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**Above-ground and external destructionists  
perpetrating conspiracies through  
political means and terrorism**

**With vision and awareness, national  
people will have to ward off destructive  
schemes and slanders of minions**

YANGON, 6 June— Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio) linking Yaksauk Township in Shan State (South) and Nawngkhio Township in Shan State (North) was inaugurated this morning. The bridge construction was undertaken by Bridge Special Group-14 of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addressed the opening of the bridge. The Prime Minister, ac-

tion U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, officials of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, arrived at Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North) by helicopter via Taunggyi, Shan State (South).

First, the Prime Minister and party inspected the condition of Nawngkhio-Kangyi-Taungkham-Kyaukgu-Yaksauk-Shwenyaung Road. On arrival at

Magyiyay Village in Nawngkhio Township, they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers of the command and departmental officials.

Next, the Prime Minister and party attended the inauguration of the bridge. The Prime Minister delivered a speech. He said national races can now make closer contact with their relatives after opening the Dokhtawady Bridge through new Nawngkhio-Yaksauk Road. People from northern and southern Shan State can go easily from one place to another along the

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses the opening of Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio).—MNA

panied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Educa-



Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio) linking Yaksauk township in Shan State (South) and Nawngkhio township in Shan State (North).—MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for further development of industrial sector

The Union of Myanmar is striving for the development of industries, relying on that of agriculture as the base. Only with the development of the industrial sector would the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation be feasible. Therefore, the government is providing necessary assistance and fulfilling all the requirements.

Of all the industrial zones established throughout the nation, Taunggyi Ayethaya Industrial Zone, Mandalay Industrial Zone and Monywa Industrial Zone are going to have foundry plants, machine shops and forging shops and for this the government is providing assistance in terms of foreign exchange. The government is doing so for the sustainable development of both State-owned and private industries. It reflects the goodwill of the government. Moreover, measures are now being taken to upgrade Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi Township for the development of private industries in Shan State. And only with the industrial development will the economy of Shan State become stronger.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win visited Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi Township and met with responsible personnel and entrepreneurs at the briefing hall of the industrial zone the other day. In his address at the meeting, the Prime Minister said that local industrial entrepreneurs were required to strive for the industrial development, to keep in touch with local and overseas markets and to make better use of the assistance rendered by the government.

Responsible personnel and entrepreneurs of the industrial zone need to follow the work programmes set by the government to ensure successful running of foundry plants and produce machines and equipment as required by the market. Ayethaya Industrial Zone now produces automobiles, trucks, threshers, harvesters, power tillers and automobile spare parts. It is necessary for those with capital to invest in manufacturing industry so that all economic enterprises can be run properly and regularly. The proper and regular running of economic enterprises will contribute to the development of the industrial sector and the economic development of the nation.

Therefore, we would like to call on industrial entrepreneurs to strive for the industrial development of the nation by making the most of the assistance rendered by the government.

## 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

## Minister calls for meeting and exceeding production target



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses work coordination meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 6 June — Ministry of Mines held its work coordination meeting at Thiri Yadana Hall of the ministry this morning with an address by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

During the meeting, managing directors, directors-general and deputy directors-general and managers of the departments and enterprises under the ministry reported on progress of work and arrangements for meeting and exceeding the production target.

In connection with the reports, the deputy minister gave supplementary reports.

First, the minister delivered an address on the occasion. In his speech he urged officials concerned to follow the guidance given by the Head of State and discharge duties according to these directives, to exert efforts for excessive growth of production target of the respective departments by seeking ways and means, to carry out the tasks in accord with laws, rules and regulations, to use fuel efficiently, to focus on work proficiency of the service personnel, and to extend livestock and breeding for staff welfare.

MNA

## Myanmar delegation returns home

YANGON, 6 June — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the 4th IISS Asian Security Conference held in the Republic of Singapore.

The deputy minister was welcomed back at the airport by Singaporean Ambassador Mr Jasudasan Thanbyathan and responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During his stay in Singapore, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore Mr Peter Ho called on U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and exchanged the views on matters of mutual interests between the two nations. Deputy Minister was accompanied by Ambassador U Nyunt Tin, Secretary of Myanmar Institute for Strategic and International Studies at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint being welcomed back at the airport. — MNA

## Showroom of Aungthabye Co Ltd opened in Thingangyun

YANGON, 6 June — Yadana Street in Thingangyun Township The 11th showroom of Aungthabye Co Ltd was opened at No 3 on this morning.

Present were Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Ju-Heum, Commercial Attache Mr Choi Yong Tae, Mr S K Kim of Hanwha Chemical Co Ltd, Mr Greet Desmet of Devos Caby Co of Belgium, officials of banks and guests.



Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, officials of Hanwha Co, Devos Caby Co. of Belgium and Managing Director U Aung Tun open the showroom of Aungthabye Co Ltd. — MNA

Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum, officials of Hanwha Chemical Co Ltd and Desmet of Devos Caby Co of Belgium and Managing Director of Aungthabye Co Ltd U Aung Tun spoke on the occasion and formally opened the showroom.

Korea and Belgium-made linoleum, carpets, canvas and other sheets are available at the showroom which offers discount up to 6 July. — MNA

### သွေးတိုးရောဂါကာကွယ်ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ

- ၁။ ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ရန် ထိန်းသိမ်း၍ အမလွန်အောင် နေထိုင်စားသောက်ပါ။
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# Indian Oil Minister to visit Pakistan

**NEW DELHI, 5 June**— Indian Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar is to embark on the first concrete political and economic dialogue with Pakistan for opening up a corridor not only to source Iranian gas but possibly Central Asian energy supplies in the future.

Aiyar is scheduled to visit Pakistan on 4-8 June and the visit is seen as the first step to explore not only the feasibility of a tri-nation gas pipeline from Iran to India via Pakistan, but also the possibility of cooperation in oil and gas, including investment and trade opportunities.

*Indo-Asian News Service* on Friday quoted a senior Indian Petroleum Ministry official as saying that this is the first in-depth dialogue between India and Pakistan over the issue.

After years of distrust, the dialogue is also seen as a positive move in bilateral relations between India and Pa-

kistan, an outcome of the visit by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf to New Delhi in April.

“The engagement is basically political. We have already had three rounds of talks with the Iranians, with considerable progress. But as the pipeline project is a tri-nation project, we need to engage with the third party,” the official said. On the political front is India’s keenness to know the extent of Pakistan’s commitment and the time line for the execution of the project. With Washington having expressed reservations over the project, India is keen to know Pakistan’s response.—*MNA/Xinhua*



*Osamu Inokoshi, JFE's DME (Dimethyl Ether) project General Manager, shows off synthesized liquid-DME at the DME Demonstration Plant in Kushiro City, Japan's northern island of Hokkaido.—INTERNET*

## WB approves \$10m grant for Cambodian economy

**PHNOM PENH, 5 June**—The World Bank announced on Friday that it had approved a trade facilitation and competitiveness project to promote Cambodia’s economic growth.

The project, which is financed by a 10-million-US-dollar grant from the International Development Association, aims to help Cambodia reduce its transaction costs associated with trade and investment, according to a statement of the Bank.

It also aims to introduce transparency in investment process including infrastructure concessions and facilitate access of enterprises to export markets.

Cambodia expressed its welcome to the project. “This project provides a platform for reducing the obstacles our businesses face,” said Commerce Minister Cham Prasidh.

“By reducing the cost of importing and exporting, the project will help our garment industry weather the storm of international competition, and lay a foundation for increased exports from all sectors,” he added.

The project builds on last year’s investment climate assessment and the resulting 12-point plan of investment climate reforms developed by the government.—*MNA/Xinhua*



*Iraqi police officers patrol a checkpoint at a street in Baghdad on 5 June, 2005.*

INTERNET

## Beijing aims to inscribe seven more sites on UNESCO’s heritage list

**BEIJING, 5 June**— Beijing plans to inscribe on UNESCO’s World Heritage List seven more sites, including the Marco Polo Bridge and the nearby Wanping County, which witnessed Japanese aggression in China between 1937 and 1945.

The municipal cultural heritage bureau said Beijing has also recommended its ancient imperial city, the downtown imperial garden Beihai, an ancient observatory and three temples on the city’s outskirts to the United Nation’s Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The imperial city in central Beijing features ancient city walls, compounds and imperial gardens including the Palace Museum — also known as Forbidden City to foreigners, the Beihai Park, Zhongshan Park and the Zhongnanhai leadership compound. The Palace Museum was inscribed on

UNESCO’s World Heritage List in 1987.

Beijing is seeking to include Beihai Park on the UNESCO list this year as an extension of the Summer Palace, the country’s largest imperial garden that was named a world heritage site in 1998, said a spokesman with the Beijing cultural heritage bureau.

He said the city has stopped all major renovation projects in the imperial city to preserve to the maximum its original outlook.

Beijing is now home to six of China’s 30 world heritage sites, the largest number among all Chinese localities.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## China calls on more scrutiny on AIDS spread among drug users

**BEIJING, 5 June**— China’s Ministry of Health (MOH) required local health departments to look into AIDS spread among drug users to help combat the killer disease.

In a notice issued on Friday, the MOH ordered local health departments to gradually make AIDS testing among drug users a routine work in order to understand how the deadly disease spreads among the highly vulnerable group.

The notice urged all community clinics to take part in a campaign on building a “drug-free neighbourhood” and regions where AIDS prevention and control pilot programme is imple-

mented to continue to take preventive measures such as free needle exchange and methadone maintenance therapy.

Local health authorities are also called for offering services to help drug users to stop drug addiction and offer free AIDS testing and consultation.

The notice said medical institutions should strengthen management of narcotics to prevent the medicines from flowing to illegal channels and their own medical work.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Iraq says US deaths climb, Iraqi deaths go uncounted

**BAGHDAD, 4 June**—May was the second deadliest month for the US occupation forces in Iraq so far this year, with 72 US troops killed. This took the total number of US troops killed in Iraq since the war began in March 2003 to 1657, according to a count kept by *Associated Press*. On 20 May, General Michael Rochelle, chief of the US Army Recruiting Command, revealed that the war had resulted in 8000 dead or severely wounded US soldiers. The total number of Iraqi deaths since the war began is unknown, largely because the Pentagon refuses to count Iraqi civilian deaths caused by US forces. “We don’t do body

counts”, General Tommy Franks, who commanded US troops during the invasion of Iraq, stated in 2002.

However, over the past year, in an attempt to convince the US public that it is “winning” its war against the resistance to the occupation, the US military has released figures on the number of “guerillas” it claims to have killed in each major battle. But it still does not count the number of civilians who die as a result of its operations. Nor does Washington’s puppet Iraqi government, which only announces figures for the number of civilians it says have been killed by the anti-occupation resistance.—*Internet*

## Nepal to host int’l conference on hydropower

**KATHMANDU, 5 June**— An international conference has been scheduled for next week in Kathmandu to discuss and exchange experiences on the development and extension of hydropower, an organizer said here on Saturday.

About 350 individuals concerned to the field from 25 Asian-African countries will participate in the conference to be jointly held by the Nepal Electricity Authority, Central Irrigation Energy Board of India and International Association for the Generation, Transmission and Extension of Electricity, Janak Lal Karmacharya, executive director of Nepal Electricity Authority, told a Press conference.

*MNA/Xinhua*



General view of Brani terminal of PSA Corporation Pte Ltd in Singapore on 5 June, 2005. — INTERNET

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## Thailand's "model car" to be unveiled soon

**BANGKOK, 5 June**— Thailand's prototype, energy-saving car dubbed the "model car" will be unveiled soon as part of government's new nationwide campaign to promote energy saving.

The final design of the "model car" will be finalized this week, the Industry Minister Watana Muangsook was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying on Friday.

"The Ministry of Industry will, thereafter, discuss a production plan for the 'model car' with an automobile manufacturer, may be the Japanese firm Toyota," he said.

The government plans to en-

courage government agencies and taxis to use the prototype energy saving car as soon as it is produced, Watana said.

The planned "model car" is part of the government's efforts to encourage motorists to save energy. The campaign is part of the government's efforts to reduce the country's rising trade deficit, which is largely a result of increased oil imports.

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia's trade continues uptrend in April

**KUALA LUMPUR, 5 June** — Malaysia's trade continued its uptrend in April, with exports increasing by 9.4 per cent and imports up by 4.7 per cent compared with the same period last year, an official statement said on Friday.

Trade surplus was higher by 35.3 per cent to 8.27 billion ringgit (2.17 billion US dollars) compared with April 2004, which was the 90th consecutive month of trade surplus recorded since November 1997, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said in a statement released here.

Exports in April amounted to 43.4 million ringgit (11.42 million dollars), which was the highest ever recorded for the month of April. The increase was mainly supported by higher exports of electrical and electronic (E&E) products, crude petroleum, refined petroleum products and liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Major export markets contributing to the increase include ASEAN with exports expanding by 18.4 per cent, followed by the United States (16.2 per cent), Australia (38.1 per cent), South Korea (12.3 per cent), the Netherlands (12.2 per cent) and the United Arab Emirates (22.3 per cent).

Imports in April increased by 4.7 per cent to 35.13 billion ringgit (9.24 billion dollars) from 33.54 billion ringgit (8.82 billion dollars) in April 2004, due to higher imports of intermediate and capital goods.

Imports of intermediate goods saw an increase of 2.5 per cent at 24.95 billion ringgit (about 6.56 billion dollars) from April 2004, representing 71 per cent of total imports.

Imports of capital goods increased by 15.4 per cent to 5.0 billion ringgit (1.31 billion dollars) while imports of consumption goods declined 2.4 per cent to 1.94 billion ringgit (0.51 billion US dollars).

Major sources of imports in April were ASEAN countries valued at 8.41 billion ringgit (2.21 billion dollars) or 23.9 per cent of Malaysia's total imports, followed by Japan (14.1 per cent) and the US (13.8 per cent).

MNA/Xinhua

## Anger grows in Iraq over detentions

**ABU GHRAIB, 5 June**—A year after the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal erupted, Iraqi anger has flared anew over the growing numbers of detainees held without charge at the notorious detention centre and another prison in the south.

As the United States battles the insurgency in Iraq, military sweeps have netted many guerillas but also thousands of others whose offenses were non-existent, minor or impossible to prove. They often are held for months, only to be released without explanation. The population of long-term detainees in Abu Ghraib and the larger Camp Bucca, near Basra, has more than doubled since August, now topping 10,000.

The military has established a multi-tiered system to ensure that innocent people caught up in chaotic events are not held for extensive periods. Records provided by the military, however, show that only about one in four people arrested ultimately meets the test of evidence. Nonetheless, more than half are detained three months or more before being freed.

The men are held as security risks under the UN Security Council resolution that gives coalition forces the authority to maintain order in Iraq. After secret reviews of their cases, some are let go. But the future of those who remain in custody is unclear. There is no limit on how long they can be held.—*Internet*

## Two US soldiers killed in southeast Afghanistan

**KABUL, 5 June** — Two American soldiers were killed and two others including their local interpreter were wounded as a mine went off in southeast Paktika Province of Afghanistan on Friday, a US military statement said on Saturday.

"An improvised explosive device detonated on 3 June near Orgun-E killing two US service members and wounding a third," said the statement.

One Afghan interpreter accompanying the soldiers was also injured in the incident.

"The wounded were medically evacuated by helicopter to Forward Operating Base Salerno for treatment," the statement added.

MNA/Xinhua

## China poses no threats to other countries

**SINGAPORE, 5 June** — China poses no threats to other countries including the United States, US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld said on Saturday.

"China is an increasingly important country which is growing economically and has relations with many nations across the globe. That is a good thing, it is not a bad thing, not a threatening thing," he said at the fourth IISS Asia Security Conference here.

He noted that China's emergence is understandable, taking into consideration its size, population and history.

"China's emergence is an important new reality of this era — one that the countries of the region would no doubt like to embrace. Indeed, the world would welcome a China committed to peaceful solutions and whose industrious and well-educated people contribute to international peace and prosperity," he added.

Rumsfeld held that the proper thing for the rest of the world to do is to work with China diplomatically and economically. He continued that the United States would prefer to see China entering the world in a peaceful and successful way, and contribute to the growth and opportunity throughout the world.

Organized by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), the three-day conference attracted more than 200 participants from over 20 countries and regions from Asia Pacific, North America and Europe. The annual security conference, which opened on Friday, has been held in Singapore's Shangri-la Hotel since 2002.

MNA/Xinhua

## Egyptian FM seeks urgent relief assistance for Ethiopia

**CAIRO, 6 June** — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit has requested food relief assistance to Ethiopia within the coming few days, the official MENA news agency reported Saturday.

The ministry's Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa would supply Ethiopia with flour, rice and cooking oil, said a source at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

The step comes in response to a joint appeal by the Ethiopian Government and UN relief agencies to extend emergency relief assistance to the Ethiopian people to ease suffering caused by drought and famine in the country.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese girl displays a dress made of recycled bottles and waste compact discs in a children's fashion show with a protect-the-environment theme in Shaoxing, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 4 June, 2005.—INTERNET



## Green China Fund ready to promote int'l cooperation

BEIJING, 5 June — The Green China Fund is ready to cooperate with more international organizations and enterprises to promote environmental protection in China, said Wang Zhibao, director of the council for the Green China Fund, said here Friday.

He made the remarks at a meeting of the fifth council of the Green China Fund, which was founded in September 1985. The Green China Fund is seeking more financial help from the international organizations and multinationals, Wang said. The organization has already received donations from individuals and organizations in countries like the United States, Canada, Japan and Singapore.

A survey showed that China's efforts in environment protection had im-

proved remarkably, while China's ecological efforts years ago could almost be negligible in protecting the degenerating environment, Wang said, citing a survey in 2004 on China's forestry resources, wild life and desert.

China still shoulders heavy burdens on environmental protection, and the fund is ready to promote cooperation with both domestic and international organizations to complement the governmental work, Wang said.

MNA/Xinhua



Train tickets for sale in Shanghai seen on 6 June, 2005. — INTERNET

## Belgian King Albert II arrives in Beijing

BEIJING, 5 June — Belgian King Albert II arrived in Beijing on Saturday morning, starting a state visit to China from 4 to 11 June. It is the first China tour by a Belgian state head in the past 24 years.

During the visit, the King will hold talks or meet with Chinese President Hu Jintao, top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao, according to diplomatic sources. The visit is expected to further promote bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields.

Besides Beijing, the King is also scheduled to visit Chinese economic hub Shanghai, northwest

province of Shaanxi and eastern province of Jiangsu.

China and Belgium established diplomatic relations in 1971. The Sino-Belgian trade surged about 450 per cent from 1971 to 2004 to hit 9.38 billion US dollars and the contractual investment of Belgian companies in China reached 1.22 billion US dollars in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese, US senior officials hold talks over textile trade

BEIJING, 5 June — Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai held talks with his US counterpart Carlos Gutierrez here on Saturday to explore for the solution to the Sino-US textile trade friction which reports said will cause 100,000 job cut in Chinese factories.

The two ministers also discussed intellectual property right protection, US trade deficit with China and the preparation work for the upcoming 16th meeting of Sino-US joint commission of commerce and trade, but mostly focus on the textile issue, sources said.

"Sino-US trade witnessed such great progress in the last 26 or 27 years and we two countries should have the capability

to properly deal with the textile trade issue and other questions," Bo said after the talks, which lasted three quarters longer than the scheduled one hour.

"China has become the third largest trade partner of the United States and it's natural for some problems to emerge in such a developing progress," Bo said. "We exchanged our points on the textile issue frankly and in a systematic

manner during the talks.

"The US Government decided to restrict Chinese textile and clothing imports earlier this year, months after such quota was eliminated worldwide on 1 January, according to World Trade Organization agreements. Such limitation sparked anger among Chinese textile and clothing industry. Reports said that will cause about 100,000 job cut in Chinese factories.

As one of the world's major textile and clothing provider, Chinese textile industry has a 19 million employment and even more in relevant sectors, according to Bo Xilai. Most of the factories were of low-profit and workers were low-paid but rely on the job to raise their families. Gutierrez said it is a "good meeting", but he did not elaborate what will US do to settle the textile issue.

MNA/Xinhua

## "USS Nimitz" starts routine visit in HK

HONG KONG, 5 June — The USS Nimitz started its routine port visit in Hong Kong on Friday and will stay for a few days.

Commander of Carrier Strike Group 11 Rear Admiral Peter H Daly said at a Press briefing on Nimitz that it was a real great pleasure to dock in Hong Kong. Members of the ship consider Hong Kong a favourite port due to its special status as an international city and its unique culture.

He said that young people formed a majority of the crew and most of them were having a trip outside America for the first time. They spent a lot of time learning the culture of other places on board and they were ready to be good ambassadors of America in Hong Kong.

MNA/Xinhua

## CIA accused of masterminding "magnicide" on Chavez

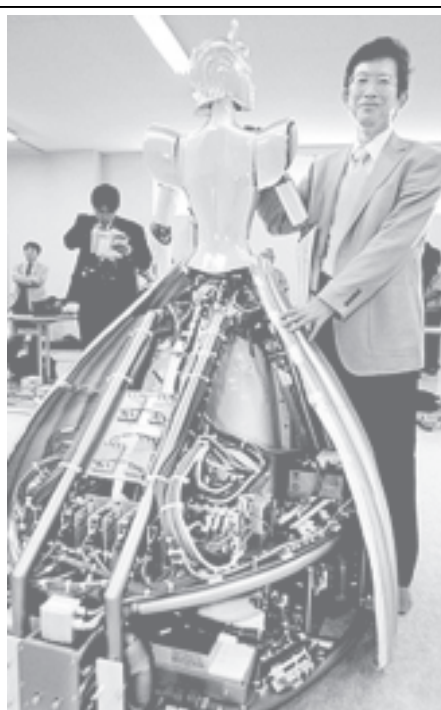
BOGOTA, 5 June — Colombian paramilitaries and gunmen have been linked to a plan of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to assassinate Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Vice-President Jose Vicente Rangel said.

In remarks made in Havana, Cuba where Rangel was attending a

conference, the Vice-President said Chavez "is in serious risk" and ac-

cused the CIA of masterminding a "magnicide" on the Venezuelan President.

"This would be a CIA crime, a crime by the US Government, a crime by President (George W) Bush and his government's team," Rangel was quoted as saying by local media. Last year, Venezuelan authorities captured over 100 paramilitaries, who were accused of preparing attacks against Venezuelan institutions and the government of Chavez, near the capital city of Caracas.—MNA/Xinhua



Dr Kazuhiro Kosuge, Professor of Japan's Tohoku University unveils the Partner Ballroom Dance Robot (PBDR) at a factory of Nomura Unison robotic venture company in Chino city, 200-km west of Tokyo on 5 June, 2005. — INTERNET

## Susilo asks intelligence to monitor possible terror attacks

JAKARTA, 5 June — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Friday asked the intelligence to continuously monitor terrorism groups that possibly plan to launch attacks in the country, the state-owned Antara news agency reported Saturday.

The President made the statement upon returning to Jakarta from his visits to the United States, Vietnam and Japan.

"The President instructed intelligent officers to persistently detect on the terrorism groups that might carry out strikes," said Police Chief General Da'I Bachtiar after meeting the President.

The meeting was attended by Vice-President Jusuf Kalla and scores of ministers, including Security Minister Widodo As and Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda.

Days earlier, the police chief disclosed increasing activities of terrorist cell in the country led by Malaysians fugitives: bomb expert Azhari Husin and terrorist coordinator and recruiter Noerdin Mohammad Top.

He said that police found indication that the cell are preparing other attacks, which prompted the closure of the US Embassy in Jakarta.

The most recent bloody blast happened in a market in the town of Tentena in Poso Regency in Central Sulawesi Province, killing 20 people.

This could be a trick to distract attention of Indonesian authorities from the real terrorist target, Bachtiar said.

After it resumed operation on Friday, the US Embassy again gave warning to its citizens here of possible strikes from terrorists.

MNA/Xinhua

## China urges SCO members to consolidate unity, cooperation

ASTANA (Kazakhstan), 6 June — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing urged here Saturday the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) to further consolidate unity and cooperation to guarantee a smooth development of the group.

Addressing an SCO foreign ministers' meeting, Li called on the SCO members to take concrete measures to step up preparation for the forthcoming SCO summit, scheduled to be held in Astana in July.

To make the summit a united, pragmatic and pioneering one, the Chinese Foreign Minister proposed the SCO members to strengthen economic co-

operation, beef up security measures, broaden external contacts steadily, deepen cooperation in culture, disaster relief, education, tourism, media and other fields.

On the situation in Central Asia, Li said China firmly supports the efforts by the Central Asian countries to maintain independence and sovereignty, keep social stability and promote

economic development.

The Chinese Foreign Minister expressed his delight to see the situation in Uzbekistan's Andijan region back to normal, and hoped that the coming presidential election in Kyrgyzstan would proceed smoothly.

He encouraged the SCO member states and other organizations concerned to make efforts to maintain sta-

bility, cooperation and development in Central Asia.

In his speech, Li also stressed that the United Nations (UN), as the world's most representative and authoritative organization, should play a leading role in international affairs, especially in safeguarding world peace and the promoting common development.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thaksin woos Indian businessmen

NEW DELHI, 6 June — Visiting Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has urged Indian businessmen and software professionals to empower his country with their expertise and enterprise, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Saturday.

Addressing a group of business leaders on Friday, Thaksin, who arrived here Friday on a working visit, urged them to help make free trade agreement between the two countries a reality. He promised to streamline

trade barriers to encourage Indian investment in Thailand.

The two countries hope to increase bilateral trade to 4 billion US dollars by 2007, up from 2 billion US dollars in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



A man sits in front of electronic stocks monitors in Shanghai on 5 June, 2005.—INTERNET

## SCO vows to further cooperation against "three evil forces"

ASTANA (Kazakhstan), 5 June — Foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) reaffirmed their readiness on Saturday to further cooperate on combating "three evil forces", namely, terrorism, extremism and separatism.

SCO — a regional organization grouping China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan — released a joint communique after the meeting, noting that the ministers discussed preparations for the upcoming meeting of the heads of the member states, which is slated for July in the

Kazakh capital of Astana.

Terrorism, extremism and separatism have posed major threats to security and stability in Central Asia, said the foreign ministers in the joint communique, adding the July summit will further strengthen related cooperation between the member countries.

The foreign ministers

noted that SCO, which has been seen as an active player in safeguarding regional and international security, will send representatives to monitor presidential and parliamentary elections in its member states, a new move taken by the group to help maintain stability in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

## India says more CBMs with Pakistan in the offing

HONG KONG, 6 June — Stating that a number of confidence building measures are in the pipeline to propel the peace process with Pakistan, India Saturday nevertheless made it clear that much will depend on Islamabad honouring its commitment to stop cross-border terrorism through "concrete actions".

"We sincerely desire to find mutually acceptable solutions to all outstanding issues with Pakistan by carrying forward the current composite dialogue process and by making our quest for abiding peace irreversible," visiting External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh said while addressing prominent members of the Indian community here.

At the same time, we remain firm in our conviction of the need for a complete cessation of cross-border terrorism, including the dismantling of terrorist training camps and launch pads across the Line of Control, he said.

Singh, who spoke on major foreign policy initiatives taken by the government during the last

one year, said India welcomed President Pervez Musharraf's pledge during his visit to India in April this year not to allow terrorism to impede the bilateral peace process.

"Much of the progress will depend on the actual situation on the ground and on Pakistan's sincerity to translate its commitments into concrete actions," he said.

"We are also striving to expand the agenda of mutually beneficial cooperation," he said citing the example of the two sides exploring cooperation in petroleum and natural gas sectors, including on the issue of pipeline from Iran through Pakistan.

MNA/PTI

## Hotels in Jakarta told to beef up security

JAKARTA, 6 June — The Jakarta Police on Friday told hotel operators to be on alert for possible terrorist attacks and increase their security measures following a warning from the US Embassy here that extremists might target hotels frequented by foreigners.

"Hotel operators must keep on guard against any incoming vehicle to their hotels. Never forget to open the baggage and the door for a security check," Jakarta police spokesman Tjiptono told reporters.

On August 5, 2003, a

car with bomb driven by a suicide bomber exploded at the lobby of the JW Marriott Hotel here, killing 12 people and wounding 150 others.

Tjiptono said the police have raised alert to its maximum level in Jakarta after it detected increased

activities of terrorists.

Earlier in the day, the US Embassy said it has learned that as of June 1, there were plans by extremists to conduct bomb attacks "targeting the lobbies of hotels frequented by Westerners".

MNA/Xinhua

## Pakistan's economy grows 8.4%

ISLAMABAD, 6 June — Pakistan's economy during the current financial year has shown impressive growth of 8.4 per cent, the fastest pace in two decades, according to Pakistan Economic Survey 2004-2005, released on Saturday.

This is much higher than the original target of 6.6 per cent and 6.4 per cent last year. Economic Survey, a pre-budget document, shows that the gross national product has also exhibited acceleration in growth from 5.2 per cent last year to 8.1 per cent this year.

The survey was jointly released by Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance Dr Salman Shah, Minister of State for Finance Omar Ayub Khan and Economic Adviser Dr Ashfaq Hassan Khan at a news conference.

MNA/Xinhua



Farmers tend to their crops under plastic covering in the compact yellow earth, known as loess, of western China's Shaanxi Province on 5 June, 2005.

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**Donate blood**



# Myanmar, garden of fascinating flowers in full bloom

*U Maung Maung Soe Tint (Retired Ambassador)*

I was taking a stroll along the world famous Waikiki beach and enjoying the beauty of Hawaii Island in 1961. And I was enraptured by the view of young men and women who were having a swim in the bluish sea water. The view with the Diamond Head Hill in the background made the beach more pleasant and beautiful. The soft music from the hotels along the beach was floating in the air. Until that time I had never seen the sea, so I was completely captivated by the breathtaking beauty of the beach. I therefore wished such a fascinating scenery existed in Myanmar.

During my stay in foreign countries, I visited similar beaches, and among them were Miami beach and Coney Island beach in New York in the US, Black Pool beach, Brighton beach and Eastborn beach in England, and Sochi sea beach of Black Sea in the then Soviet Union. One salient point I noticed was that the beaches were mostly strewn with pebbles. During my assignment in Australia, I visited Bundaing Sea beach near Sydney, and Gold Coast beach near Brisbane. The beaches were attractive with nearby hotels which were busy with festivities and dancehalls. I was very excited at these scenic beauties, and I did not think Myanmar had them.

However, I found out I was totally wrong when I visited Ngapali, Chaungtha and Ngwe Hsaung beaches and Myeik archipelago. To my surprise, Myanmar has captivating beaches like those in the US, Russia, the UK, Australia and New Zealand. There could be other beautiful beaches in the nation to which I have not been. With better transport, we national people will get opportunities to visit these beaches. The beauty of the beaches in the nation is more natural, and those in the foreign countries I visited were mostly artificial, and they are having adverse effects on the natural beauties.

About five months ago, I met with Mr Francisco, an Italian businessman. He said that he took interest in running a hotel resort in Myeik archipelago to attract Italian tourists, and asked me for advice. I asked him why he was interested in Myeik archipelago although there were so many exciting beaches around the Mediterranean Sea. He said the water of the Mediterranean Sea was becoming

polluted; that the water along the coast of Myeik archipelago had not been compromised or polluted; and the Italians would like to visit the beautiful places for recreation and enjoy a deep sea diving. He added that the Italian businessmen would build lodging houses that would match with the sea, the archipelago and its environs. And over 500 Italian tourists were expected to put up in the houses monthly. He admitted that natural beaches like those in Myanmar become rare in the world. So, I took pride in Myanmar's beauties that are on a par with those in other global nations.

Situated in Myanmar are the Ayeyawady, Chindwin and Thanlwin rivers that stretch from north to south. Such large rivers cannot be found in every

**Myanmar is home to all types of natural flowers that exist around the world. Furthermore, some kinds of such natural flowers are peculiar to our nation. In a word, I would like to urge all the national people to harmoniously keep the garden lush and green forever.**

nation. Nor are they in such countries as UK, Australia and New Zealand. The scene of the activities of the people doing businesses in towns and villages along the river banks is the beauty of Myanmar rivers.

Similarly, expressive scenery of mountain ranges like Rakhine Yoma mountain range stretching from north to south, Bago Yoma mountain range and Shan Yoma mountain range cannot be found in every nation. These green and lush mountain ranges are home to a large variety of bio-diversity that can attract tourists.

In the northernmost of these mountain ranges is the region where Mt Khakaborazi lies. The region covered with ice over six months a year is the best place in South-East Asia region for skiing, luring the tourists. If that region has enjoyed development, Myanmar will become the Switzerland of South-East Asia region.

The Shwedagon Pagoda built in the time of Lord Buddha is one of the world's wonders. And it

enhances the admiration of the visitors and makes them peaceful. The pagodas, stupas and temples in Bagan archaeological region and religious edifices in various parts of the nation indicate the devoutness of the national people.

The Union of Myanmar is home to over one hundred national races who have been living in amity and harmony for thousands of years. The colourful costumes, customs and traditions and cultures of the national races make the Union truly impressive. Any other nations do not have as many impressive beauties as Myanmar does.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources. And the best quality of jade, sapphire, ruby and pearl are peculiar to the nation. Moreover, the nation produces a lot of gold. So, the people offer gold foils to or gild the religious edifices. Myanmar is thus called "The Golden Land".

Many foreign tourists say one of Myanmar's impressive beauties is the friendly and hospitable attitude of the people. Every tourist who has ever been to the nation acknowledges it. It is said such a charming hospitality is rarely seen in other nations. A friend of mine from New Zealand sent to me a video tape entitled "Born to be a Myanmar". He recorded scenic natural beauties, customs, traditions and cultures in the tape. At the end of the tape, he wished he would like to be born to be a Myanmar if he had an opportunity to be born in the next existence.

Such beautiful, pleasant and impressive beaches, mountains, mountain ranges, rivers, creeks and lakes, religious edifices, cultures, customs and traditions, and natural resources in abundance are indeed colourful fragrant flowers blooming in Myanmar.

The Union of Myanmar is like a lovely garden in which attractive colourful flowers are in full bloom that we national people have inherited from our ancestors. Myanmar is home to all types of natural flowers that exist around the world. Furthermore, some kinds of such natural flowers are peculiar to our nation. In a word, I would like to urge all the national people to harmoniously keep the garden lush and green forever.

**Translation: MS**

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## UN mission in Congo condemns killing of peacekeeper

**KIGALI, 6 June — The UN peacekeeping mission in Congo MONUC condemned here Saturday the killing of a Nepali peacekeeper in Ituri Brigade.**

According to a UN Press release, the peacekeeper was seriously injured at Rakpa, a locality situated 65 kilometres northeast of Bunia in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, whilst the platoon under his command was securing the take-off of a helicopter transporting MONUC civilian staff.

As the helicopter transporting the civilian staff was ready to launch, armed men opened fire on the aircraft which nevertheless managed to take off and safely brought all those onboard back to the town of Mahagi, said the Press release.

The peacekeeping platoon immediately returned fire allowing the civilian helicopter to take off safely. Four peacekeepers were injured during this firefight.

"MONUC rushed in reinforcement, including an MI25 combat helicopter, which facilitated the evacuation of the injured and the extraction of the two helicopters transporting the Nepali troops," the statement added. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## China urges various levels for efforts against floods, droughts

**BEIJING, 6 June — Chinese Government and departments at various levels have been ordered to get themselves ready for combating floods and droughts in the summer flood season and ensure the safety of major rivers and reservoirs.**

In a working meeting of the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters, Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu, also chief of the headquarters, urged the full implementation of all anti-flood and drought measures so that human casualties and property loss can be reduced to a minimum and the safety of major cities and communication lines can be guaranteed.

As most parts of China have entered the main flood season, the disasters have already caused great human and property losses, said Hui at Saturday's meeting.

At the same time, other parts of China have been suffering serious droughts.

He urged people to be fully prepared for more floods and droughts and to closely monitor the changes brought by floods, droughts and other disasters.

Victims in disaster-hit areas should be provided with adequate food, shelter, clean drinking water, clothing and medical care, he stressed.

According to the latest statistics released by the headquarters and the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the floods this year have already killed 204, left 79 missing and affected 17.06 million people in 16 Chinese provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions.

They have also affected 1.828 million hectares and destroyed 614,000 hectares of farmland and damaged 137,900 houses.

Meanwhile, 6.647 million hectares of farmland from 11 provinces have suffered from droughts which have caused drinking water shortage for 11.08 million of local residents and 6.37 million livestock.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win formally unveils the stone inscription. — MNA

**Above-ground and external destructionists...**

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Nawngkhio-Kangyi-Taungkhan-Kyaukgu-Yaksauk-Shwenyaung Road. The new Nawngkhio-Yaksauk Road is 100 miles shorter than the previous one through PyinOoLwin, Mandalay, Kyaukse and Meiktila. It also saves time and it is the new shortest road between northern and southern Shan State.

The new 105 miles Nawngkhio-Yaksauk Road was built with the help of Tatmadaw members more than seven years ago. The 30-mile Nawngkhio-Kangyi-Taungkhan-Magyiay-Tarpalan road section was built by Tatmadaw members of North-East Command and 76-mile Yaksauk-Kyaukgu-Dokhtawady section by No 55 LID. The road sections were opened in February 1998.

He said now small or big vehicles can pass through the newly-built Dokhtawady Bridge. There will be progress in commerce and travelling between northern and southern Shan State. The new road serves the interest of 67 villages and 10 village tracts along the road and the success of community welfare services under the rural development tasks, he said.

Roads and bridges could be built one after another under the guidance of the government and through cooperation of the people and Tatmadaw members, he said.

In the past, people could go from plain regions to Shan State through only two routes— Mandalay-Nawngkhio-Kyaukme-Lashio Road and Meiktila-Thazi-Shwenyaung Road. There were some damages on these Union Highways. Later they were upgraded and Mandalay-Nawngkhio-Lashio-Muse Road and upgraded 400-mile Thazi-Kalaw-Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Loilem-Namhsam-Kunhein-Mongpyin-Kengtung tarred Roads

have emerged. The Kengtung-Mongpyin-Tarkaw road section will be opened soon, he said.

Major roads in Shan State were upgraded and short-cut roads such as Hanmyinmo-Myogyi-Ywangan-Aungban road and Pyinmana-Pinlaung road were built and they are now in use.

Moreover, Hsipaw-Nanlam-Tonlaw-Panketu-Loilem Road was built with the strength of the Tatmadaw

Tachilek road, Kengtung-Mongla road, Kengtung-Mongkhat-Mongyang road, Monghsat-Mongtong road, Monghsat-Tachilek road and Mongpyin-Monghsat road are being upgraded and built. In addition, Tar-kaw-ek, Tarhsan and Tarpur Bridges across the Thanlwin River were also built.

In the Union of Myanmar, Shan State is the largest area and has the largest population and various



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspect Dokhtawady bridge. — MNA

members. Therefore gateways to Shan State are on the increase, he said.

The Lashio-Mongyai-Tanyang road, Hsenwi-Kunlon-Laukkai road, Laukkai-Kongyan road, Kutkai-Tarmonye road-Mongsi-Tarshwehtan road, Kengtung-

national races reside there.

Once there were various armed groups with political and racial attitudes in all parts of Shan State due to the instigations of colonialism, feudalism and parliamentary democratic system, failing to perform one's own duty. The region is so wide and there was poor transport. Most of the roads were only earth roads. Therefore, there was less contacts among the national races. The state lagged behind in development and there were no progress in the state because of lack of stability and poor communication.

The Tatmadaw government carried out the task for ensuring smooth and easy transport first. Roads were upgraded, new roads and rail roads were built and Tachilek, Kengtung, Heho, Namhsam and Lashio airports were renovated. Overall, basic better foundations such as roads, railroads and air transport have taken shape under the Tatmadaw government.

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**The bridge is 465 ft long and 24 ft wide flanked by 3-foot-wide pedestrian lanes. It's clearance is 80 ft wide and 18 ft high. It can withstand 60-ton loads. Construction of the bridge started on 22 February last year and completed on 15 May 2005.**



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, officials and national races pose for a documentary photo. — MNA



## Above-ground and external destructionists...

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As doubts can be cleared and national consolidation based mutual trust, understanding and cooperation can be built, armed groups in northern Shan State are now in the embrace of peace and the rule of law, and they are joining hands with the Government. In the past development could be seen in Shan State only in and around Taunggyi. Now, Lashio and Kengtung regions are also enjoying progress together with Taunggyi region. Thanks to efforts for progress of all sectors, northern, southern and eastern regions of Shan State are witnessing equal development. Taunggyi is developing as a city of flowers, Lashio as a trade centre and Kengtung as the capital of the east bank of Thanlwin River. Many regions and towns in the whole Shan State are also achieving sustainable development. Panglong has been designated as a development zone to strengthen Union Spirit. Everyone can see the developments of the state in the papers as well as with their own eyes.

During his visit to Shan State (East) in 2002, the Head of State said, "The Government has been developing the health and education sectors of Lashio and Taunggyi regions in addition to Kengtung region. Now, Panglong region in Loilem District, where Union Spirit was conceived, has been designated as a development zone for progress of every area of the state. Nationalities living in all the 14 states and divisions are brethren. Thus, the Government has been striving for progress and prosperity for all of them."

Thanks to the development of transport infrastructures, all the regions of Union are linked with one another, opening ways to share knowledge, cement unity and narrow the development gap between regions.

In addition to transport infrastructures, the Government has been building facilities in all other sectors, the basic foundations for actual development of the



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win greets those attending at the opening ceremony of Dokhtawady Bridge. —MNA

development, betterment of posterity, progress of all the regions of the Union and perpetuation of the nation. All will have to shape the nation according to the 12 political, economic and social objectives. The future work programmes of the State have been laid down to implement the third and fourth points of the political objective — Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution; and Building of a new modern developed

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achieved progress to a certain degree. The shape of the future nation can be imagined at present. All are the results of the mutual trust, understanding and cooperation between the people and the Government.

Some underground and above-ground and external destructionists are perpetrating conspiracies through political means and terrorism. With vision and awareness, the national people will have to ward off the destructive schemes and slanders of the minions, so that their acts will not be able to slow down or stop the national development drive. The Government, the people and the Tatmadaw collectively strive to build the democracy system in accord with the nation's own way.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun said that a total of 199 above-180-foot-long bridges including Dokhtawady Bridge have been commissioned into service in the country. Dokhtawady Bridge inaugurated today is the 12th one in Shan State and Shweli Bridge (Namkham) is under construction.

The minister urged the local people for to help maintain the bridge. Next, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing said that Dokhtawady Bridge serves as the shortest route linking Shan State (North) and Shan State (South). With the emergence of the bridge, education, health, economy and social standards of the locals will improve.

The Tatmadaw Government has built 333 small and large bridges in Shan State (North) including 465-foot-long Dokhtawady Bridge in a decade.

Being a transportation infrastructure for the region, Dokhtawady Bridge is important for the improvement of social standards of the local people. He thanked the experts of the Ministry of Construction and skilled workers, and local people who provided necessary assistance for the timely completion of the bridge.

Afterwards, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint said that the new bridge will be of benefit to everyone in the region. Local people had to travel 244 miles from Taunggyi to Nawngkhio in Shan State (North) in the past. Now, on completion of the bridge, the distance between Taunggyi and Nawngkhio crossing the new bridge is only 156 miles. The bridge was built on the road which is the shortest route linking Shan State (North) and Shan State (South).

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Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Dokhtawady Bridge. —MNA

nation, on self-reliant basis. The basic foundations for developments can be seen not only in Shan state, but also in all states and divisions. All the states and divisions should effectively use the facilities for regional

nation in accord with the State Constitution. The National Convention, the first step of the programme, has been held at present. And the discussions, held by representatives of nationalities, and all walks of life, have



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets a visitor at World Environment Day ceremony. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views the booth on Myanmar environmental conservation activities. — MNA

## Greening of Yangon ...

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devastated, its resources and wildlife depleted. Thus efforts have been made both at the international and national level to deal with environmental issues. Over the past three decades, a large number of international conventions related to the environment have been adopted and implemented.

All the countries are

changes in the other parts.

The theme for this year's Environment Day is "Green Cities: Plan for the Planet" which focuses on the growing population and its impact on the cities. Our planet which is home to over 6.2 billion people today seems to become smaller and smaller as thousands of new inhabitants are added to the place everyday. Population growth

also have many other effects. Expanding human settlement will replace trees and greeneries and agricultural land surrounding the cities.

It is a challenging task for the developing countries to address these urban environmental issues.

implemented. Gardens, parks and the environs of Kandawgyi and Inya Lake are being beautified and upgraded as relaxation, recreation and environmental education zones.

Activities for the year's World Environment Day are organized by the National Commission for

their important contribution and all the Government departments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector for taking

Myat Soe and Daw Nan May Thu who won other prizes in Essay Competition (open division) to mark the WED for 2005.



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents a certificate of honour to an artist. — MNA

aware that a growing population and increased urbanization will exert pressure on the environment. It is important for us to remember that human beings live in eco-system, and the concept of an eco-system helps us to understand that all parts of the environment are in dynamic interaction with one another. Changes in one part of the eco-system will likely produce

occurs more rapidly in cities especially in the developing countries. Industrialization ushered in ever increasing urbanization with cities growing far larger than our pre-industrial predecessors. It is estimated that more than three persons in five will live in urban areas by 2030. In many of the developing countries the urban population is growing too fast for the civic authorities to respond to the needs of the rising urban population such as housing, water and electricity supply, transport, communications, collection and disposal of wastes, health and education facilities. Urban poor live in crowded slums where clean water is scarce and refuse rarely collected. Urban sprawl can



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents a prize to the third prize winner. — MNA

Like many other developing countries, Myanmar also has a growing urban population. In order to cope with the rising urbanization, new housing estates have been established in cities across the country to resettle people living in the crowded and congested urban slums. Moreover, clean and green cities programmes are being carried out extensively in the country. The month of July has been designated as a Tree-planting month and Tree-planting ceremonies are held all over the country.

With the aim to promote Yangon to be a Garden City of Southeast Asia, greening of Yangon and its surrounding areas within 30 miles radius of the city is being undertaken. Restoration and promotion of the natural environment and landscape in the city is being carefully planned and

Environmental Affairs in cooperation with related Ministries. These activities include essay competition and exhibition on this year's World Environment Day theme, presentation of environment award to honour individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the management and protection of the environment and songs commemorating the World Environment Day has been aired from the Broadcasting stations. All these activities are aimed to enhance awareness and inspiring people to care for the environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warm congratulations to all the winners of the essay competition and the environment awards.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the National Commission for Environmental Affairs for

an active part in today's celebration. I would also like to urge everyone of you to join hands and strive our utmost to do the best we can to protect and promote our environment.

Next, Resident Representative of UNDP Mr Charles James Petric read messages of UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi A Annan and Executive Director of UNEP Dr Klaus Toepfer.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented prizes to those who made relentless efforts for environmental conservation. They are U Mya Thein (Zanihein-Hsipaw), the first prize winner, U Tin Win (Shwenaga Tin Win), the second prize winner, the Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation Association, the third prize winner.

He also presented prizes to U Aye Myint, Ma Sein Sein and Ma Htar Su Nyein who stood first, second and third and Dr Hsint Soe, Maung Win Pyi Paing, U Myint Thein (Maung Maung Myint Thein-RIT), Ma Aye Myint

Next, Chairman of the Myanmar National Commission for Environmental Affairs Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented prizes to artists who contributed their shares to the activities to mark the WED for 2005.

Later, Resident Representative of UNDP Mr Charles James Petric presented certificates of honour to officials of the Ministry of Forestry, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Rail Transportation and the Yangon City Development Committee, who participated in the exhibitions to mark the WED for 2005 and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted those present on the occasion. He together with the guests viewed round the prize winning works in essay competition and booths on environmental conservation activities of Myanmar.

MNA



Mr Charles James Petric reads messages. — MNA



## Shan State (East) WVO holds Preliminary Conference (2005)



Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hliang speaks at the Shan State (East) WVO Preliminary Conference (2005). — MNA

YANGON, 6 June — The preliminary conference of Shan State (East) War Veterans Organization for 2005 took place at the city hall of Kengtung yesterday morning, attended by Patron of Shan State (East) WVO Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hliang, Secretary of Cen-

tral Organization Committee for MWVO Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Shan State (East) WVO Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, senior military officers and others.

The commander delivered a speech on the occasion.

At the donation cer-

emony, the command and Shan State (East) PDC, district and township PDCs and the wellwishers donated K 7 million to the Shan State (East) WVO and the first session of the conference adjourned.

At the second session of the conference, Lt-Col Tin Soe of Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Shan State (East) WVO made an opening speech.

Members of Shan State (East) WVO discussed a wide range of topics on the conference.

Later, the conference adopted five future work programmes, passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put five matters on record. — MNA

**POEM:**

### If ASEAN and Myanmar are in solidarity

- \* ASEAN and Myanmar, patterns and events  
Features and appearance, are alike.
- \* From time of Independence, if years  
Are counted, 'tis over forty years  
Only after those periods, are passed  
Outlook and mind, are rendered clear  
And close ancestors, fall into embrace  
And think ahead, for future progress  
In discussions, that's Myanmar.
- \* At time of founding there was no stability  
Because of prevailing conditions in region  
And events, the initial  
Founding time, saw only  
Five nations, and then  
As time passed, over thirty years  
Then only, ten nations  
Happily, became members  
2020, the passage to it  
When it is reached, entire region  
Will in happiness, hearts at peace  
Come to the destination, as envisaged  
That's ASEAN.
- \* ASEAN and Myanmar, as hoped for  
On the way, making good pace  
Without outside interference  
If able to, steadily proceed  
Myanmar and ASEAN, in reciprocal help  
The winning post ahead, with mutual hope  
We'll be able to reach.

Meru (Trs)

## Information Minister receives ambassadors

YANGON, 6 June—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Ju-Heum and Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Joseph Davis at his office on Theinbyu Road here at 1.30 pm and 2.15 pm respectively.

Also present on the occasions were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and the head of office of the ministry. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Australian Ambassador Mr Robert Joseph Davis. — MNA



The first meeting of the Joint-Committee for Economic, Trade and Technical Cooperation between Myanmar and China in progress. — MNA

## Deputy Energy Minister inspects filling stations in Kengtung

YANGON, 6 June—Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay arrived at the storage and distribution sub-division (B) of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise, Kengtung Township, on 4 June afternoon and inspected security measures being taken at the sub-division, fuel storage, maintenance of oil tankers and fire preventive measures. He also met with service personnel and urged them to tighten the security at the filling stations and tanks, follow the security instructions. The deputy minister next fulfilled the requirements.

The deputy minister then proceeded to filling station No-0747 and gave necessary instructions.

On 5 June morning, member of Central Organization Committee for


Myanmar War Veterans Organization Brig-Gen Than Htay attended Preliminary Conference of Shan State(East) WVO 2005 held at the city hall of Kengtung. The deputy minister together with Secretary of Central Organization Committee for

MWVO Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe met with members of Shan State(East) WVO and urged them to participate in programme to develop defence, economy, and social affairs of the State. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay inspects filling station No 0747. — ENERGY

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Spanish arms exports amount to \$1.627b

MADRID, 5 June—Spain's arms exports reached 1.252 billion euros (1.627 billion US dollars) between the period from 2000 to the first half of 2004, Press reports here said on Friday, quoting a government document for Congress.

The main destinations for Spanish-made weapons and military equipment are Britain, Italy and Germany.

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The exports include airplanes, transport and surveillance vessels and armaments and riot-control equipment.

Since 2000 Britain has been the main buyer of Spanish weapons with imports amounting to 334 million euros (434.2 million dollars).—MNA/Xinhua

Forest fires spreading in Canada's Quebec Province

OTTAWA, 5 June—More than 70 forest fires covering a large area are spreading in Canada's Quebec Province, local Press reported Saturday.

A major forest fires continued to burn dangerously close to Chibougamau in north-central Quebec, and the provincial authorities have ordered about 150 homes to evacuate in the area around the town. Many of the displaced residents are staying at the local high school.

The blaze is about half a kilometre from the town of nearly 9,000 people and is one of 72 forest fires burning in the province.

The fires cover more than 100,000 hectares. About a third of them are burning out of control.

Dozens of fires are raging from James Bay to Manicouagan and even farther east. About 40,000 people live in the region.

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Mozambique, S Africa agree on 24-hour border opening

MAPUTO, 5 June — Mozambique has come to an agreement with South Africa that the main border post between them, at Ressano Garcia, should remain open for 24 hours a day, Mozambican media reported on Saturday.

The two sides agreed to set up a joint team that will make the preparations for putting this decision into effect.

The same group would also work on publicizing the April agreement to waive visa requirements for visits of up to 30 days.

Information posters on the visa waiver agreement would be produced, and put at strategic points on either side of the border, in several languages.

The two sides also agreed that the immigration authorities of the two countries should meet more regularly.

In the near future, the two sides will meet again to discuss the construction of a new border post at Ponta do Ouro, the southernmost Mozambican tourist resort, on the border with the South African province of Kwazulu-Natal.

The two sides would also discuss the inauguration of the Giryonde frontier post, inside the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park, which should take place in the second half of this year. —MNA/Xinhua

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Albanian police destroy Indian hemp plants in south area

TIRANA, 5 June — Albanian police destroyed on Friday about 9,000 Indian hemp plants planted in Romes Village, located 40 kilometres away from Vlora Town in southern Albania.

According to police sources, in the last three days, Vlora police have found and destroyed more than 14,000 hemp plants in Romes Village.

In recent years, Albania has been one of the hottest places in Balkan for drug's traffic, planting and producing.

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Zimbabwe to rebuild accommodation for informal traders

HARARE, 5 June — The Zimbabwean Government has set aside more than 300 billion Zimbabwean dollars (about 33.3 million US dollars) for the construction of proper market stalls and factory shells to accommodate informal traders whose structures were destroyed during the nationwide clean-up campaign.

The Minister of Local Government, Public Works and Urban Development, Ignatius Chombo, made the announcement in Bulawayo on Friday after briefing stakeholders on the clean-up campaign and touring some of the affected areas, local newspaper the Herald reported on Saturday.

He said the clean-up campaign had been embraced by Zimbabweans with some of the affected people having already started moving out of these structures on their own vo-

lition. Chombo stressed that the clean-up campaign was not meant to destroy the informal sector but was an exercise to deal with a parallel sector that had become a threat to economic revival.

Chombo said from Monday, the government through the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises Development will start constructing proper market stalls and factory shells in Bulawayo to accommodate those who were affected by the operation.

He said the government will assist people build their own houses after they had been allocated stands and some of the building regulations would be relaxed to address the accommodation crisis that had led to the setting up of shacks by the affected landlords who were charging exorbitant prices.

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**Almost 3,600-year-old Pharaoh statue discovered in southern Egypt**

CAIRO, 5 June — A nearly 3,600-year-old statue of Pharaoh Neferhotep I has been discovered in Karnak Temple complex in Luxor, 720 kilometres south of Cairo, the top Egyptian archaeologist said on Saturday.

Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) Zahi Hawas told reporters that a Franco-Egyptian excavation team had succeeded in unearthing the artefact.

The limestone statue was unearthed in a niche below the foundation pit of an obelisk, and the second half of the double statue remained buried in sand, he said.

Hawas decided to form a team of experts to decide whether to dig out the limestone statue or leave it where it was for fear its removal could affect the obelisk.

Neferhotep I, the 22nd king of the 13th Dynasty, ruled Egypt from 1696 to 1686 BC. He was the son of a temple priest in Abydos.

His father's position helped him gain the power

because he did not have any royal blood in his family.

"This is very important because we actually have very little to know about the 13th Dynasty," Hawas said, adding "the statue shows a very high quality of craft and art."

Another statue of Neferhotep I was found in Karnak in 1904 and is currently in Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

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Mexico's Volcano of Fire, also known as the Colima volcano, is seen in a time exposure photograph during an explosion as lava and hot rocks flow down its sides and lightning flashes over its crater late 1 June, 2005.—INTERNET

**UNICEF, Macedonia sign cooperation action plan**

TIRANA, 5 June — Macedonian Foreign Minister Ilinka Mitreva and UNICEF Representative to Macedonia Gao Hongwei signed Friday an action plan of cooperation for 2005-2009 in Skopje, Macedonian capital, the Macedonian Information Agency reported.

The document encompassed the joint co-operation between Macedonia and UNICEF and represented a mutual commitment for improving of children's rights in the country, Gao said, adding that it was the first time that the UNICEF and Macedonia prepared

a joint five-year long-term development programme.

The plan was a part from the process of implementation of the Convention for Protection of Children's Rights, which Macedonia ratified in 1993, Mitreva said.

MNA/Xinhua

**Georgia President says ties with Russia enter new stage**

TBILISI (Georgia), 5 June — The agreement on the withdrawal of Russian military bases from Georgia has ushered in a new stage of bilateral relations, Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili said on Friday.

The deal is of significance and presents a historic opportunity for a turn of Georgian-Russian ties, Saakashvili said while hosting a dinner for participants of a meeting of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

It enables the two countries to spare efforts for the settlement of other issues, Saakashvili stressed, adding that Georgia will not be a troublemaker for Russia, and is ready to resume cultural exchanges with the neighbour.

Russia has four military bases in Georgia, a former Soviet republic, after the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

Two bases were later removed, but the two countries have been in tense negotiations over the timetable

for the pullout of the remaining two.

They agreed on Monday that Russia would complete the closure of the last two bases in 2008, resolving one of the most serious disputes between the two sides. But they still have differences over Abkhazia and South Ossetia, Georgia's two breakaway regions bordering Russia.

In addition, Saakashvili dismissed previous reports that Georgia plans to withdraw from the CIS, and said Tbilisi will neither impose its own political mode on other countries nor intend to export "revolution" to other CIS members. Georgian opposition staged a "Rose Revolution" in November 2003, installing Saakashvili in power.

MNA/Xinhua

**Australia's vehicle sales on record**

CANBERRA, 5 June — Australia's auto market in May posted its fifth consecutive monthly record of the year with the sale of 83,730 vehicles, or an increase of 7 per cent year on year. Figures released Friday by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FAI) show the total sales of cars, sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and trucks went up 5.5 per cent over last year.

"At the current rate of growth, the motor vehicle market is well on track to reach the Chamber's forecast of 980,000 sold by the end of the year," said FAI Chief Executive Peter Sturrock, in a Press release.

The boom in small car sales was the main driver of market growth in May with the number of small passenger cars sold rose 24.3 per cent year-on-year. — MNA/Xinhua



A monkey bites a frozen sucker to have a cool down in the Tianjin Zoo, north China, on 4 June, 2005.—INTERNET

**Survey shows Greeks feel financial conditions worse**

ATHENS, 5 June — Most Greeks feel that their financial conditions were worse than last year, according to a survey released on Saturday.

The survey conducted by the Metron Analysis Company for the daily newspaper *Ethnos* showed that 55.9 per cent of respondents felt that their personal financial conditions were worse than last year, while 15.8 per cent said they were better.

According to the survey, the main frictions between the public opinion and the government were employment, the primary

shareholder issue and economic policy.

A total of 63.7 per cent believed that the government was not acting on the employment issue seriously and only 24.6 per cent thought it was.

In addition, 47.5 per cent believed that the government's handling of the primary shareholder issue harmed the country, while 18.2 per cent deemed it beneficial.

MNA/Xinhua

**Natural gas pipeline to link West Asia, Europe**

SOFIA, 5 June — Energy company leaders from five Asian and European countries have decided to jointly set up a firm to lay a pipeline for transporting natural gas from West Asia to Europe, Bulgaria's newspaper the *Monitor* reported Friday.

Oil and natural gas company leaders from Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Austria have recently held a meeting in Bulgaria's seaside city of Varna, where they agreed to establish a firm in September for the construction of the pipeline,

the report said.

The 3,300-kilometre-long pipeline, which runs through Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and finally to Austria, is designed to transport natural gas from the Caspian Sea and Iran to Europe.— MNA/Xinhua

**NZ signs four-nation free trade deal**

WELLINGTON, 5 June — New Zealand has signed negotiations for a free trade agreement with Chile, Singapore and Brunei, trade authorities said Friday.

The Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement, the first one for New Zealand to involve a Latin American country, is to come into force in January next year. Negotiations were finalized at a meeting in South Korea, where ministers from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum members are gathering.— MNA/Xinhua

# S P O R T S

## Zimbabwe beats Gabon 1-0 in World Cup qualifier

**HARARE, 6 June**— Zimbabwe brightened its chances of qualifying for the African Cup of Nations and the World Cup with a 1-0 victory over Gabon a qualifying encounter on Sunday.

But the home side fought hard for its victory, which came via a penalty in the second half after a Zimbabwean player was fouled in the box.

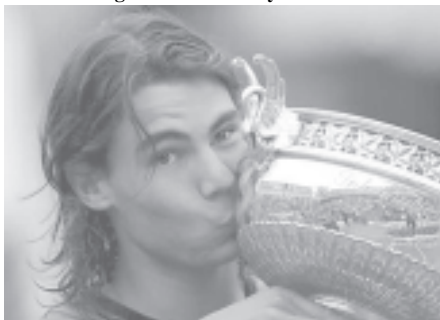
Captain Peter Ndlovu converted to give the hosts maximum points in Group Four, with 11 points behind Nigeria and Angola which had 13 and 11 points

respectively before Sunday's match.

The Gabonese pressured in both halves for a goal, but were kept at bay by tight marking Zimbabwean defenders. Both Angola and Nigeria were playing on Sunday, but Zimbabwe could only hope to displace Angola from second position if it lost in its match. —MNA/Xinhua

## Nadal at centre of tennis stage with French Open feat

**PARIS, 6 June**— Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal leapt onto the centre of the world tennis stage when the fourth seed pulled off a dream French Open final victory 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5 over unseeded Mariano Puerta of Argentina on Sunday.



Spain's Rafael Nadal kisses the winner's cup on the podium after winning his men's final match against Argentina's Mariano Puerta in the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris on 5 June, 2005. Nadal won 6-7 6-3 6-1 7-5.—INTERNET

"It's one of the best moments in my career. I am very happy. I can't say my feelings because that's unbelievable for me. It's a dream for me to win here," said Nadal, who turned 19 on Friday when he sent world number one Roger Federer packing home in the semi-final.

"For me it means that I am now at the same level as other great players having won the French Open, the ones I watched on television. To be on the same list as they are is a dream," he said, who became the first man to win here in his debut since Mats Wilander in 1982.

On clinching the match point, Nadal slid on his

back, threw his headband into the audience and pumped his fists. He then shook the hand of Spain's King Juan Carlos, who was seated behind the baseline and went up into the Friend's Box to embrace his parents, his sister and his coach/uncle Toni.

Just before the trophy ceremony, the young Mallorcan wept tears of joy into his towel.

"These are important moments. I didn't think I was going to cry but my whole family was very emotional. For the first time I cried after winning a match," he said, adding that Toni was the first person he thought of after the match. "I thought of a lot of people but especially my uncle and coach because without him, I can never play here," he said.

Threatened by a forecasted rain, the final was kicked off at Court Phillippe Chatrier under overcast sky.

In the highly competitive and entertaining match between two talented left-handers, Nadal put up a defensive wall against the streaky Argentine, pulling off amazing shots on the run when it looked like he was totally out of points.

The 19-year-old Spaniard and the 26-year-old Argentine wowed the sold-out crowd on Court Phillippe Chatrier, going end to end chasing down each other heavily top-spinned blows. But in the end, it was Nadal's ability to exhaust Puerta that keyed his victory, as he mixed in deft drop shots, slapping backhands and heavy forehand to every part of the court.

Puerta had won two heroic matches against Guillermo Canas and Nicolay Davydenko coming into the final, but could not muster up enough magic in the fourth set.

The Argentine held three sets points serving at 5-4 in the fourth set, but the Spaniard would not quit, running wide and punching a backhand passing shot; taking a rapid exchange at the net where Puerta dove for a forehand volley and was unable to lift it over the tape; and then watching the Argentine dump a forehand into the net.

"I wonder how he was able to get that ball," Puerta said. "He has very strong legs. He moves so well. He runs so fast. He surprised me a lot."

After holding to 6-5, a pumped up Nadal seized the moment, ripping a backhand down the line, rifling a forehand winner that Puerta could only stare at and then winning the match when the Argentine erred on a forehand.

"The way I played today, if it had been another player, I could have won," Puerta said. "But I played the best player in the world, and he played at a maximum level. I am surprised that he's able to play so well so young. He's able to face very difficult situations. He reacts in a very natural way. Today he never doubted his game. Agassi started the 1999 final being very nervous. Gaston Gaudio last year started very poorly the first two sets. He was very nervous. Well, today Rafael was very calm from the start. It's admirable."

Nadal, who is the first left-handed champion since Thomas Muster in 1995, is the tournament's fourth-youngest champion.—MNA/Xinhua

## Bryant wins PGA Memorial tournament

**WASHINGTON, 6 June**— Bart Bryant of the United States outplayed a stellar field and made a sizzling par save at the final hole to capture the 5.25 million US dollars PGA Memorial by one stroke over Fred Couples at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio, on Sunday.

Bryant, 42, finished at 16-under-par 272, while favourite Couples shot 69 for second place on 15-under 273.

"It's a real honour to win here," said Bryant, who sank a 15-footer on 18 for a four-under-par 68 in steamy heat at Muirfield Village.

Bryant got up-and-down on the 18th from 173

yards after driving into a hazard to clinch his second victory on the PGA Tour.

Former Masters champion Couples had to birdie the last to force a playoff, but missed the green with his second shot and had to settle for par.

Tiger Woods shot 68 to tie for third with Jeff Sluman and Bo Van Pelt, four shots off the pace.

Woods made eight birdies, enough to give him a chance to win the Memorial for the fourth time. But

he made too many mistakes, starting with a double bogey on the par-3 eighth when his delicate flop did not reach the green and he rimmed out a 4-foot putt.

Bryant, who started the final round in a four-way tie for the lead, enjoyed his first tour victory at last year's Texas Open, on the same day that Europe won the Ryder Cup, but Sunday's win was in a different league against a stellar field. —MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil beats USA team in Lang Ping's first match as coach

**WASHINGTON, 6 June**— Brazil spoiled the debut of Jenny Lang Ping as head coach of the USA Women's National Volleyball Team as it posted a 3-1 victory in the second match of their tour in Fort Collins, Colorado, Saturday night.

Thaisa Menezes scored a team-high 21 points and Adenizia Silva added 14 points in the 25-23, 25-21, 21-25, 25-23 victory as Brazil rebounded from a 3-0 loss in the opener Thursday night in Denver. Brazil faced a different American team on Thursday at Metro State College. That team, led by Olympians Danielle Scott, Tayyiba Haneef and Robyn Ah Mow-Santos and coached by Paula Weishoff, departed Saturday for the Montreux Volley Masters tournament in Switzerland.

Lang Ping, hired by USA Volleyball on February 7 this year, will be taking the young team that played Saturday to the Dominican Republic to compete in the Pan American Cup beginning June 10.

"The only person who was able to put the ball away tonight consistently was Nancy (Metcalf), but she is our most experienced player," said Lang Ping. "Most of the players on this team are young. I want to see how they can perform at a higher level. We have been training very hard. But our young players don't have enough ball control and game experience yet."

"You can see it, it's pretty obvious compared to Brazil," Lang added. "And Brazil is a very young team too. That's our situation. We have to be patient and we have to deal with it. We just have train and play and train and play until they get better."

MNA/Xinhua



Paraguay's Nelson Cuevas (R) is challenged by Brazil's Emerson in the second half of their World Cup qualifying match in the southern Brazilian city of Porto Alegre on 5 June, 2005. Brazil won the match 4-1.—INTERNET

## Egypt crushes Sudan at World Cup qualifier

**CAIRO, 6 June**— The Egyptian men's national football team, dubbed as "Egyptian Pharaohs", eased to a convincing 6-1 win over Sudan on Sunday, narrowing gap with group leader Ivory Coast.

Sunday's home victory, which came after a similar win over Libya in March, helped Egypt stay among the top competitors for a berth at the 2006 Germany World Cup finals in the Group C of the African zone qualification.

Abdel Ali scored for the home side just eight minutes after the match kicked off. Teammate Amr Zaki made it two at the 28th minute before Ali scored his double on 31 minutes to help Egypt take a 3-0 lead at the end of the first half.

The Egyptian team, which has come under immense pressure after a staggering start at the qualifiers, kept pressure against the Sudanese in the second half. The Sudanese struggled, but failed to make a comeback.

Egypt continued their goal-scoring spree as Zaki scored again at the 50th minute. Thirteen minutes later, Tarek El Saeed once again sent the home fans into jubilation with a good shot. Ahmed Eid completed the scoring for the home side at the 71st minute.

Haytham Tambal scored the only goal for the Sudanese at the 81st minute. —MNA/Xinhua





U Aung Naing Tun of Kangyi village speaks words of thanks at the opening of the bridge.—MNA

## Above-ground and external destructionists...

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In Shan State (South), Loilem-Panketu-Hsipaw Road, Meihan-Mongyai-Kehsi Road, Laikha-Mongnaung-Monghsu-Mongkaung-Tangyang Road and Shwenyaung-Yaksaw-Indaw-Kyaukgu-Nawngkhio Road have been upgraded and five large bridges including 900-foot-long Thanlwin River crossing bridge have been constructed in the region, he said.

On behalf of the local people, he also thanked the officials concerned who constructed the bridge.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge.

After having the documentary photos taken together with local people, the Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge.

Next, the prime minister and party strolled along the bridge.

Dokhtawady Bridge is located at mile post No 115/4 on Shwenyaung-Nawngkhio Road.

The bridge is 465 ft long and 24 ft wide flanked by 3-foot-wide pedestrian lanes. It's clearance is 80 ft wide and 18 ft high. It can withstand 60 tons of load. Construction of the bridge started on 22 February last year and completed on 15 May 2005.

MNA

## APEC trade ministers agree on tariff reduction formula

JEJU ISLAND (South Korea), 6 June—Trade ministers from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies agreed here Friday on a formula for the calculations of future tariffs.

At the end of the 11th Meeting of APEC Ministers' Responsible for Trade, trade ministers and their representatives from the organization's 21 members reached consensus that "Swiss Formula" should be used to calculate tariff reductions in non-agricultural products", according to a news release of the meeting. The "Swiss Formula" was first proposed by Switzerland in the 1973-1979 Tokyo Round negotiations. The "Swiss Formula", compared to the "Girard Formula", allows for actual cuts to tariffs and has traditionally been opposed by developing countries.

However, technical details, such as the coefficient in the formula used to calculate future tariff cuts still need to be worked out later, the release said.

The consensus is seen as a breakthrough in the negotiations of the DDA (Doha Development Agenda), since the APEC ministers represent economies accounting for 46 per cent of the world trade, 57 per cent of the global GDP and 45 per cent of the global population.

The release also said

that in future DDA negotiations, the APEC economies will present their "unified position" on the tariff reduction, which is expected to induce all members of the WTO to achieve consensus.

"The fact that countries account for nearly half of world trade concurred on a plan to lower the tariffs of manufactured goods sends a clear political message that could give momentum to DDA talks," said Kim Jong-hoon, South Korean APEC ambassador in a Press conference jointly held with the 21 APEC trade ministers and their representatives on Friday.

The release also said participants of the meetings realized the current priorities of the DDA negotiations are to make progress both in agriculture and non-agriculture issues.

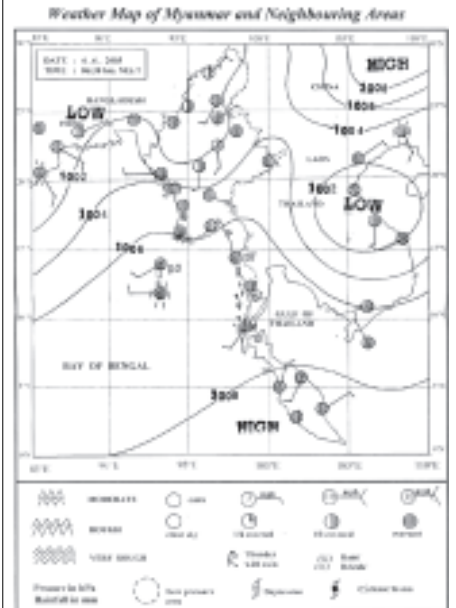
The meeting ended its two-day official sessions Friday after adopting a ministerial statement on Doha Development Agenda negotiations and a

chair statement.

Participants to the meeting included Bo Xilai, Chinese Minister of Com-

merce, and Panitchpakdi Supachai, Director-General of the WTO.

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### WEATHER

Monday, 6 June, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway Division with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (3.94) inches, Mawlamyine (3.03) inches, Co Co Island (1.97) inches, Hmawbi (1.22) inches, Hpa-an (1.14) inches and Shwegyin (1.02) inches. Maximum temperature on 5-6-2005 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 6-6-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-6-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 5-6-2005 was (1) hour (approx). Rainfalls on 6-6-2005 were (0.04 inch) at Yangon Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and (0.16 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (10.55 inches) at Yangon Airport, (10.59 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (7.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from South-west at (17:00) hours MST on 5-6-2005.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally strong in Andaman Sea, Central and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 7-6-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions in the lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-6-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-6-2005:** Partly cloudy.



### Tuesday, 7 June Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Miss you finally
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: Why
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -Book of love
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -Wedgy
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music
- Smooth operator
- Lady writer
- So much in love
- Remember me
- 9.00 pm English Speaking Course Level: III, Unit (2)
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
- Reality
- I've never been to me
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



### Tuesday, 7 June View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet songs
- 7:50 am 5. ကဗျာပန်းချီပညာ
- 8:00 am 6. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am 8. ရမ်းပြည့်စုံဖန်တီးရေးအဖွဲ့

- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 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. အစားအသောက်ကုသရေးရုံးရည်ညွှန်းကြားသင်စနစ်စာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရတနာအထူးပြု) (ရတနာ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Dance of national races
- 5:30 pm 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:40 pm 8. မဲစားပွဲအထူးစာတိုဝင်

- 5:55 pm 9. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:15 pm 10. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အပူကောင်စုရန်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀၀)
- 6:30 pm 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 13. Musical programme
- 7:20 pm 14. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုးမြှင့်တင်ရေး
- 7:35 pm 15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောစာအုပ်ဆောင်းစာရင်းစာရင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 20. The next day's programme

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Greening of Yangon and 30-mile radius under way to become Garden City of SEA**



*Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the ceremony to mark World Environment Day.—MNA*

YANGON, 6 June—A ceremony to mark the World Environment Day for 2005 sponsored by the Myanmar National Commission for Environmental Affairs was held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this morning with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, the Vice-Mayor, heads of department, ambassadors of foreign embassies in Yangon, officials of UN agencies, the President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and member correspondents, social organizations, prize winners and guests.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said: most of the nations across the world are holding special events to pay tribute to the environment and Myanmar is of no exception. We have celebrated this day in a fitting manner annually since 1993.

In this present day era, many disturbing prob-

lems have emerged that had called our attention again and again to the fragility of the world environment such as desertification, deforestation, pollution of the atmosphere and water, acid rain and many others. Underlying all of this is the frightening realization that we may be altering and damaging our environment in ways that are irreversible. Man is confronted with this undeniable fact that the natural world or the Planet Earth, which is his only home at present, has been

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*Such beautiful, pleasant and impressive beaches, mountains, mountain ranges, rivers, creeks and lakes, religious edifices, cultures, customs and traditions, and natural resources in abundance are indeed colourful fragrant flowers blooming in Myanmar.*

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**Destructionists spreading rumours to frighten public and manipulate prices for self-interest  
Authorities rushed to rumoured sites in time, found that fabrications were groundless  
Public security constantly supervised, authentic news issued  
Public urged to participate in warding off destructive elements**

YANGON, 6 June—The destructive elements, who want to undermine stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, resorting to various ways and means, have been spreading fabricated news with the intention of jeopardizing peace and stability of the State.

At present, the destructive elements invented rumours to the effect that “bomb explosion or bombs will explode” at busy spots, supermarkets, markets and schools in downtown Yangon with every intention of jeopardizing stability, frightening the people, causing business in a state of disorder and manipulat-

ing prices for self-interest.

The authorities concerned rushed to rumoured sites in time and made investigation, and they found that those rumours were totally groundless. The authorities concerned have been constantly carrying out supervision and inspection on security and issuing authentic news. Hence, the people are advised not to believe the fabricated news.

Moreover, the government and departmental officials are making arrangements to ensure security for the entire national people. Likewise, organizations, companies and entrepreneurs are making arrangements

for ensuring security at their offices, departments, worksites, crowded supermarkets and cinemas under the supervision of the government. The destructive elements under the guise of ordinary people have been committing destructive acts, under individual clandestine plans. Hence, it is required for the entire people to participate in preventing the destructive acts. Therefore, the people are to come forward with information to officials concerned as soon as possible if they find any suspicious person, items and acts, and hear rumours circulating at their wards and regions or when they are moving about.—MNA