malaysia, in a bid to return to the elite group in the mixed team championships, started their playoff campaign with Wong Choong- Hann/Wong Pei Tty taking on Keita Masuda/Tadashi Ohtsuka of Japan.

The Malaysian mixed duo met little resistance from their opponents and eased into a 15-7, 15-4 win.

"The mixed category is crucial for us to make it to Division One for next edition," said Malaysian head coach Yap Kim-Hock.

"We are stronger on men's singles and doubles. As long as we win the opening mixed match, we're almost certain to beat Japan." Current world Number Five Lee Chong Wei continued the winning streak to crush Shoji Sato 15-3, 15-0 in men's singles, but Japan launched fightback with Eriko Hirose overcame Wong Mew Choo 11-1, 8-11, 11-8.

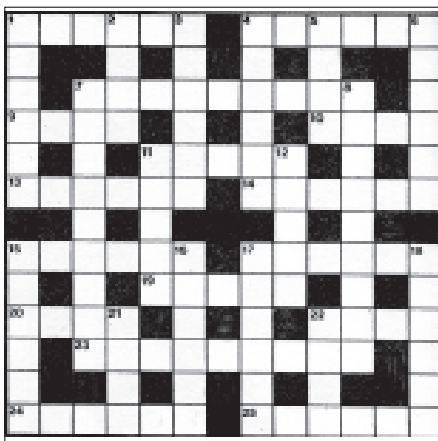
Malaysia clinched the winning point for the sole promotion spot as their men's pair Koo Kian-Keat/Chan Chong-Ming conquered Keita Masuda/Tadashi Ohtsuka 15-4, 15-13.

In the second group, Malaysia has already made known that they would not be satisfied with any other result than a direct promotion to the top group, as they consider themselves as the only top badminton country not to be in the top group.—MNA/Xinhua



Guillermo Coria from Argentina returns a ball to Mario Ancic from Croatia at the Hamburg Masters Tennis tournament on 12 May, 2005. Coria won the match 6-4, 6-3.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Boisterous
- 4 Refined spirit
- 7 Iniquitous
- 9 Image
- 10 Comfort
- 11 Spate
- 13 Recently
- 14 Almost
- 15 Visitor
- 17 Uplifted
- 19 General run
- 20 Pillow-case
- 22 Light
- 23 Robot
- 24 Keep
- 25 Scope

DOWN

- 1 Israel (anag.)
- 2 Bobbin
- 3 Annual
- 4 Jail
- 5 Loyal
- 6 Beautiful
- 7 Homesickness
- 8 Sexton
- 11 Navy
- 12 Exclude
- 15 Barrow-boy
- 16 Fame
- 17 Revolve
- 18 Leave
- 21 Cougar
- 22 Plunder

Supersonics hold back Spurs with 92-91 win in NBA playoffs

WASHINGTON, 14 May— Back home with two defeats, the Seattle SuperSonics found their feet and handed the San Antonio Spurs a 92-91 defeat in the National Basketball Association playoffs on Thursday.

In their best-of-seven Western Conference second-round series, SuperSonics rallied to 1-2 after dropping the first two games by double digits in San Antonio.

The Spurs went a dismal 8-of-16 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter to finish at 19-of-34 overall, and superstar Tim Duncan missed a short shot in the final seconds to allow the SuperSonics back into the series.

It was a win the Sonics knew they needed, since no team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the NBA playoffs.

"It was gut-check time," said Seattle's Jerome James, who scored 15 points on 7-of-7 shooting.

Down 90-88, Duncan made one of two free throws before Antonio Daniels scored both free throws with 1:59 for a three-point lead. Then came Manu Ginobili who also went 1-of-2 at the line 13 seconds later for a two-point deficit.

Ginobili went to the line again with 29 seconds left but again only split two free throws, bringing the Spurs to 92-91. The Argentine All-Star, an 80-per-cent free-throw shooter in the regular season, made just 3-of-6 in the fourth quarter. Seattle All-Star Ray Allen was held scoreless in the fourth quarter and missed a jumper from the baseline before Robert Horry grabbed the rebound with 2.9 seconds left. Duncan took an inbounds pass, but his four-footer bounced off the front of the rim as time expired.—MNA/Xinhua



Nicaragua's Heidi Trana, left, blocks the ball from Angela Thomas, of Panama, during the eliminator for the Women's Volleyball World Championships match in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on 13 May, 2005.—INTERNET

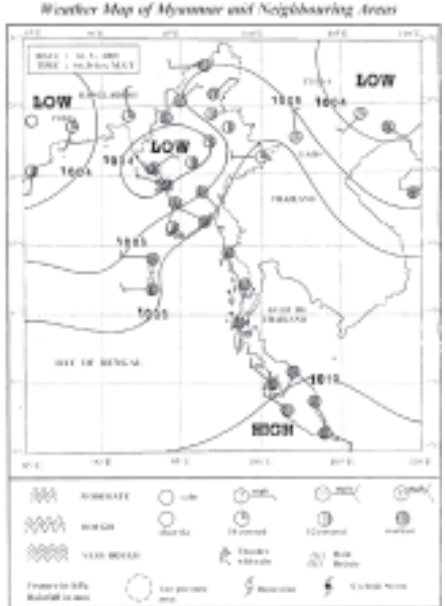
မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက် နှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ မိုးဦးကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သော ရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။
 - (က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများ အပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင်၊ တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ၊
 - (ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ
 - (ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ
- ၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့် အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ
 - (က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီးဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်လှိုင်ပေါလာသည့် အချို့ဓာတ် ပါသော သရက်သီး၊ မိန့်သီး၊ ဖရုံသီး၊ ကြက်ဓာတ်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့် သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အပူ အစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ မဆေးမမြင် စွန့်ပစ် ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါက်မှာ၍ ယင်ပေါများခြင်း။
 - (ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း။
 - (ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီး ရေတင်း၊ ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဗူးတို့၌ ရေမြောင်းပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်ပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ခြင်ပေါက်မှာခြင်း။
 - (ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူပိုခြင်း၊ အအေး ပတ်ခြင်း။
 - (င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း။
 - (စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် ညီညွတ်သည့် အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့ အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း။
- ၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးနိုင်မည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း တိုက်တွန်း နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
 - (က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ခ) ယင်နားစာများကို မဆေးမမြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ဂ) စားကြင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများ ကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ဃ) မိမိတို့ မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေး အသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။
 - (င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ရေပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။
 - (ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။
 - (ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။
 - (ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ခြင်း၊ ယင် နီနီနင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေး အမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်း စုပေါင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးမျိုး ဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့လာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပို့ပါ။
 - (ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက မိုးရာသီပေးစခန်း၊ ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသ စစ်ဆေးကုသခံ ခံယူပါ။

Moderate earthquake jolts northern Turkey

ANKARA, 14 May — A moderate earthquake measured 4.7 on the Richter Scale jolted northern Turkey on Thursday, causing some material damages. The Istanbul-based Kandilli Seismology Institute and Observatory said the quake was centred on Resadiye Town of Tokat Province and felt also in surrounding towns. There was no immediate word on casualties but the quake damaged several houses in the town.

Turkey sits on several major fault lines and earthquakes are frequent occurrences.—MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 14 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States. Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (1.10) inches and Myeik (1.06) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions. (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Sagaing and Magway Divisions. (3°C) below normal in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions (6°C) below normal in Mon State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (44°C), Monywa and Nyaung Oo (43°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 13-5-2005 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 14-5-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-5-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 13-5-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 14-5-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and nil central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 2.84 inches at Yangon Airport, 3.45 inches at Kaba-Aye and 1.89 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southeast at (21:30) hours MST on 13-5-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of day temperatures in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-5-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-5-2005: Partly cloudy.

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 13:00 hours MST on today)
An earthquake strong intensity (6.9) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside of Myanmar about (800) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (11) hrs (39) min (00) sec MST on 14th May 2005.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The bereaved family of late U Tin Swe, 52, would like to tender their heartfelt thanks to Mr Gary K. Helseth, Country Coordinator, the UNOPS, Afghanistan; Programme Officer Daw Khine Khine Swe, officials and staff from Afghan-based offices of the UN and International Organisations; Mr Charles Petrie, Resident Coordinator, Mr Shahrokh Mohammadi, Deputy Resident Representative, responsible officials and staff of the UNDP, Yangon; all responsible officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Information, Yangon International Airport, Yangon General Hospital, YCDC (Pollution Control & Cleansing Department); all relatives and friends from near and far who sent wreaths, messages of condolences personally or by phone or by e-mail and all those to whom thanks are due.

The bereaved family

**Asleep in Jesus
New Dollar**

73 YEARS

New Dollar, daughter of (U Aye Si)-(Naw Sein Toke), wife of No. 9, 49 Street, Botahtaung, 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



**Sunday, 15 May
View on today:**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယဟာ နှာပကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်အောင်ချက် အဘိဓမ္မာပရဂ္ဂဗျာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဗ္ဗမ္မဓာတ်က၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ခြာမင်လာ
- 8:10 am**
- 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
- 7. ကတင်ဘီးလင်း ရေလှောင်တမံ
- 8:30 am**
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am**
- 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
- 2. Musical programme

- 5:00 pm**
- 5. Songs to National race
- 5:15 pm**
- 6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm**
- 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
- 8. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
- 9. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
- 10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်နန်းခြေခိုတစ်ရာတစ်လီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 7:30 pm**
- 11. Agricultural source country's development.
- 7:45 pm**
- 12. ရွယ်ရည် ဖြန့်ဖြူးခြင်း
- 8:00 pm**
- 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ"(အပိုင်း- ၄၁)
- 17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဇ္ဇာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 18. The next day's programme



**Sunday, 15 May
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Paradise
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: Baby don't you hurt me
- 8.55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music: To be you
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Music: Jump for my love
- 9.20 am** Cultural Images of Myanmar: Preserve Cultural Heritage for Posterity
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Story for children A bridegroom for Miss Mouse
- 1.50 pm** Songs for children
- 9.00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9.10 pm** Music
- 9.15 pm** Article
- 9.25 pm** Music - That's what love is for - Angel
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Announcement on secession of Shan State from Union by Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts denounced in mass rally held in Hsenwi, Lashio District, Shan State (North)

YANGON, 14 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 the Sports Grounds in Hsenwi, Lashio District, Shan State (North) on 12 May.

Present on the occasion were departmental officials from Hsenwi Township, members of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Women's Affairs Committee, Township War Veterans Organization, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people in Hsenwi, local national races from 28 village tracts (See page 6)

Local people cannot stand such evil acts and aims posing grave dangers to nation and people Rally reflects local residents' real attitude to announcement of fugitives



U Sai Kyaw Myint presides over the mass rally. — MNA

To live together in the Union in unity and amity is wish of entire national people



Shan national U Kan Na, ex-commander of brigade 11 of SSNA, tables a motion at the mass rally.

MNA

YANGON, 14 May — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Kan Na of Kunkauk Village, Hsenwi Township, who is the

commander of Brigade-11 of SSNA that unconditionally exchanged arms for peace.

He said Hsenwi Township is a beautiful

region of the Union. It is the perpetual wish of the entire national people that they want to live together in the Union in unity and amity.

The State has stipulated in the previous constitution and in the 104 basic principles that have been adopted at the present National Convention that any part of the Union is not to secede from the Union of Myanmar. That shows the family spirit of the all national people.

He added that the people of Shan State including those of the region have been (See page 6)

YANGON, 14 May — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by U Sai Kyaw Myint of Ward 1 in Hsenwi.

He said that Hsenwi was notorious as a black region with armed insurgencies. Local people suffered from oppression, ill-treatment of the sawbwas and colonialists as well as the insurgency of armed groups.

As is known to all, peace and stability has been restored in the region with prospects for development, and local people are doing well in businesses.

With a lot of natural scenic beauties, the region fascinates local and foreign visitors. With peace and tranquillity, the region's prestige is getting bright.

The local residents have been able to enjoy fully the sweet taste of perpetuation of sovereignty, national unity, and Union solidarity.

That is why the local people of Hsenwi region place emphasis on safeguarding and protecting the nation from all sorts of dangers.

On 17 April, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts tried a first step to secede Shan State from the Union with instigation and (See page 6)

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The aboveground and underground organizations and remnant insurgents should take lessons from the historic evidences and do their best to return to normal life.

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HEIN MYINT



The mass rally to protest and condemn announcement on secession of Shan State from the Union takes place at the sports ground in Hsenwi Township. — MNA