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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Minister for Transport inspects Thamada Pilot Vessel

YANGON, 23 May—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe this afternoon inspected the renovated Thamada Pilot Vessel at Nanthida Jetty. He was briefed by Managing Director of Myanmar Port Authority U Thein Htay and officials on installation of modern equipment at the vessel.

Next, the managing director reported on the vessel's history and renovation tasks and programme to launch the vessel to the minister who gave necessary instructions.

Maj-Gen Thein Swe was accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than. The vessel was renovated by Myanmar engineers at Setsan Shipyards of MPA. The 777.51 ton-vessel was installed with a 840-HP engine and modern communication equipment. Its maximum speed is 10 nautical miles per hour.

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Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects Thamada Pilot Vessel. — TRANSPORT

INSIDE

Regardless of the place, time and nationality of the doer, the main ingredient in the recipe for success is 'work' or rather 'hard work'. Work may be, sometimes not always, followed by success, but definitely without work, success can never be expected. That's why they said "it is only in dictionaries that success comes before work". So we must all work first and foremost.

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L & F Minister inspects fish breeding in Maubin

YANGON, 23 May—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday morning inspected Talokhla Fish

Breeding Camp of Fisheries Department in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Division and gave instructions to officials.

Accompanied by officials of FD, the minister inspected digging of fish breeding ponds on 300 acres of land owned by FD in Kondaingkalay

Village, Maubin Township.

At the briefing hall, the head of Maubin District FD reported on digging of fish breeding

ponds, measures being taken for fish breeding and route for transport of fish to the minister who gave necessary instructions.

After that, the minister inspected the fish breeding camp of Top Success LTD and Wadaw Fish Breeding Camp of the Ministry of Defence at Maubin wetland area and gave instructions to officials concerned.

In the afternoon, the minister and party proceeded to No 2 Fish Breeding Centre (Wadaw) of Phyoyeyya Co Ltd of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

After inspecting the fish farm, the minister attended to the needs.

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Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein visits a fish farm of Fisheries Department in Maubin Township.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for more regional development, walking along the path of eternal peace

The common goal of the entire national people is the emergence of peaceful and developed nation. Due to the correct leadership and policy of the government and the enthusiastic participation of the people, all the development endeavours are now bearing fruits.

Nowadays, great strides are being made in political and economic fields, especially in national reconsolidation which is the sine qua non for stability of the State, community peace, the rule of law and unity of national political forces.

Members of the Brigade 11 of Shan State National Army (SSNA) headed by U Kan Na exchanged arms for peace on 12 April and members of Palaung State Liberation Army (PSLA) headed by U Aik Mone followed suit on 29 April.

Again on 20 May, the Brigade 19 of Shan State National Army headed by Brigade Commander U Gon Khay exchanged arms for peace in Nampaung Village, Lashio Township, Shan State (North).

Present at the ceremony for exchanging arms for peace together with Brigade Commander U Gon Khay were Deputy Commander U Kham Shan, commanding officers U Sai Hsaung, U Sai Tun, U Sai Taw and U Sai Chan and 325 members. The exchange of arms for peace by the Brigade 19 of SSNA has brought peace not only to national brethren living in Nampaung region but also to those in the entire Shan State (North).

At such a time when neocolonialists are trying to drive a wedge among national brethren by pretending that they want to serve the interests of the latter, it is necessary for the national brethren to stand united under the leadership of the government.

The ceremony for exchanging arms for peace in Nampaung Village, Lashio Township, Shan State (North) manifests the desire of the people and the government to be always in oneness with each other, whoever is trying to do whatever to drive a wedge between them.

We believe that eternal peace will prevail in all the regions where arms have been exchanged for peace and, as a result, it will be possible to accelerate the momentum of regional development endeavours.

Egyptian delegation arrives

YANGON, 23 May— At the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Egypt delegation led by Mr Ezzat Saad Sayed, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, arrived here yesterday evening.

The Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs was accompanied by Mrs Yassmin Mahmoud, Economist of the Ministry of International Cooperation of Egypt.

The Egyptian delegation was welcomed at the airport by Director-General U Nyan Lin of MOFA, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Union of Myanmar Mr Mohamed Mohamed Minessy and officials of MOFA and embassy of Egypt.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

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

USDA CEC members tour Kawa, Bago

YANGON, 23 May —A ceremony to fix the Seinbudaw (Diamond Bud) and Hngetmyatnardaw at atop Kyeikmatkaw Pagoda in Kawa, Bago Division, was held yesterday.

Central Executive Committee Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the ceremony.

After the ceremony, Maj-Gen Aung Min went to Kawa Township USDA Office and addressed the opening ceremony of management multiplier course for Kawa Township USDA executives held at the USDA Office in Kawa.

Similarly, Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the opening of ceremony of the management multiplier course for Thanatpin Township USDA executives held at the township USDA Office. After the ceremony, Maj-Gen Aung Min awarded the outstanding trainees of the national culture and morals course organized by the township USDA. At the ceremony, he contributed cash to the school enrolment and presented medicine.

Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Secretary



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents cash award to a teacher. —RAILWAY

of the Bago Division (East) USDA U Saw Maw Tun and officials, went to Seinthalyaung Buddha Image in Bago and poured water to the Bo Tree within the precinct.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Aung Min went to Bago Division (East) USDA Office and addressed the concluding ceremony of courses organized by the Bago Division (East) USDA. At the ceremony, he awarded the outstanding trainees and Secretary of Bago Division (East) USDA U Saw Maw Tun presented the concluding certificates to the trainees. —MNA



Minister U Nyan Win being seen off at the airport. —MNA

FM leaves for ROK

YANGON, 23 May— A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left here this afternoon to attend the 6th Global Forum on Reinventing Government and the 1st ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Creative Management for Government to be held in Seoul, the Republic of Korea from 24 to 28 May.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum and departmental heads of MOFA. —MNA

Minister receives Indian guests

YANGON, 23 May — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Director (News) Smt. Arvind M Singh and party of Doordarshan news agency of India at the ministry on Theinbyu Road this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads under the ministry and officials.

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AHTN second meeting at Traders Hotel

YANGON, 23 May — The Second Meeting of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) Review Committee and the Second AHTN Technical

Committee Meeting were held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Officials of the Customs Department under the Ministry of Fi-

nance and Revenue, the ASEAN Secretariat, and delegates of 10 ASEAN countries attended the meetings which will be held up to 27 May.

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Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Indian delegation led by Director (News) Smt. Arvind M Singh.

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China opens special office for youth employment

BEIJING, 22 May — China announced Friday the opening of a special office designed to help Chinese young people find jobs or start their own businesses through international cooperation.

The office was jointly launched by the Youth Employment Network (YEN) under the United Nations (UN) and the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) as a YEN branch in China.

The announcement was made at an international forum on youth employment held in Beijing, which was co-sponsored by the ACYF, YEN and the Central Committee of Communist Youth League of China.

The YEN Office China will introduce the successful models and advanced experiences of other countries to China and collaborate with international organizations to carry out youth employment programmes in an effort to help China's young people find jobs, the Press release said.

More than 100 international youth and labour workers, government officials from China and abroad and business leaders gathered at the forum to discuss how to promote international exchanges and cooperation and help build a harmonious society through pushing youth employment.

Ismail Amat, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, said at the

opening ceremony that as a country with a large population of young people, China has always attached great importance to issue of youth employment.

According to data from nationwide sample survey of population changes, China's total population was 1.26 billion at the end of 2002, including 283 million young people aged between 15 and 29, representing 23.3 per cent of the total population, said a report issued on Friday at the forum by the YEN Office China, the Research Institute of Labour Sciences with China's Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the International Labor Office (ILO). The analysis report, titled "China's Survey on School to Work Transition", said that in 2003, China had an employment population of 744.32 million and a registered unemployed population in cities of 7.8 million, with the registered unemployment rate being 4.2 per cent.

However, the report estimated the real unemployment rate may stand at 6.1 per cent, of which, the estimated unemployment rate of the young people is 7.4 per cent. — *MNA/Xinhua*

China sees record high number of overseas students in 2004

BEIJING, 22 May— The number of overseas students in China hit a record high of 110,844, of which 6,715 were sponsored by the Chinese Government, the rest studying at their own expence, sources with the Chinese Ministry of Education (MoE) said here Friday.

According to the MoE statistics, overseas students from 178 countries studied in 420 Chinese colleges and universities nationwide in 2004. The total number of overseas students

increased by 42.63 per cent over the previous year, and the amplitude was ranked the highest over the past ten years.

A MoE official said China has seen rapid progress in overseas stu-

dents education thanks to the persistent policies of and specific financial support by the government. As more and more countries have reached agreements with China on mutually recognizing higher education degrees, more foreigners have chosen to study in China, largely because of its economic power and growing international influence.

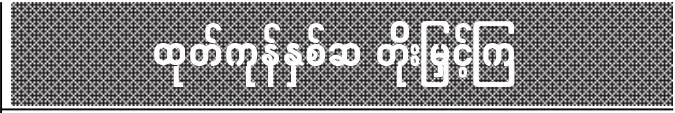
In 2004 alone, the government of Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam gave financial support to more than 200 students to study in China, in a view to cultivate professional personnel for further contact with China.

The official said the number of students from South Korea ranked first for a consecutive five years due to the fast growth of China-South Korea economic cooperation, which has brought abundant job opportunities.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



A textile trader measures cloth at a market stall in Beijing, on 20 May, 2005. — INTERNET



Visiting Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Shoichi Nakagawa (L) and Malaysian Minister of International Trade & Industry Rafidah Aziz meet in Kuala Lumpur on 22 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Bangladesh's export earnings rose 16% in nine months

DHAKA, 22 May — Bangladesh's export earnings in the first three quarters of the current fiscal year reached over six billion US dollars, an increase of about 16 per cent over the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Export earnings in the nine months (July 4 to March 5) totalled 369.79 billion taka (6.16 billion US dollars) against 317.72 billion taka (5.3 billion US dollars) earned during the same period of the previous fiscal year, Bangladesh's official news agency BSS reported.

Of the total exports during the period, the primary goods fetched 18.72 billion taka (312 million US dollars), BSS quoted data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) as saying.

The total export price index during the period was 2.33 per cent higher with 15.84 per cent rise for primary products and 1.58 per cent for industrial products.

The United States retained its position as the top importing country of Bangladeshi goods, the data showed. Bangladesh exported 27.68 per cent of its total exportables to the United States during the period, earning 1.69 billion US dollars, 20.5 per cent higher over that of the previous year's corresponding period.

The nine months' exports also fetched 61.81 billion taka (1.03 billion US dollars) from Germany, 40.14 billion taka (669 million US dollars) from Britain, and 26.58 billion taka (443 million US dollars) from France.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Turkey to open new border gate with Iraq

ANKARA, 22 May — Turkey will open a new border gate with Iraq after Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari reached consensus on the issue during talks, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported Friday. The gate will be located in Silopi Town of the southeastern Turkish province of Sirnak, the report said.

The two prime ministers also agreed that Turkey will train Iraqi officers and soldiers, added the report.

"Turkey's support for the Iraqi Government will continue on restoration of prosperity and stability in Iraq," Erdogan was quoted as saying.—*MNA/Xinhua*

1,630 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 22 May—As of Sunday, 22 May, 2005, at least 1,630 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 1,244 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT 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, 1,492 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,135 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—*Internet*

Philippine police take measures to curb illegal game

MANILA, 22 May — Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Arturo Lomibao Saturday said that he has imposed a "one-strike policy" under which regional police commanders who fail to curb the illegal numbers racket gambling "jueteng" in their respective areas will be sacked immediately.

Under the policy, police officials will be relieved from their post once a jueteng operator, collector or bettor is arrested in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Lomibao stressed this will give more teeth to the PNP's campaign against the illegal numbers game. He did not say if the "three-strike" policy started by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was still effective.

Under the "three-strike" policy, regional police commanders were given three jueteng-related apprehensions in their areas before they are sacked.

The PNP chief said he is also ready to face the Senate committee that invited him to testify on the extent of jueteng operations in the country.

He denied reports linking him as one of the government officials who are on jueteng payrolls of gambling lords.

The jueteng controversy is becoming a national focus as it has attained the First Family with First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and his son, Pampanga Representative Mikey Arroyo, being tagged as jueteng beneficiaries.

President Arroyo's brother-in-law, Negros Occidental Representative Ignacio Arroyo, was also accused of being on the jueteng payrolls.

The local daily *Philippine Daily Inquirer* which has been publishing expose reports on corruption linked with jueteng, Saturday quoted Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. as saying he believed President Arroyo herself "benefitted" from operations of the illegal numbers game. A jueteng scandal involving former president Joseph Estrada resulted in his ouster from power in early 2001. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi National Guard and police view the remains of a vehicle used as a car bomb in Baghdad on 20 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Australia keen to deepen investment relations with India

MELBOURNE, 22 May — With a view to capitalize on the growing presence of Indian IT majors like Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys and Wipro, the Australian state of Victoria is seeking greater trade and investment relationship with India.

"There is immense scope to further the trade, investment and technological exchange ties in various sectors like ICT, biotechnology, environment technology, advanced technologies, food and beverages," Victoria's ICT Minister Marsha Thompson said in her keynote address at the Australia-India Joint Business Council interaction here.

About 15 top Indian IT companies including TCS, Infosys, Wipro and Satyam already have their base in Australia and this relationship could be enhanced further, she said.

Victoria also had a good base of ICT companies and with such complementarities, the two sides could together had a lot to offer to world, she added.

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath lamented the abysmally low Australian investments into India and sought to reverse the trend.

"Indian investment into Australia is much more than Australian investment into India. And it was time for Indian investments here to drive Australian investment into the country (India)," he said.

Citing the AT Kearney

report, he said India had emerged as the third most attractive investment destination in the world and was following one of the most liberal foreign investment policies globally.

"In FDI, we are looking for investment which will create employment and not just replace Indian capital," he added. Nath said while the country's prowess in IT and software was known worldwide, the time was ripe for acknowledging its manufacturing prowess in the areas of auto components, pharma, textiles and various other areas. — *MNA/PTI*

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Nepal to support Egypt for UNSC permanent membership

KATHMANDU, 22 May — Nepal will support Egypt's candidacy for permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council, a senior Nepali official said here Friday.

"Egypt is in favour of reform of the UN Security Council, and wants to tender their candidacy from Africa for permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council and their claim is reasonable," Foreign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey said.

After meeting the visiting Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister Ezzat Saad El Sayad at the ministry, Pandey made a statement by saying, "We told them about our candidacy for temporary membership of UN Security Council for 2007-2008 and they were positive on it."

"Talking to journalists, Sayad confirmed the talks with Nepali Foreign Minister on their candidacy for the membership of UN Security Council and added, "We are interested in helping Nepal in the field of agriculture, education and tourism."

Meanwhile, Sayad had

chaired a joint meeting with a Nepali delegation led by Foreign Secretary Madhu Raman Acharya.

Sayad arrived here Thursday night for a three-day visit to Nepal. Egypt is the only African country where the Royal Nepalese embassy has been established. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Three Romanian journalists freed in Iraq after two months

BUCHAREST, 22 May — Three Romanian journalists and their Iraqi-American guide were freed Sunday after nearly two months in captivity in Iraq, the president's office said.

The release came a day after five representatives from the Romanian Islamic and Cultural League travelled to Baghdad, where they joined Islamic groups in Iraq in urging the captors to free the captives. "They are unharmed," said Adriana Saftoiu, a spokeswoman for Romanian President Traian Basescu.

A group calling itself Maadh Bin Jabal said in a videotape aired Sunday on Al-Jazeera television that it decided to free the hostages after an appeal by Romania's Muslims and a Saudi preacher, Salman Bin Fahad al-Oda. The three Romanians — newspaper reporter Ovidiu Ohanesian, TV reporter Marie-Jeanne Ion and cameraman Sorin Miscoci — were kidnapped in Iraq on 28 March, along with their Iraqi-American guide and translator, Mohammed Monaf.

An earlier video aired on Al-Jazeera had shown the journalists in handcuffs with pistols pointed at their heads. Ion, a reporter for Prima TV, could be seen talking to the camera and clutching her hands as if pleading. In a separate audio message, they asked Romania's government to save their lives.

Miscoci, of Prima TV, said he would be the first killed if the Romanian troops were not withdrawn.

Internet

Inter-Korean talks to be held on 15 June

SEOUL, 22 May — South Korea and the North Korea will hold talks on Tuesday to discuss details of the South's delegation for a ceremony in Pyongyang on 15 June, the Ministry of Unification said Saturday.

Under an agreement reached at the just-ended inter-Korean talks, Seoul will send the delegation to attend a ceremony marking the fifth anniversary of the historic summit between then South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korea leader Kim Jong-il, the South Korean news agency *Yonhap* reported.

Unification Minister Chung Dong-young will head the delegation and also meet his North Korea counterpart in Seoul from 21 to 24 June, the two sides said in a joint statement. "The South proposed on Friday afternoon to hold working-level meetings to prepare for the delegation and the North responded on Saturday morning," the ministry said. Tuesday's meeting is to be held in the border city of Kaesong of North Korea. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Uygur tight-rope walker Aisikaier performs on a 30-metre-high wire in Xuanwuhu Park in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province on 22 May, 2005. — INTERNET.

Kalam's meetings to focus on joint marketing of "Brahmos"

ON BOARD SPECIAL AIRCRAFT, 23 May — President of India A P J Abdul Kalam Sunday said his meetings with the Russian leadership and the scientific community would focus on joint marketing of supersonic cruise missile *BrahMos* to third countries besides enhancing cooperation, especially in the field of science and technology.

Embarking on a four-nation visit with Russia as his first stop, the President told reporters that he would visit various defence establishments, including the one dealing with *BrahMos*, which has been jointly developed by India and Russia.

Kalam is the first Indian President to visit Russia after the breakup of the erstwhile Soviet Union. The last visit was made by the then President R Venkataraman in 1988.

Father of India's missile programme, Kalam said he would strive to enhance scientific cooperation not only with Russia, but also with Switzerland, Iceland and Ukraine and "establishing lab-to-lab contacts" would be the thrust of his visit.

Besides this, he would also seek the support of all these countries for a United Nations Security Council seat for India. Russia and Iceland have already declared their support.

The President said his main interest in Switzerland would be to watch

their high skills and technology in disaster management. "I would like to study their quick responses to disasters. Their disaster management is wonderful", he said.

In Iceland, a lot of scientific studies have been made in regard to earthquake predictions, Kalam said, adding that he was interested in that too.

Kalam said his visits to both these countries included a detailed study of Systematic Earthquake Prediction and Management and Response on Natural Disasters respectively.

Besides the *BrahMos* unit, the President is also scheduled to visit the *Sukhoi* aircraft manufacturing plant in Russia.

He would also focus on science and technology issues in Switzerland where he would visit the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva. A Statement of Intent is expected to be signed in CERN.

MNA/PTI

Iraqi PM to visit Syria to seek tougher border control

ANKARA, 22 May — Visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari said Friday that he will visit Syria to seek tougher border control to prevent foreign fighters from infiltrating into Iraq.

"There are some armed groups infiltrating from Syria. We will discuss this issue directly with Syrian authorities," Jaafari told a news conference jointly held with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Iraq wants to strengthen ties with all countries, but will never accept anything from any country that will harm Iraq's security and stability, Jaafari said.

Jaafari arrived here Thursday on Erdogan's private plane which Erdogan sent to Baghdad. Jaafari visited Ankara in January as Vice-President.

Guerillas have stepped up attacks against Iraqi officials and security forces since a Shiite-dominated government was formed on 28 April.

More than 520 people have been killed over the past few weeks. — MNA/Xinhua



A Japanese girl shows a poppy to her mother at a wild flower festival in Tokyo on 22 May, 2005. Visitors at the festival enjoyed about 21 million flowers, such as poppies and cornflowers, in full bloom. — INTERNET

Colombian Navy seizes one ton of cocaine

BOGOTA, 22 May — The Colombian Navy on Friday seized a ton of cocaine in Pacific coastal city of Tumaco in southwest Colombia, said an official.

The drugs were hidden in two ships at a secret port on the outskirts of Tumaco, where the right-wing United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC) operates, he added.

He also said the government forces exchanged fires with the AUC paramilitaries at the scene, but he failed to mention if there were any casualties or detentions.

The authorities seized 15 tons of cocaine in the same area a week ago, the biggest-ever seizure of drugs in Colombia.

The authorities have seized 50 tons of cocaine this year.

Colombia is one of the principal drug producers and exporters in the world, with an average of 600 tons of cocaine a year, of which 100 tons were seized in 2004. The drugs mainly end up in the United States and Europe.

MNA/Xinhua

Raf aircraft was downed by guerillas' missiles

LONDON, 23 May — An RAF special forces aircraft that crashed in Iraq killing 10 servicemen on January 30 this year was shot down by guerillas with a volley of rockets or missiles, media reported Sunday quoting investigators.

The first few missiles deflected the defensive systems on the *Hercules* from the special forces flight of 47 Squadron, allowing the others to get through.

Investigators who examined the wreckage near the town of al-Taji, 40 kilometres northwest of Baghdad, found at least five points where missiles hit the aircraft, *The Sunday Times* said.

As many as six missiles and rockets, possibly more, were aimed at the aircraft and the height at which it was flying gave the pilot no

room for manoeuvre to avoid all of them, the investigators concluded. The findings will be revealed in a RAF board of inquiry report due to be published next month.

The crash, on the day Iraqis took part in their first democratic election, was the worst loss of life suffered by British forces in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

British officials originally thought the loss had been much worse.

Only a few hours earlier, the aircraft, designated *XV179*, had taken about 50 men from G

Squadron, 22 SAS Regiment, down to Baghdad from the US base at Balad. The SAS had been using Balad as a forward operating base for missions inside the Sunni triangle, the heart of the Iraqi insurgency.

A group of guerillas from a group called the Green Brigade, part of the 1920 Revolution Brigade of the Islamic National Resistance, is thought to have prepared an ambush intended for the return of a US plane that had flown low over the area the previous day, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



Festival goers carry portable shrines, marching through the courtyard of a temple during the annual Sanja Festival, at Tokyo's Sensoji Temple on 21 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Pakistan to decide on Iran-India gas pipeline by 31 December

ISLAMABAD, 22 May — Under pressure from the US not to go ahead with the Iran-India gas pipeline project, Pakistan has said it would take a final decision on it by the year-end.

"31 December is the deadline for a decision on gas pipeline project," Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz told the media here Thursday.

Pakistan would decide by that date whether it would go ahead with the Iran-India gas pipeline or opt for either Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) pipeline or another pipeline from Qatar, he said.

Aziz said Pakistan was weighing the three options to import gas from Iran, Turkmenistan or Qatar, Aziz said.

He noted that Indian Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar has been invited by his Pakistani counterpart for talks in early June on the Iran-India gas pipeline, which is to be laid through Pakistan.

"The Petroleum Ministers from Qatar and Turkmenistan have already visited Pakistan to discuss the matter,"

Aziz said, adding Pakistan has already offered India an "energy corridor" to get gas either from Iran or Turkmenistan.

Iranian Petroleum Minister is also expected to visit here next month, he said.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid M Kasuri told the media in Karachi as of now the Iranian gas pipeline project appeared to be the front runner.

"At the moment it seems as if the Iranian (project) is the easiest to implement," he said.

"Previously we thought that we would not require gas for the next 20-30 years, because of our own reserves but now it is being depleted so fast that we need gas anyway. So I think there could be more than one at the same time," he said. — MNA/PTI

Arroyo promises to let economic reforms reach the poor

MANILA, 23 May — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has promised the country's poor, who make up some 50 per cent of the 84 million population, that her economic reforms will start to benefit them from their next phase of implementation.

Addressing on Saturday the 2005 Visayas Area Business Conference in Guiuan, eastern Samar in central Philippines, Arroyo said the first phase of her economic reform agenda is complete, with the passage of bills expected to generate 80 billion to 100 billion pesos (1.48 to 1.85 billion US dollars) in additional revenues each year.

These include administrative reforms to improve tax collection, a fiscally responsible national budget and the opening of the mining sector to generate thousands of new jobs for the people, she said.

Phase Two reforms will be focused on the crackdown on tax cheats, increased initiatives against graft and corruption, launching of energy independence and conservation campaign and bringing the prices of prime commodities under control with the aid of new consumer watch programmes, said the President.

She promised that Phase Two would

be defined by bringing the benefits of tough economic reforms to the people.

"With more revenue, we can invest more in the vital social needs to lift our poorest citizens out of poverty. I will invest in a pro-poor agenda that includes job creation, better education, improved health care, electrification, roads, transportation and infrastructure, to name a few," Arroyo said.

She said that as an economist, she believes in creating strong macroeconomic fundamentals to ensure economic stability.

A strong economy built on a foundation of social justice would ensure the sustainability of development and progress, she added.

"Improving the quality of life for our poorest citizens is a moral imperative that motivates my work every day. I feel the pain of our poor as they strive for a better life. They deserve a better life, and I aim to deliver it," she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Int'l business women forum successfully concludes in Damascus

DAMASCUS, 23 May — Organizers on Sunday highlighted the success of a two-day international business women forum which was first ever held in Syria.

The founder of the Business Women International Society Ahmad Suleiman said at a Press conference that the forum has laid a cornerstone for a work plan that enables Arab and Western women to improve and expand their works.

He said the Arab women have achieved remarkable progress.

"They (the Arab women) can teach Western women much things as well as they are able to learn from the Western women in various fields," he added.

"The forum presented to the participants rich ideas on information, technology, environment, health care and projects management in addition to many

other issues," said chairman of Eligo International, Antony Baily.

"Women in Business International Forum will contribute for a long time in dialogue of civilizations and cultures through the wide participation and interaction among businesswomen from different states," member of the Syrian-British Society, Ghaith Armanazi, asserted.

The forum, which was entitled "Sharing Knowledge and Skills", wrapped up activities later in the day with the participation of Syrian First Lady Mrs. Asma al-Assad.

It was the first time that the forum was held outside Britain and it attracted more than 2,000 delegates and guests from over 40 countries of four continents.

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A worker collects eggs at a chicken farm in Vietnam's southern province of Long An on 22 May, 2005. —INTERNET

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Icelandic President visits coastal city in E China

QINGDAO, 22 May — Visiting Icelandic President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson Friday promised to boost the cooperation of the fishing industry between Iceland and China during his visit to the coastal city of Qingdao in East China's Shandong Province.

After his arrival here earlier this afternoon, Grimsson visited a local seafood processing factory which has been doing business with Blue Ice Group, the largest Icelandic seafood company, since 2000.

Grimsson hailed the success of such cooperation between Chinese and Icelandic companies, vowing to further efforts to boost fishing trade be-

tween the two sides.

"We have many leading fishery businessmen in the delegation with me today, and they are determined to bring great success to bilateral fishery cooperation between China and Iceland," Grimsson said in a welcome dinner after meeting top officials of Shandong Province. Grimsson said the fishing industry was one of the priority fields of

China-Iceland cooperation as was agreed upon by himself and Chinese President Hu Jintao. The cooperation could start from Qingdao where there is a huge room for fishery development, he noted.

According to government figures, the seafood output of Shandong in 2004 topped 7.18 million tons, 120,000 tons more than the year before.

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Kuwaiti PM highlights approval of women's political rights

KUWAIT CITY, 23 May — Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said Sunday approving women's political rights was a "national decision", the *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

Sheikh Sabah made the remarks while commenting on the positive international reactions after Kuwaiti Parliament approved women's political rights.

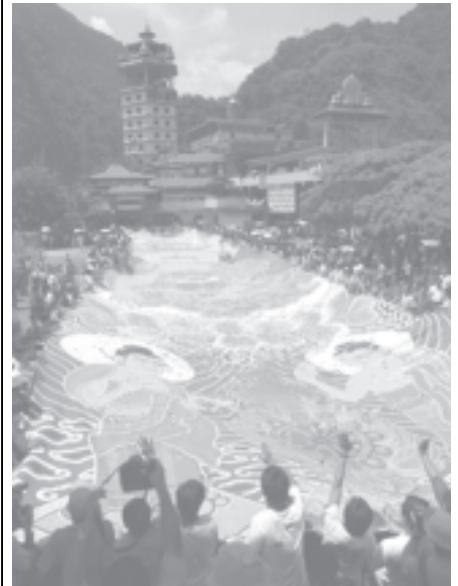
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China to launch 4th health survey on children

BEIJING, 22 May — China's Ministry of Health will launch a health survey of 120,000 children in nine major cities from June to October.

The survey will investigate the growth, nutrition and health conditions of children, discover the difference of children's health among regions and between rural and urban areas, improve the system of child growth evaluation and find out the difference between child health in China and the rest of the world.

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Devotee wishing to rejuvenate their spirits and minds duck under the 60-meter by 12-meter canvas adorned with images of Buddha at the Enlightened Heart Buddhist Centre in Wesak (Buddha Bathing) Day in Ipoh, Malaysia, on 22 May, 2005.

INTERNET

Two US soldiers killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 May—Two US Task Force Liberty soldiers died in separate incidents in northern Iraq on Sunday, the military said.

The first died of wounds sustained in a car bomb attack against his combat patrol just north of Tikrit, 130 kilometres north of Baghdad, the military said in a statement.

Another soldier was fatally injured in a vehicle accident near Kirkuk, 290 kilometres north of Baghdad. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

The names of both soldiers are being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

As of Sunday, 22 May, 2005, at least 1,629 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to *Associated Press* count.

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Good Old Sayings

Aye Phyu

In Myanmar society, the common phrase "three-headed man" is quite familiar to the majority of us. This phrase, in general, refers to the old man who, having walked through many years of life, is full of wisdom and experience. From him the younger generation can learn many things of value. Similarly, old sayings are like precious gems to us. Some give us guidance in our life. Some serve as motivation or inspiration or just a quick reminder of what we are looking for. Still some others tend to act as starters to get the ball rolling and a few also tell us to stop whining about the things we cannot get and to just focus on what we can obtain.

In fact relevant old sayings avail themselves in every corner of our life. They are very powerful and still quite germane. In my opinion, a little reminder, once in a while, of some of those powerful sayings certainly would not hurt. They might instead bring about some positive results for most of us.

The old sayings about life in general pose as stimuli or incentives, encouraging us in times of hardship and difficulties. "Life is not a bed of roses; life is full of struggles" reminds us that we need to be fully aware of the obstacles which we will face and which will not be removed or overcome until and unless we do something to put them away. It is common for people to stumble and fall down in due course of their life. "We learn from our failures". "We should acknowledge what is wrong and take action to fix whatever problem we are facing". The important thing is "to get up and try again". What we think as bad may be "blessings in disguise", or "God must have some other plans for us in His mind".

During our bad days, we all should encourage ourselves with the sayings every cloud has a silver lining" and "after the storm comes the calmness". Even a child knows "after dark, dawn comes" and "each night is followed by a morning". After all, "when there's life, there is hope!"

When we were young, we learned the Scouts' motto: "Be Prepared". This short motto actually seems as life-blood for all human beings, conveying the message that we must prepare ourselves to get us qualified or eligible for an opportunity that might come up in a later time. Nobody knows what awaits round the bend. In the face of a changing world with advanced technology and globalization, we need to improve our skills, whatever they may be. We do need to polish ourselves and try to "live life on purpose", never letting it drift away. Unless

we are prepared, we will definitely lose the golden chance when it really comes up since "opportunity knocks only once".

It is crucial that we must "strike the iron while it is still hot" and "make hay while the sun shines" because "time and tide waits for no man". Besides, "it is no use crying over spilt milk". Unlike on the computer, where we can undo an error, in real life "what's done cannot be undone". It follows that we should "let bygones be bygones" and think of a fresh start straight ahead. In a classroom of my old school, a card board on the wall said "There's no make-up test in real life", giving a life-long lesson to the students about the importance of the right choice and

Regardless of the place, time and nationality of the doer, the main ingredient in the recipe for success is 'work' or rather 'hard work'. Work may be, sometimes not always, followed by success, but definitely without work, success can never be expected. That's why they said "it is only in dictionaries that success comes before work". So we must all work first and foremost.

attitude in as well as outside of the classroom.

Especially for the younger generation, the most significant saying will be "You cannot cram for life". It is quite okay for a young student to "live in the moment" but he must realize that "the choices he is making now are the building blocks of where he will be later". In life, "being a success and being a winner don't just happen". They said there are ways and means to make them happen. The thing is we need to know the rules and learn how to play by them. Regardless of the place, time and nationality of the doer, the main ingredient in the recipe for success is 'work' or rather 'hard work'. Work may be, sometimes not always, followed by success, but definitely without work, success can never be expected. That's why they said "it is only in dictionaries that success comes before work". So we must all work first and foremost. Otherwise, it will be like "we miss 100 per cent of the shots we never take". Nothing will come out by sitting tight and "waiting for life to deliver". In life we need to take "calculated risk" as "nothing ventured, nothing gained" and "without pains, there will be no gains".

In relation to work, we must also realize that "there are no shortcuts to any place worth going". Keeping in mind "we've to reap what we sowed", we need to try our best and put in the greatest effort.

In fact, "Hard work never kills a person" but "it always pays off" and "there is always room at the top" for those who want to show their excellence. One thing to note here is "not to do anything by halves". For time-consuming jobs, we must be patient avoiding "less speed through more haste". Often "slow and steady wins the race". Besides, "Rome was not built in one day". A reminder here is to "work while you work and play while you play". Don't forget that "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy". So we all try to "work and have fun" because it is the only way to go in life.

Man is a social animal and cannot live alone. Most of us were born into families; we grew up among friends and our social circle widens with colleagues from work place. As we go along in life, it is always "better to have friends than enemies". In our relationship with other people, the famous saying "do unto others as you would be done by" is the surest way to make us liked by others. We also need to remember, on a daily basis, that "courtesy costs nothing" and "a soft word can strike hard" because they are the keys to harmonious relations and social success.

In addition, work place these days calls for cooperation, collaboration and team spirit. If we realize that "two heads are better than one" and that "many hands make light work", then we will be ready and willing to take up partner(s) and join in the project wholeheartedly. Going through the difficulty together usually make colleagues become close friends and "friendship multiplies joy and divides grief", the primary reason why people in close contact with friends tend to live a longer, healthier life.

Those with a variety of wants will never find peace if they don't know "to be content with what they have". Again those who are trying to reach beyond their means must keep in mind that "anything is better than nothing" and they should be satisfied with "better half a loaf than no bread".

One of the things to realize in life is that "we don't have to like everything we do". Sometimes we just have to do it. Likewise "we need to stay in a place we don't want to". However, "we still can bloom where we are planted, making our lives work right where we are". We are not supposed to "attribute our weakness to fate". After all, if we don't like something, we have the right to change. "If we cannot change it, then we must change our attitude". "Every coin has two sides" and it is always better to "look from the bright side". Surely you will have a different view.

Thai goods to be on show in Russia

BANGKOK, 23 May — Thai products from seven southern provinces will be displayed in Russia during this week's Thailand Exhibition 2005 trade fair.

This will be the first Thai trade fair in Russia, which aims to introduce Thai commodities and goods to the Russian markets, Panumart Malasri, director of the export promotion centre for the seven lower southern provinces, was quoted by *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying on Monday.

Some 80 importers, exporters and other companies from these provinces will run 120 booths at the Moscow exhibition. Following the fair, a group of Thai businessmen will head to Ukraine for trade talks with its chamber of commerce and industrial sectors to promote Thai commodities, including food products, farm produce, garments, jewellery, souvenirs, construction materials, electrical appliance, and beauty and health services, said Panumart. — *MNA/Xinhua*

112 Soldiers caught in snowstorm rescued in Chile

SANTIAGO, 23 May — The Chilean Army on Saturday successfully found and rescued 112 soldiers who had been missing since Wednesday in a snowstorm that has killed 16 of their comrades.

After the rescue, 29 soldiers remain unaccounted for, military officials said.

The rescued soldiers were sent to their base after a medical check. "None of them has medical problems whatsoever," said Army chief General Juan Emilio Cheyre.

The soldiers were caught in a sudden blizzard and went missing on Wednesday in the high Andes near the town of Los Angeles, where they were on a training exercise.

Cheyre said earlier on Saturday that chances of finding more survivors were low due to tough weather conditions.

MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen assassinate senior Iraqi official in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 May — A senior Iraqi Trade Ministry official was shot dead in Baghdad on Sunday morning after he was leaving for work, police said. Ali Mousa Salman, a director-general of the Trade Ministry, was killed by unidentified assailants in a driving-by shooting attack as he was driven to work in central Baghdad, the police said.

His driver was also killed and three other people wounded in the

attack, the police added. More than 500 people have been killed in an upsurge in guerilla attacks against officials and security forces since a Shiite-dominated government was unveiled on 28 April.

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Pakistani delegation calls on CSSTB Chairman

YANGON, 23 May — The visiting study group led by Principal Lt-Gen (Retd) Mr Javed Hassan of Pakistan Administrative Staff College (PASC) of Islamic Republic of Pakistan called civil Service on the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board at the latter's office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were members of the

CSSTB U Nyunt Swe, U Aung Myint and U Hla Myint Oo, Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry, Civil Service Selection and Training Department Director General U Hla Kyi and public service Affairs Department Col Kyaw Zan Hla.

The Pakistani group arrived here by air this morning. The group members were welcomed

at Yangon International Airport by Director General U Hla Kyi, the Pakistani ambassador and embassy staff and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While visiting the CSSTB office, the guests were briefed by officials on facts about the CSSTB and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. They also visited the King Zafar Shah's Tomb. — MNA



CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun receives Pakistani delegation led by Lt-Gen Mr Javed Hassan (Retd). —MNA

Indian Information delegation tours downtown Yangon



Indian information delegation visits Khine Furniture Factory. —MNA

YANGON, 23 May—The Indian information delegation led by Director (News) Smt Arvind M Singh of Doordarshan News Agency of India this morning visited the Shwedagon Pagoda.

During the visit, they signed in the visitors' book and offered flowers, light and joss sticks to the Buddha images in the precinct of the pagoda. Next, the information delegation viewed round religious edifices at the pagoda.

After that, the guests arrived at the Union of Myanmar Federation

of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Merchant Street and met with the UMFCCI General Secretary and CEC members. They discussed matters on trade, tourism and industry.

In the afternoon, the visiting delegation went to the Hlithaya Industrial City where they were briefed by an official of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development on the salient points of the industrial city.

Afterwards, the guests visited the Fame Pharmaceutical Factory and Khine Furniture Factory. —MNA

Buddhist delegation back from Thailand



Myanmar Buddhist delegation being welcomed back at the airport.— MNA

YANGON, 23 May— The Myanmar Buddhist delegation led by Vice-Chairman of State Sanhga Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara

arrived back here this evening after attending the ceremony to mark Fullmoon Day of Kason (Buddha Day) and the International Buddhist Conference held in Thailand from 18 to 21 May. They were welcomed back at the airport

by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Lt-Col Myo Kyaw and officials. The delegation comprised nine Sayadaws and six lay persons.

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Agreements between Industry-1 and S'porean companies inked



Managing Director U Aye Mauk and Managing Director of the L&Z Trading & Investment Pte Ltd Mr Alex K Mani exchange the documents.—INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 23 May —Two agreements between the Ministry of Industry-1 and two Singaporean companies were signed this afternoon in the presence of Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun.

At the signing ceremony held at the ministry, the agreement between Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries and Pavo Tradings Pte Ltd (P&N Co Ltd) of Singapore to produce intravenous injection

at the pharmaceutical factory project (Inraung) in Kyaukse was signed by Managing Director of the MPI U Myint Oo and Managing Director of the PAVO U Win Ngwe.

Next, Managing Director of the Myanma General and Maintenance Industries U Aye Mauk and Managing Director of the L&Z Trading & Investment Pte Ltd Mr Alex K Mani inked the agreement to import machinery for ceramics and

household goods factory in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division.

On completion the pharmaceutical factory (Inraung) which is being implemented in Kyaukse, it is expected that the factory will produce 2.5 million of 500ml intravenous injection a year.

Similarly, ceramics and household goods factory of MGMI will produce 5 million of ceramics and three million of steel products per year. — MNA



Officials of UMFCCI meet Indian delegation led by Smt Arvind M Singh. —MNA

Commander, ministers inspect agricultural tasks in Lashio

YANGON, 23 May — Chairman of the Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, accompanied by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and departmental officials, on 20 May inspected the cultivation of 15,000 macadamia plants and

500,000 coffee plants of the command.

Next, they also inspected the research cultivation of Hsinshweli high-yield paddy of the local battalion.

The commander and party went to Kaukkwechaung Dam construction project on Kaukkwe river near ManHsu Village in Lashio. At the briefing hall, Deputy Director of Shan State Irrigation De-

partment U Kyaw Win reported on tasks being undertaken. Next, the commander and ministers fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, the commander and party arrived at land reclamation project for high land cultivation in NarLyan Region in Lashio Township and attended to the needs. According to the project, a total of 5000 acres of land will be reclaimed.

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Magway Division War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005 held

YANGON, 23 May — War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005 of Magway Division took place at the city hall of Magway yesterday morning.

It was attended by Patron of Magway Division WVO Chairman of Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, member of Myanmar WVO Central Organizing Committee Director General Col Sit Myaing (Rtd) of Social Welfare Depart-

ment, military officers, departmental heads, Chairman of Magway Division WVO Supervisory Committee Secretary of Division PDC Lt-Col Zaw Thein and members of the supervisory committee, chairmen of Township WVO Organizing Committees and those of social organizations.

Next, Patron of Magway Division WVO Col Phone Maw Shwe delivered a speech.

Members of WVO Supervisory Committee

read out the report of the Preliminary Conference 2005. Those present discussed national and political sectors, national defence and security affairs, economic, social and public welfare sectors. Later, the meeting chairman approved the five future work programmes, passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put five matters on record.

The conference ended with concluding remarks by the chairman.

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Diving qualifier held



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint poses for photo together with the winners of diving qualifier. — NLM

YANGON, 23 May — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint enjoyed diving qualifier held at National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road this morning.

Among the spectators were officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports, the Chairperson and members of Central Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Chairman of Myanmar Swimming Federation Dr Khin Shwe, Vice-Chairman U

Tint Hsan, General Secretary U Cho Maung and CEC members, the Secretary of Diving Subcommittee, Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Kyaw Oo and members, guests and enthusiasts.

After the tournament, Chairperson of Central Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye presented prizes to winners Naw Ar Say Hti who stood first with 123.9 points, followed by Hla Hla with 119.15 points in women's

diving event and Khin Lay Nu with 112.5 points and so did Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint to Kyaw Thu Aung who stood first with 162.5 points, followed by San Hsan Lin with 139.3 points and Zin Maung Htet with 138.75 points in men's diving event.

Next, Chairman of MSF Dr Khin Shwe handed commemorative souvenirs to the minister and the chairperson of CWCMSWF and Vice-Chairman U Tint Hsan, the assistant director of SPED and guests. — MNA



Myanmar delegation attends...

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standard and regional development at border areas. Myanmar government is undertaking to realize 15-year plan for drug elimination from 1999 to 2014. For the time being, it is implementing second five-year project. Poppy cultivation dropped to 34% in 2004 when it was compared with 2003 as poppy substitute development tasks were successfully carried out. Similarly, poppy production went down from 2560 tons to 292 accounting for 88% fall when it was compared with the last eight years. It was stated in US Government Drug Strategy Report. MoU Six countries are now taking cooperative measures on Sub-Regional Action Plan so as to become a drug free zone. As a result, the minister expressed thanks to technical assistance of UNODC and wellwishers countries and Myanmar will further cooperate with MoU countries, he added. The meeting issued the Siem Reap Declaration and the Presse Release. — MNA

Col Phone Maw Shwe addresses the War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005 of Magway Division. — MNA



Managing Director U Soe Tint delivers an address. — MNA

F&R Minister receives Japanese guests

YANGON, 23 May — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received member of board of Directors of Mitsubishi Corporation CEO Mr Masahiro Abe and party at the ministry this evening. Also present were Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung of Central Bank of Myanmar and officials. — MNA

Seafarer Assistance (Novice) Basic Training Course No 1/2005 opened

YANGON, 23 May — The Seafarer Assistance (Novice) Basic Training Course No 1/2005 of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport was opened at the Myathida Thekkadan Training School at Botahtaung Port this morning with an address by Managing Director of IWT U Soe Tint.

The three-week course is being attended by 129 trainees. — MNA

Archaeologists unearth fossilized bones in old Hanlin Town

YANGON, 23 May — A total of 11 sets of fossilized human bones as well as some earthen pots, bronze utensils, stone and iron weapons, and stone beads have been unearthed in old Hanlin Town in upper Myanmar.

Archaeologists excavated the two sites in the south and north of Shwegugyi Pagoda in old Hanlin Town in March and April.

According to Ar-

chaeologist U Nyunt Han and Palaeontologist Dr Tin Thein of Yangon University who studied the remains, semi-fossilized bones found at the depth of 16 ft were believed to have been buried over 5000 years ago. The fossilized bones discovered at the depth between 13 ft and 11 ft were believed to be about 5000 years old and at the depth between 8ft and 7 ft were about 4000 years old.

Weapons of Stone Age and Bronze Age have been found in old Hanlin Town. Moreover, earthen pots and antiques found in Bronze Age regions in Myanmar are similar to that of Hanlin region.

It is believed that since the Stone Age and Bronze Age, ancestors of Pyu race had settled in old Hanlin Town and their culture evolved into civilization.

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Palaeontologist Dr Tin Thein and party observe fossilized bones.—MNA

Semi-fossilized bone discovered on Hill-25 in Hanlin ancient city.— MNA



Earthen pots discovered on Hill-26. —MNA



Education Minister receives Assistant Foreign Minister of Egypt

YANGON, 23 May — Minister for Education U Than Aung received Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Mr Ezzat El Sayed of the Arab Republic of Egypt at Dimond Jubilee Hall at noon today. Also present were Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Directors-General and Ambassador of Egypt to Myanmar Mr Mohamed Mohamed Minesty. —MNA

USDA CEC member gives lecture

YANGON, 23 May — CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein this morning gave a lecture on policies of the State and progress of the seven-point road map of the State to the 95 trainees who were attending USDA organizational course No 20 at the USDA organizational office in Ward 6, South Oakkalapa Township. — MNA

Thailand's Money Expo generates big business transactions

BANGKOK, 23 May — Thailand's Money Expo 2005 ended successfully here on Sunday, generating business transactions worth more than 55 billion baht (1,410 million US dollars), the Thai News Agency reported Monday.

It is estimated that some 600,000 people visited the Money Expo 2005, held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre in Bangkok between May 19-22.

Local businesses joining the four-day fair included banks and financial institutes, securities firms, mutual funds and insurance companies.

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Russia launches US satellite from Baikonur

MOSCOW, 23 May — A Russian Proton-M rocket carrying the US DIRECTV 8 telecommunications satellite was launched from the Russia's Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan at 9:59 p.m. Moscow Time (1759GMT) on Sunday, a Russian Federal Space Agency spokesman was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying.

"The launch was conducted according to plan and the spacecraft should be placed in its designated orbit using a Briz-M booster at 7:14 a.m. Moscow Time (0314GMT) on Sunday," the spokesman said.

The launch was postponed for one day for technical reasons, according to the report. The US telecommunications satellite was manufactured by the US company SS Loral on the basis of its proven 1,300 satellite platform. Its loaded weight is 3,710 kilos, and its designated service life is 15 years.

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Karzai rejects reported US criticism on poppy eradication

WASHINGTON, 23 May — Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Sunday rejected US criticism reported by US media that he has been unwilling to assert strong leadership in efforts to curtail poppy cultivation in his country.

"We are going to have probably all over the country at least 30 per cent poppies reduced," Karzai said in an interview with CNN's "Late Edition."

"So we have done our job. The Afghan people have done our job," said Karzai, who was to meet US President George W Bush at the White House on Monday.

Karzai called on the international community to provide help to Afghan farmers, who planted an estimated 500,000 acres (202,500 hectares) of poppy last year. "Now the international community must come and provide alternative livelihood to the Afghan people, which they have not done so far. Let us stop this blame," he said.

Citing a cable sent to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on 13 May from the US Embassy in Kabul, *The New York Times* reported Sun-

day that US officials have faulted Karzai with reluctance to enforce an American-financed poppy eradication programme.

"Although President Karzai has been well aware of the difficulty in trying to implement an effective ground eradication programme, he has been unwilling to assert strong leadership, even in his own province of Kandahar," the cable was quoted as saying.

Afghan's Central Poppy Eradication Force, an American-trained group, has destroyed less than 250 acres (100 hectares) of poppy since it began to work last month, and its original goal of eradicating 37,000 acres (14,800 hectares) has recently been reduced to 17,000 acres (6,800 hectares), according to the report.

"Instead of blaming Afghanistan, the international community must

now come and fulfil its own objective to the Afghan people, and they must not spend money on projects that they cannot deliver properly in Afghanistan, and on creation of forces that are not effective," said Karzai.

He maintained that the Afghan Government was effective where it worked, and accused the international community of being "ineffective and delayed and halfhearted" when the pledged money and creation of forces for destruction of poppies was concerned. "We have done our job. Now the international community must do its job," he added.

Karzai also said he was shocked by a US Army report on abuse of Afghan detainees, and that his government wanted custody of all Afghan prisoners and more control over US military operations in Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

Syrian First Lady calls for education reforms, gender equality

DAMASCUS, 23 May — Syrian First Lady Asma al-Assad called on Saturday for education reforms and gender equality in a bid to promote women's rights.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the Woman in Business International Forum 2005, Asma al-Assad said education and gender equality are crucial to help women succeed in the business world.

Noting that the successive Syrian governments have made education available for everyone in the country, the First Lady suggested more efforts be directed to close the knowledge gap in the different

social ranks. On gender equality, Asma said it is "far from being the exclusive problem of developing countries".

"Despite progress since the Beijing World Conference on Women 10 years ago, no country has yet reached gender equality," said Asma, citing a global gender gap study recently released by the World Economic Forum which said women in Mideast are unfairly treated in nearly all areas of society.

"If women are able to reach their full potential in their personal lives and careers, the most important thing is that women must have the education and the opportunity to enter the wealth creating sectors and reach the top," she said.

The three-day international forum, which kicked off here on Saturday, has attracted more than 2,000 delegates and guests of over 40 countries from four continents. — MNA/Xinhua

Kuwait to collect unlicensed arms

KUWAIT CITY, 23 May — With the expiry of the grace period on May 19 for handing in and reporting unlicensed weapons and fireworks, Kuwaiti Interior Ministry announced Saturday to collect unlicensed weapons within the next two years.

The ministry warned that all those who are caught with unlicensed weapons in their possession after the deadline will be under prosecution for violating the Kuwaiti law, said the *Kuwait News*

Agency. The ministry has offered facilitations for citizens and residents to turn in or report any unlicensed arms during the past three months according to a draft law approved by the National Assem-

(Parliament) in February to search and seize illegal weapons. The law exempts penalties for those who hand over such items to the security authorities within three months.

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International Business Women Forum 2005 kicks off in Damascus

DAMASCUS, 23 May — A three-day international business women forum first ever held in Syria kicked off here on Saturday.

First Lady Asma al-Assad opened the forum at the Umayyad Conference Palace and delivered a speech.

The forum, for the first time held outside Britain, attracted more than 2,000 delegates and guests from over 40 countries, including the First Lady of Egypt Mrs.

Susan Mubarrak and wife of Turkish Prime Minister Mrs Emine Erdogan.

The forum aims to improve business women's capability on devel-

oping the economy through exchanging skills and expertise between Europe and the Middle East.

It also will deal with many issues on women's increasing role in various economic, scientific and social fields.

Training courses specialized in strategic administration, financing and banking plans, and realizing a compromise between private life and work are scheduled in the forum.

The forum is organized by the International Assembly of Women in Business with the cooperation of Syrian-British Assembly.

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South Korean actress Lee Young-ae (2nd L) attends a meeting the fans event in Hong Kong on 22 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Kuwaiti security authorities seizes 397 kilos of hashish

KUWAIT CITY, 23 May — The Kuwaiti security authorities have seized 397 kilos of hashish valued at 500,000 Kuwaiti dinars (1.7 million US dollars) in an operation to foil the biggest drug smuggling attempt for this year, the official *KUNA* news agency reported on Saturday.

Director of investigation Colonel Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah was quoted as saying that investigators tailed a truck which entered Kuwait through the northern border and then seized it at delivery location in Rawdhatain, northern Kuwait. He said that three smugglers were arrested and referred to concerned authorities along with the seized drugs.

The official said that 95 per cent of drugs come from Iraq through the military border point, as smugglers make use of commercial trucks passing through the border by bribing drivers. He added that the security authorities are exerting all efforts to crack down on drug smuggling. — MNA/Xinhua

Three Romanian journalists freed in Iraq

BUCHAREST, 23 May — Three Romanian journalists and their guide, who were kidnapped two months ago, have been freed in Iraq, the Romanian President's Office said Sunday.

"The three journalists and their guide are unharmed and we will announce when they will return to the country," said Adriana Saftoiu, a spokesman for President Traian Basescu.

MNA/Xinhua

EU backs Finland's call on Russia to stop intruding airspace

HELSINKI, 23 May — The European Commission (EC), executive body of the European Union (EU), has expressed support for Finland's call on Russia to stop intruding the Nordic country's airspace, local newspaper reported Sunday.

The EC said the request of Finland is legitimate and regarded the incidents as intrusions into the airspace of the EU, Finnish commissioner in the EC Olli Rehn was quoted as saying by the daily *Helsingin Sanomat*.

Rehn said he had reported the intrusions by Russian military planes to EU foreign and security chief Javier Solana and EC President Jose Manuel Barroso over the weekend, winning the EC's support for Finland's request on Russia.

The Finnish Foreign Ministry confirmed Thursday that Russian military planes had made many intrusions into Finland's airspace in the past months, and the Finnish media on Saturday put the number of intrusions at up to 20 times in the past 12 months.

Finnish President Tarja Halonen has said the violation was a serious issue and hoped for a thorough investigation.

But the President said on Saturday the incident will not affect the relations between the two countries, which share a border of about 1,300 kilometres.

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Swede Flock scales Mt. Qomolongma

STOCKHOLM, 23 May — Swede Magnus Flock has scaled Mt. Qomolongma, the world's highest peak on China-Nepal border, local media reported on Sunday.

According to the report, Flock has become the eighth Swede who climbed up the peak.

Flock started climbing the peak with another Swede, four Americans and a Frenchman a month ago. However, at the altitude of 8,700 metres, his compatriot and some other teammates had to go down.

Flock stepped on the top on Saturday morning.

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Portugal, Spain to unite in EU affairs

LISBON, 22 May—Portugal and Spain will act in unison regarding the affairs of the European Union (EU) by unconditionally supporting each other's stand, said Portuguese Foreign Minister Diogo Freitas do Amaral on Friday.

Amaral made the pledge after meeting with his Spanish counterpart Miguel Angel Moratinos in the Portuguese capital.


Portugal, a major EU aid receiver, fears a lean EU budget will deprive Portugal of funds as the EU may shift its assistance to the newcomers of the bloc's enlargement, Amaral told a Press conference, saying Spain will side with Portugal on the budget issue.

Moratinos, meanwhile, said Spain and Portugal will stand together in the EU, pledging his country will give a full support to Portugal on the budget issue.—MNA/Xinhua

Serbia-Montenegro pledges to fulfil commitment to int'l tribunal

BELGRADE, 22 May — The government of Serbia-Montenegro has been determined to fulfil all its

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Macao, Hong Kong ink deal on prisoners transfers

MACAO, 22 May—China's Macao and Hong Kong special administrative regions have sealed an agreement on the transfer of sentenced prisoners.

Macao Daily News, the leading local Chinese newspaper, reported Saturday that security representatives from Macao and Hong Kong clinched the deal on Friday.

The agreement will enable the transfer of Macao residents imprisoned in Hong Kong to serve the remaining terms in Macao, and vice versa, said the report.

The agreement will help tackle cultural and language barriers for the inmates under custody away from homeland, Cheong Kuoc Va was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

Five Macao residents are presently serving jail terms in Hong Kong and 84 Hong Kong convicts detained in Macao, Cheong said.

Macao's average salary soars 16% in 1st quarter

MACAO, 22 May — The average salary in Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) has seen an over 16-per-cent year-on-year rise in the first quarter.

The latest figures released Saturday by the Macao Statistics and Census Bureau showed that the salary, in the first quarter, averaged 5,680 patacas per month (692

US dollars), up 16.35 per-cent year-on-year.

The average salary has been rocketing for the sixth straight quarter, according to the official statistics.

Local economic analysts viewed that the SAR's economic growth boost by the establishment of a number of new casinos last year. The booming gaming indus-

try has since attracted employees by high salaries.

The monthly income of employees in the gaming business averaged 7,802 patacas (951 US dollars) in the first quarter, while in other economic sectors lower than 5,000 patacas (610 US dollars), the figures showed.

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commitments to the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, said a senior official here Friday.

During a speech to the Parliament, Minister of Human Rights and Minorities of Serbia-Montenegro Rasim Ljajic said his country will arrest and send war crimes suspect, former commander of Bosnian Serb General Ratko Mladic to The Hague the moment he is found on the soil.

But he added that all rumours saying that Mladic has been hiding somewhere in Serbia and Montenegro are incorrect,

local media of Serbia-Montenegro reported.

Mladic is wanted by the Netherlands-based international tribunal, which has indicted him for atrocities in the 1992-1995 Bosnian war. Top UN War Crimes Prosecutor Carl del Ponte had repeatedly accused Serbia-Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina's armies of sheltering and protecting Mladic.

Mladic's arrest and extradition to The Hague have also been pressed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union.

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Ugandans leave for security jobs in Iraq

KAMPALA, 22 May — A total of 100 Ugandans have left the country to take up jobs with a security firm in the war-troubled Iraq despite Parliament's protest.

Local media reported on Saturday that the recruits including university graduates left Entebbe International Airport at 2220 local time (1900 GMT) on Thursday aboard an Emirates Airways flight and had landed in Dubai on Friday at mid day.

A Kampala lawyer, Bob Kasango of Hall Partners who contracted by an international security firm to recruit Ugandans told the media on Friday that the recruits were in Dubai

waiting to go to Iraq. "I am in touch with SOCSMG and we are waiting for them to reach Iraq. I can assure you they will be safe," said Kasango.

Special Operations Consulting Security Management Group (SOC-SMG), a Nevada-based security firm, engaged Kasango to recruit people for non-combat security jobs in Iraq and other countries throughout the world. However, the re-

ruitment of Ugandans for Iraq jobs has received wide condemnation from Parliament. The legislators argued that the terms and conditions of work for the recruits must be made clear. The country's Minister of State for Internal Affairs, Kezimbira Muyingo told Parliament that government was not involved in the recruitment exercise, adding that the whole process is strictly a private affair. Kasango told jour-

nalists last week that the recruits would be given accommodation, health insurance and a salary of between 700 and 1,000 US dollars per month.

"Money will be sent to their accounts in Uganda and the firm provides insurance for the employees. In case of injury, a person is entitled to 300,000 dollars. In case of death, the next of kin gets one million dollars," said Kasango.

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Beijing Airport to build advanced baggage processing system

BEIJING, 22 May — The Beijing Capital International Airport announced its plan Friday to build China's largest and most automated baggage processing system as part of its expansion plan for the 2008 Olympics.

Once the project costing 200 million US dollars is complete by December 31, 2007, the airport will be able to handle 27,200 pieces of luggage per hour, according to the announcement.

At the newly build T3A tower, all luggage, either outbound or transfer, will be put to five rounds of safety check,

said the announcement. Besides, a special passenger transportation system with a rush-hour ca-

capacity of transporting 4,100 passenger per hour will be constructed at the same time.—MNA/Xinhua



A lesser panda stands on its two feet at Chiba Zoological Park in Chiba, east of Tokyo on 21 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Musharraf denies second term claim

ISLAMABAD, 22 May — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Friday denied a minister's statement that he would seek another term of office after the present one expires in 2007, the local news paper Dawn reported on Saturday.

"This is a personal opinion and not my opinion, and I have never said anything in this regard," he said when asked to comment on Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed's statement on the matter. Rashid said Tuesday that Musharraf will seek another five-year term as head of state after his current tenure ends in 2007. Pakistani opposition parties on Wednesday condemned a statement by the government that President Pervez Musharraf will remain the country's leader beyond 2007, despite earlier indications that he would step down by that time.

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Iran threatens to take Unilateral measures if N-Talks fail

TEHERAN, 23 May — Iran threatened on Sunday to take "unilateral measures" if the next round of nuclear talks with the three European Union powers ended in failure.

"Europeans know if the negotiations yield no fruits at last, the issue will go to a crisis that they cannot overcome and Iran will take unilateral measures," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi told reporters.

Iran and the EU will kick off a new round of nuclear talks on Wednesday as a last-ditch effort to fend off a final showdown.

Calling on Europe to seize the "last chance", Asefi said Iran's next move will depend on the outcome of Wednesday's discussions.

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China's Press bans publications containing false information

BEIJING, 22 May — The General Administration of Press and Publication of China on Friday banned the publication and sale of 19 books that contain "false information".

All the books were written in Chinese and published by four Chinese presses. The books are mainly about business management and marketing and violate relevant national publication laws and regulations, according to an anonymous official with the administration.

The official did not explain what kind of "false information" the books have.

All publication issuance houses throughout the country, including online bookstores, must stop selling the books upon receiving the announcement. The administration will carry out follow-up

inspections and release the results later, the official said.

This is the first batch of publications banned by the Press watchdog in its nationwide campaign of disciplining the publication industry, which began in February this year.

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 - (b) 635x745x0.24 mm 1000 Shts
 - (c) 1065x785x0.30 mm 150 Shts

- 4. **Negative Plates & Chemicals**
 - (a) 915x626x0.3 mm 1500 Shts
 - (b) 1035x740x0.3 mm 1000 Shts
 - (c) 650x550x0.3 mm 150 Shts
 - (d) 889x609x0.3 mm 500 Shts

- 5. **Films & Chemicals**
 - (a) Ortho Films With Fixer Developer 22"x32"(50)Shts Packet 50 Pkt 30 Rolls
 - (b) Image Setter Films With Fixer and Developer 30 Rolls

- 6. **Stitchin Wire 2 K2 Coil**
 - (a) 32 guage 1500 Coils
 - (b) 24 guage 300 Coils

- ၇။ **တောင်းပန်စာစုထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်း**
 - 1. Web Offset Ink (Black) 45000 Kg
 - 2. Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black) 1600 Kg
 - 3. Agfa Film (24" x 200") 45 Rolls
 - 4. Agfa Film (22" x 32") 90 Boxes
 - 5. P. S Plate (889x586) 2600 Shts
 - 6. Wipe On Aluminium Plate (745x635) 240 Shts
 - 7. P. S Developer 100 Litre
 - 8. Lithiodol 60 Boxes
 - 9. Coating (A+B) Set 160 Sets
 - 10. Developing Lacquer 160 Boxes
 - 11. A3 Toner 63 Boxes
 - 12. Gestetner Ink Tube 500 Boxes
 - 13. Rubber Blanket

- (a) 676x545x1.95 mm 8 Shts
- (b) 765x780x1.95 mm 8 Shts
- (c) 675x645x1.95 mm 24 Shts

၂။ တင်ပို့ရန်နှင့် အသေးစိတ် အချက်အလက်များကို ဆောက်ပါလိမ့်စာစုထုတ်ဝေရေးနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ ဝယ်ယူရန် တားမြစ်ချိမ်းမြန်း

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Scientists find way to combat multidrug resistance in cancer

LOS ANGELES, 22 May — A molecule previously thought to play a purely structural and inert role in cells is actually involved in multidrug resistance in cancer, US scientists reported on Friday.

Using antagonists for this molecule, the researchers were able to sensitize drug resistant breast cancer cells to chemotherapeutic drug treatment, said researchers in a study published in an issue of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

Multidrug resistance is very common in most types of cancers, making it one of the leading problems in cancer therapy. It is often caused by an increase in the cell's production of proteins that transport drugs out of the cell, preventing the drugs from combating cancer.

In previous studies, the researchers led by Bryan Toole at the Medical University of South Carolina noticed that small pieces of a polysaccharide called hyaluronan were able to sensitize drug-resistant breast cancer cells to several different chemotherapeutic drugs.

They believed that the polysaccharide oligomers were binding to a receptor for hyaluronan (called CD44) and preventing it from initiating a signalling cascade that would result in drug resistance.

In their new paper, the researchers report on further findings which indicate that hyaluronan increases the cellular production of a multidrug transporter protein by binding to CD44.

Using multidrug-resistant human breast carcinoma cells, the researchers demonstrate that hyaluronan acts upstream and downstream of phosphoinositide 3-kinase and that both hyaluronan and phosphoinositide 3-kinase stimulate expression of the multidrug transporter, MDR1, and induce drug resistance.

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S P O R T S



Peru's forward Piero Fernando Alva, right, and Japan's midfielder Yasuhito Endo battle for the ball during their match of the annual three-nation Kirin Cup soccer tournament at Niigata stadium, northern Japan, on 22 May 2005. Peru won the match 1-0. INTERNET

Japan beaten 1-0 by Peru in soccer friendly

TOKYO, 23 May — Japan on Sunday were upset with a 1-0 home defeat by Peru in a friendly for preparing the World Cup qualifiers.

Substitute Gustavo Enrique Vassallo scored an injury-time winner to give the visitors victory against the run of play in Niigata.

"We didn't take our chances and they caught us on the break," said Japan coach Zico. "There's no need to panic and make lots of changes. We just need to be more clinical in front of goal."

New Peru coach Freddy Ternero paid tribute to his players after a morale-boosting win in his first match in charge.

"We have only been together for three days and Japan did dictate for long peri-

ods," he said. "But we showed discipline and battled hard for the result."

Peru take on United Arab Emirates on Tuesday in the second match of the three-nation Kirin Cup before hosts Japan play the UAE on Friday.

Japan play Bahrain away on June 3 and face North Korea in Bangkok on June 8 in the final round of Asian qualifiers for next year's World Cup.

The Asian champions are currently second in Group B behind Iran. Peru are seventh in the 10-team South American zone despite a bright start.—MNA/Xinhua

Vieira urges Cole, Reyes to stay

LONDON, 23 May— Arsenal skipper Patrick Vieira has called on Ashley Cole and Jose Antonio Reyes to stay at Highbury.

The Frenchman skippered The Gunners to FA Cup victory on Saturday, taking the final penalty which clinched the trophy in Cardiff.

Vieira is now looking for Arsene Wenger to bring in a few new faces to freshen up the squad for a fresh assault on the Premiership title next term.

Despite Chelsea's dominance this season, Arsenal have been in great form themselves and the number of young players coming through bodes well for next season.

The biggest doubts over Arsenal players are with Ashley Cole, subject of a tapping up case involving Chelsea, and Reyes who has been linked with a move to Real Madrid.

Vieira has urged both men to stay in North London if Arsenal are to come back bigger and stronger next season.

"What is important is for us to keep our players because that is the way we will improve and of course if one or two new ones can come in that will make us even stronger, but the basis is to keep our players," said Vieira.

"Of course it is important that players like Ashley Cole and Reyes stay but it's not for me to say because with all the speculations about me last year I did not receive any comments from the other players. "But it would be nice for everybody to stay, if we want to improve every year the basis is to keep our play-

ers." Despite all the allegations following Cole, Vieira insists nobody has ever questioned his loyalty throughout the case.

"Ashley is a very strong character, no doubt about it. And of course I've had some chats with him about it because I've been in that position.

"But the way he has been playing in the last few months shows how much he loves the club and how much he wants to stay at the club so I think if the club wants to keep him they have to make an effort, and that's normal.

"As players we have never had any question about Ashley, we know how determined he is and the way he loves the club, he has been here since he was a kid.

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Adamek wins WBC light heavyweight title

WASHINGTON, 23 May— Poland's Tomasz Adamek captured the vacant World Boxing Council light heavyweight title in Chicago on Saturday with a 12-round majority decision over Australian Paul Briggs.

Adamek rallied in the closing rounds of a scintillating battle and was awarded the victory by two judges by scores of 115-113 and 117-113. The third judge scored it a draw at 114-114.

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Henin hopes for good start at French Open

PARIS, 23 May— Former world number one and French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne said she would like to be at her best right from the start when the claycourt Grand Slam event kicks off on Monday.

The Belgian ace said at Saturday's news conference that she had opted not to play before the French Open just for a good start.

"After winning in Berlin at the end of three weeks of highly intense tennis, my stress levels went down, and I've had to pick myself up again since," said Henin, 22.

Henin won three consecutive titles in Charleston, Warsaw and Berlin, which ended on May 8 before taking two weeks off the WTA circuit to prepare for the Roland Garros tournament.

"I've learnt to deal with the ups and downs, it's just part of the sport," she said.

"I took some time off after Berlin to avoid making the same mistakes as in the past. I also decided not to play three weeks running.

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Spurs down Suns in Western final opener

WASHINGTON, 23 May— The San Antonio Spurs defeated the Phoenix Suns 121-114 in Phoenix on Sunday afternoon opener of the Western Conference finals, helped by bench men Brent Barry and Robert Horry's combination of 33 points.

Tony Parker poured in 29 points while Tim Duncan added 28 points and 15 rebounds as the Spurs stopped league's top offensive team.

Barry came off the bench to contribute a career-high playoff tally of 21 points, 13 from fourth quarter, while Holly added 12 and seven rebounds and three assists. Manu Ginobili chipped in with 20 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Slowed by an ankle injury for much of the post-season, Duncan and the Spurs delivered an up-tempo performance against the Suns, outscoring the home team 43-32 in the final quarter and hitting on 16-of-22 shots.

"He (Duncan) showed a lot of heart, he doesn't have his lift or the jump he usually does," Spurs coach, Greg Popovich praised the two-time league MVP.

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Marseille's European hopes damaged by Lyon

PARIS, 23 May— Champion Olympique Lyon dented Olympique Marseille's chances of playing in Europe next season with a 1-0 away victory in Ligue 1 on Saturday courtesy of a superb Juninho goal.

The Brazil midfielder twisted his way past three defenders to score from just inside the box 55 minutes into the game.

Marseille, who need a top-four finish to qualify directly for European competition, slipped one spot to fifth in the standings with one round of matches left.

Lyon, who secured their fourth consecutive title with three games remaining, have 78 points and will beat the record 79 points set by Nantes in 1995 and matched by Monaco two years later if they beat Nice in their final match next Saturday.

"We're not on holiday yet," said Lyon coach

Paul Le Guen, who is leaving the club at the end of the season. "We're a bit more relaxed but we're still giving it our best, which is the best thing to do in our position," he added.

Lille held on to second place despite a 2-0 home defeat by struggler AC Ajaccio.

The northerners lie two points ahead of third-placed Monaco, who needed a goal in added time by France defender Sebastien Squillaci to snatch a 1-1 draw at Girondins Bordeaux.

Stade Rennes moved up to fourth with a 4-0 demolition of Racing Strasbourg that kept alive its chances of playing in

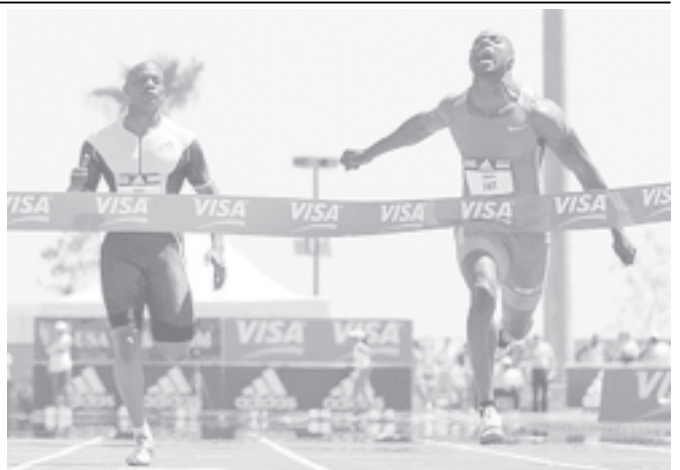
the UEFA Cup.

The top two teams in Ligue 1 go straight into the Champions League with the third-placed side entering the qualifying round of the showcase competition. The fourth-placed team will qualify for the UEFA Cup.

Marseille, eight-time French champion, has won just one of its last 11 games and suffered its third successive home defeat on Saturday.

Marseille must win at Bordeaux in its final game to have a chance of making the UEFA Cup but its fate now rests on Rennes who is a point ahead.

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Leonard Scott (R) wins the men's 100 meter dash over Maurice Greene at the Adidas Track Classic at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California.

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(က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများ အပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင်း တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ
(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ
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(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီး ရေတင်း၊ ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေကန်အနီးရှိ ရေမြောင်း၊ ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်နွယ်ပိတ်ပေါင်း ထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း။
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၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါပုံကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးနိုင်မည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း တိုက်တွန်း နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
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(ဂ) စားကြင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
(ဃ) မိမိတို့ မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေး အသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။
(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
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(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု၊ အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။
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(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးရာဆေးပေးခန်း၊ ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသ စစ်ဆေးကုသ ခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Rwanda accuses Western media of poor coverage of Africa

NAIROBI, 23 May — Rwandan President Paul Kagame here on Sunday slammed Western media for portraying Africa as a continent beset with bad governance, civil wars, poverty, famine and disease while ignoring positive developments happening in the region.

Addressing the International Press Institute (IPI) World Congress and 54th General Assembly in Nairobi, Kagame challenged Africans to change that image.

"We all agree that there is a fundamental need for change for the better in the way the Western media, and the media on the African continent, have been reporting Africa," Kagame said.

"Needless to say, this change will not come about if we Africans do not strive to portray ourselves in the positive light, by doing what is expected of us," he added.

The Rwandan leader called on African media to take responsibility for the sorry state of affairs on the continent.

"During the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, we became victim of this mechanistic interpretation of what was happening on the ground. After the conspicuous conspiracy of silence, subsequent reference by the media to 'tribal killings', 'civil war', 'anarchy' and 'chaos' obscured and minimized the genocide that was taking place and the complicity of some powers in the

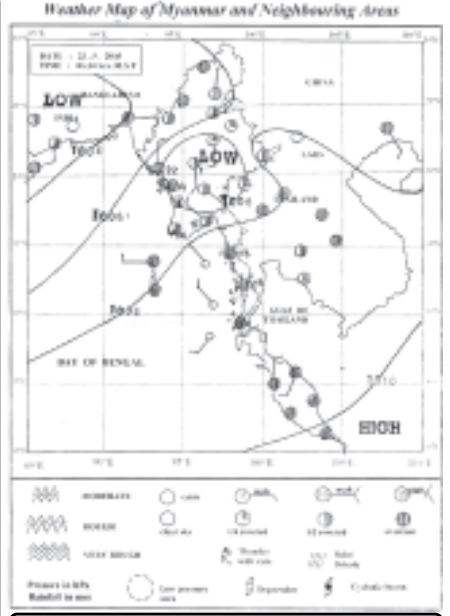
West," Kagame lamented.

He called on the media to highlight efforts by the continent to come up with African solutions to the conflicts in Sudan, Somalia, Burundi and Ivory Coast.

He said one of the reasons the continent is unable to attract enough foreign direct investment, which Africa needs for its development, is the constant negative reporting.

The Vienna-based IPI, a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists are discussing issues geared toward the promotion of development and will particularly aim to spur the entrenchment of the democratic culture. This is the third time that the IPI, which has a rich history and an enviable record as a defender of Press freedom and promoter of ethical journalism, has held its annual general meeting in Kenya, and it is fifth on the African continent.

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WEATHER

Monday, 23 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, the Southwest Monsoon has advanced into Southern Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Chin, Rakhine States and Yangon Division, isolated in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (3.11) inches and Kawthong (1.61) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Eastern Shan State, Bago, Taninthayi Divisions, (7°C) about normal in Ayeyawady Division and above normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Minbu (41°C).

Maximum temperature on 22-5-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 23-5-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-5-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 22-5-2005 was (7.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 23-5-2005 were (0.47 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.66 inch) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (5.04 inches) at Yangon Airport, (5.62 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (3.11 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (20:15) hours MST on 22-5-2005. Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the South Andaman Sea and South Bay. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Andaman Sea and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division 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: Thundery conditions Deltaic areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-5-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon, evening. Degree of certainty is (60%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-5-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Asleep in Jesus Noel Simons @ U Zaw Win Age (51) years

Noel Simons (a) U Zaw Win son of Reggie and Minnie Simons, beloved husband of Ohmmar Htun, beloved father of Tony and Faye, Brother of Reggie-Judy, Wendy-Chubby, Edith-James, Law Law-Victor, Betty-Bernie, Margaret, Jennifer-Aung Maw and Carol-Winston. Uncle of Jackie-Ko Pauk, James Jr, John-John-Trish, Candy, Desmond, Larron, Deanna-Gabriel, Debbie-Anthony, Cheryl Jean, Cheryl Anne, Pyhu Chaw-Chris and Hilary passed away peacefully on 22nd May 2005 at 182 Shwe Bontha Rd, Pabedan Township Yangon.

Funeral service will be held on 24th May at 9.00am at St John's Cantonment Church on Shwe Dagon Pagoda Road and thence to Yay Way Cemetery.



Tuesday, 24 May View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parritas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိဓာတ်သံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပုသ်တသဒ္ဓါပိဋိတော်
7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am 4. Morning news
7:40 am 5. Nice and Sweet song
7:50 am 6. တရားနိဗ္ဗာန်သီချင်း
8:00 am 7. Song of Yesteryears

- 8:10 am 8. အစပြုခွင့်
8:20 am 9. ရှည်ထန်းတံတား
8:30 am 10. International news
8:45 am 11. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
4:00 pm 1. Martial song
4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
5:00 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ဝင်ပညာရေး ရရှိနိုင်သည့် သင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယပန်း (ပထမအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
5:15 pm 6. Dance of National races

- 5:30 pm 7. ခံစားနားထောင်စာတံဝင်
5:45 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy
5:15 pm 9. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဇာတ်လမ်းရုန်း" (အပိုင်း-၆၉)
6:30 pm 10. Evening news
7:00 pm 11. Weather report
7:05 pm 12. Musical programme
7:20 pm 13. ရွတ်ဖတ်အကြံ လိုလားစံ အမှန်တင်ပြ ပြည့်သူ့ဆန္ဒ ရှမ်း ပြည်နယ်မြောက်ပိုင်း (မိုင်းရယ်မြို့)
14. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
8:00 pm 15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဗောဓိနိဗ္ဗာန်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
19. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 24 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Stay on these roads
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: -Up where we belong
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: The sun ain't gonna shine
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: -Love hurts News/Slogan
1.30 pm Lunch time music
1.40 pm -Hold on to the night
-Can't help falling in love
-I honestly love you
-You need me
English Speaking Course Level-I Unit ()
9.10 pm Article/music
9.15 pm Weekly sports reel
9.25 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-Walking on the water
-Together forever
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Ministry of Finance & Revenue holds work coordination meeting

YANGON, 23 May—Ministry of Finance and Revenue held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, heads of department and officials under the ministry and others.

In his address, the minister stressed the importance for the officials concerned to lay down plans for progress of finance and revenue which contributes to development of national economy and to carry out financial measures out of a sense of duty.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting continues on 25 May.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the 2nd coord meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.—MNA

Myanmar delegation attends Ministerial Meeting on Regional Drug Control Cooperation in Cambodia

YANGON, 23 May — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun arrived back here from Cam-

bodia on 21 May after attending Ministerial Meeting on Regional Drug Control Cooperation held in Siem Reap on 19 May.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by

Director-General of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department U Than Swe, Director-General of Education and Training Department U Than Win, Police Adjutant-General

Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint of Myanmar Police Force, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany and officials.

The returnees together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun on the same flight are Joint-Secretary of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Police Col Khan Aung, Director (International) Police Col Thein Kyi and Director of PBANRDA U Nyi Nyi.

After receiving ministers and deputy ministers from Myanmar, China, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam at Apsara Hotel in Siem Reap on 19 May Cambodian Prime Minister attended the meeting at Apsara Conference Hall II and delivered an opening ad-

dress on the occasion.

During the meeting, the ministers and deputy ministers held discussions on endeavours of prevention and combating drugs among the member countries. Myanmar delegation leader Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun participated in the discussions. In his discussions,

he said Myanmar is not only taking measures on drugs elimination of its own programme but also cooperating with neighbouring countries.

Meanwhile, it is making relentless efforts in the fight against drugs hand in hand with China and Thailand for enhancing the living (See page 9)



Ministerial Meeting on Regional Drug Control Cooperation in progress. — MNA

Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) is located on Kutkai-Tarmoeyne-Monesi-Tarshwehtan Road. It is the shortest road linking Muse and Laukkai Districts. The bridge is 600 feet long and it has 16 feet and four inches wide motor road. It has pile foundation. Super structure of the bridge is of reinforced concrete, steel frame suspension type. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. — MNA

