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## Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash and kind from wellwishers hailing MWVO Conference



Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses cash donation ceremony for MWVO Conference 2005.—MNA

YANGON, 12 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005, the ceremony to donate cash and kind was held at the hall of MWVO Headquarters on Pyay Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of MWVOCOC Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), COC member ministers, senior military officers, departmental officials and wellwishers.

First, Financial Sub-committee Chairman Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone submitted matters related to expenditure for the conference.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented certificate of honour to Managing Director U Than Tun Oo of Thein Than Artificial Limb and Brace

Industry who donated 72 artificial limbs worth K 1.26 million for MWVO's disabled members.

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted K 2 million donated by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry; K 1 million by Shwe Wah Myay Co; K 1.5 million by Myanmar Fisheries Federation; K 1 million each by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and Shwe Gabar Co; and K 300,000 by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. Certificates of honour were presented to the donors.

Vice-Chairman Lt-Gen Kyi Min (Retd) accepted K 300,000 donated by Gandawin Nandaw Construction Co; K 1.1 million by Shwe Inwa Passenger Transport Service of MWVO; and K 1 million each by Air Bagan Co Ltd; Green Light Co Ltd; Htoo Co; Dagon Timber Co; and Momentum Co, and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

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## Information Committee holds Press conference 5/2005

YANGON, 12 June —The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council clarified how Sai Yee who has returned to the legal fold since 1995 and followers of SSNA (Shan State National Army) joined SSA (Shan State Army) of terrorist drug trafficker Ywet Sit who has been at-

tempting to disintegrate the Union constantly committing acts of narcotic drug trafficking and terrorism at the press conference 5/2005 held at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street this morning.

Present were Chairman of the Information Commit-

tee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein,

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarifies points at Press Conference 5/2005.—MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### For emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation

The State Peace and Development Council has been making efforts in all seriousness for the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the international community and for the former to exist as long as the world does.

In this regard, special priority is being given to equitable and harmonious development in various parts of the nation and further strengthening national consolidation.

In an effort to ensure development of border regions, which lagged behind in development in successive eras, the national race leaders and local people are striving in unison by making better use of assistance provided by the government.

In taking steps for border area development, the government with firm and noble objectives formed committees at different levels. As a result, remarkable progress has been made, thereby bringing about mutual trust and understanding among national races and ensuring peace and stability in border areas.

The government has spent K 68,637.66 million plus over US\$ 550 million on the project for development of border areas and national races.

Hence, there emerged a number of development infrastructures in border areas. Now, all the border regions are making progress with added momentum.

At present, plots and schemes of destructive elements to jeopardize stability of the State and disintegrate the Union exist under alien instigation.

However much destructive acts and machinations there have been, the government hand in hand with the people is taking systematic measures for perpetuation of sovereignty.

The entire people with the national awareness are to foil the attempts of the saboteurs, while engaging in nation-building endeavours.

The national solidarity is instrumental for national development. With this concept, the government has been able to make peace with national race armed groups, and peace and development have been brought about in border areas owing to concerted efforts of the government and the national race leaders.

This being the case, the entire national people are to strive together for strengthening national unity and development of the Union and warding off destructive elements for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

### Chinese men's volleyball team arrives

YANGON, 12 June — The 18-member Sichun volleyball team of the People's Republic of China led by Mr Chen Bensheng arrived here this afternoon to play in the Myanmar-China friendly volleyball matches.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports, Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and Myanmar Volleyball Federation.

The friendly matches will be held at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) at 3 pm on 14, 16 and 18 June. The enthusiasts can enjoy the matches free of charge.

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## 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

### Rail Transportation Deputy Minister back from Japan

YANGON, 12 June — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin arrived back here by air yesterday evening after attending the Third ASEAN+Japan Transport Policy Workshop held in Japan.

The deputy minister was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, managing directors and officials of the enterprises under the Ministry.

Director-General U Soe Win of Marine Administration Department also arrived back.—MNA

*Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin being welcomed back at the airport.*

RAILWAYS



### Departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles checked on dry day



*A departmental vehicle being checked by a dry day inspection team.—MNA*

YANGON, 12 June — Dry Day Inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver licence, wheel tax bill and wearing of uniforms of drivers and departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles in line with the traffic rules at main points of Yangon City from 7 am to 5 pm today.

### NPE Director (News) leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 12 June — Director (News) U Win Tin of News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information left here by air this morning to attend the Disaster Reduction Workshop to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 13 to 16 June.

The Director (News) was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of NPE and his family.

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*NPE Director (News) U Win Tin seen at the airport before departure for Bangkok to attend Disaster Reduction Workshop.—MNA*

Member of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee leader of the supervisory group Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and deputy leader Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, together with senior military officers and departmental heads, supervised functions and duties of the dry day inspection teams.

Similarly, Leader of the supervisory group Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Leader Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe together with members Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, senior military officers and departmental heads performed supervision tasks.

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### Essay competitions to mark World Population Day held

YANGON, 12 June — Co-organized by the Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA, the essay competitions to mark the World Population Day 2005, were held at the designated places in the major towns of states and divisions from 9 am to 11 am today.

The competitions at university level took place at Yangon Institute of Education, college level at Yankin Education College and middle and high school levels at Ahlon Township Hall and Ahlon BEHS No 5.

Chairman of World Population Day 2005 Observance Committee Director-General of the Immigration and National Registration Department U Tin Yee and committee members viewed the competitions.

Altogether 650 students participated in the essay competitions to mark the World Population Day 2005.

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## ASEAN development needs China

**BANGKOK, 11 June — China's fast economic growth will benefit the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for its market potential, Thailand's Minister of Commerce said here on Friday.**

China has enjoyed the success of its economic reforms and become a major trade partner of ASEAN over the past years, minister Thanong Bidaya made the remarks at a panel of the 15th Asian Corporate Conference, which gathered world politicians and business leaders from Wednesday to Friday here.

Growing demands from China have boosted export sectors in many ASEAN countries and will further promote the region's development, he said.

Taking Thailand as example, the minister noted how local-produced rubber's price jumped more than twice in a short period of three years, due to increased orders from China.

"We do need market access to China, no doubt," he stressed.

Thanong also noticed that China is still a developing country with a low per capita GDP, indicating the great potential to be explored.

"It's a booming economy...If they fully explore the market potential, it will have big appetite for lots of commodities," he said.

ASEAN is now the fourth largest trade partner of China with bilateral trade volume standing at 70.72 billion US dollars in the first five months of this year, according to the statistics issued by the Chinese Customs.

Starting from 1 July, China and ASEAN members will start cut down duties over 7,000 products step by step and realize the free trade agreement in 2015.

ASEAN members include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore, Qatar to form new body to boost cooperation

**SINGAPORE, 11 June —** Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and visiting Qatari Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani agreed here on Friday to set up a Joint Ministerial Committee to boost bilateral cooperation between the two nations, according to Lee's Press Secretary.

Co-chaired by economic ministers of the two sides, the committee will discuss the details and oversee the implementation of bilateral cooperation in many areas for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

During their meeting, the two leaders also discussed trends in the global energy market and economic developments in East Asia.

The Qatari Amir, who is in Singapore for a three-day state visit starting from Thursday, addressed a Qatar-Singapore Business Forum organized by International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian girls practice self-defence during a camp in New Delhi on 10 June, 2005. — INTERNET

## Thai interest rate increase to help keep economic stability

**BANGKOK, 11 June — Bank of Thailand Deputy Governor Bandid Nijathaworn said the widely expected interest rate increase on Thursday was a preemptive measure to help maintain economic stability, reported Bangkok Post on Friday.**

Bank of Thailand on Thursday raised its key 14-day repurchase interest rate by a quarter percentage point to 2.5 per cent, aiming to reduce inflationary pressure.

The economy was still on track of growth, but people were concerned over the inflation and the current account, Bandid said Thursday.

The core inflation of the kingdom rose from 0.8 per cent in April to 1.2 per cent year-on-year in May, according to Bandid.

Meanwhile, the current account recorded a deficit of three billion US dollars, or 1.8 per cent of the gross domestic product, and the trade deficit accumulated to 4.79 billion dollars during the first four months of the year.

"Inflation is likely to rise further in line with oil prices, production costs and the tightening labour market," warned Bandid.

"The high current-account deficit in the first four months of the year has raised the possibility

for a deficit in the current account for the entire year," he added.

In the first quarter of this year, the Thai economy grew 3.3 per cent year-on-year and retracted by 0.16 of a percentage point on a quarterly basis.

Bandid, however, is still confident of the overall economic momentum of this year, saying that an improving investment trend in the private sector would keep the pace of economic growth.

MNA/Xinhua

## Dominican Republic to open embassy in India

**NEW DELHI, 11 June —** The Dominican Republic will soon open its embassy in New Delhi, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported on Friday.

"This is going to happen soon and I am extremely delighted to be in India for the first time because this is a historic visit for us," said Dominican IT Minister Eddy M Martinez in Thiruvananthapuram, capital of south India's Kerala Pradesh, during his three-day visit.

It is in great need for the Dominican Republic to have an embassy here since it needs to cooperate more with India, he said. Martinez arrived in Kerala with a joint team of government officials and business circles in a bid to lay the foundation for mutual cooperation between his country and India. "The key areas of cooperation that we are looking forward to here is in the fields of IT, education, healthcare and infotainment," Martinez said. —MNA/Xinhua



Zhang Baolin shows a Chinese Opera actress sculpture made by him in 1974 in China's capital Beijing on 10 June, 2005. —INTERNET

## 1,697 US soldiers killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 11 June —** As of Saturday, 11 June, 2005, at least 1,697 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,293 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is 12 higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Friday.

The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, 10; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,559 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,184 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. —Internet



Women collect vegetables from the field as monsoon clouds gather in Kolkata, India, on 10 June, 2005.—INTERNET

## China-Britain JV university established in E China city

**HANGZHOU, 11 June** — The University of Nottingham-Ningbo, the first Sino-foreign joint venture university to obtain legal qualification and an independent campus in China, will admit students in September, government sources of Ningbo, a city of east China's Zhejiang Province, said on Friday.

The joint venture school, co-run by the Zhejiang Wanli University and the University of Nottingham, was given a green light for operation in late May, said a spokesman for the Ningbo City government.

Chinese nuclear physicist Yang Fujia, chancellor of the University of Nottingham and an academician with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, will serve as chancellor of the new university, and Ian Gow, vice-

chancellor of the University of Nottingham, as vice-chancellor. Xu Yafen, board chairwoman of the Zhejiang Wanli Education Group and founder of Zhejiang Wanli University, will be the chairwoman of the council of the joint venture school.

Yang acknowledged that "education quality will be the lifeline of the new university and we must introduce international standards", to guarantee a high quality edu-

cation. The joint venture university will feature three colleges including a Commerce College, an International Languages College and an International Communication College, said Xu Yafen.

The University of Nottingham-Ningbo will also have some Chinese characteristics, such as compulsory subjects related to Chinese culture, in accordance with requirements of the Chinese Ministry of Education, Xu said. —MNA/Xinhua



## Indonesia, Brunei collaborate in air force exercise

**JAKARTA, 11 June** — The Indonesian and Brunei Air Forces are conducting a joint exercise at the Sjamsuddin Noor Air Base in Banjarmasin, capital of South Kalimantan Province.

The exercise participated by 104 personnel consisting of 64 from the Indonesian Air Force (TNI AU) and 40 from the Tentara Diraja Brunei Darussalam (TUDB), the state-owned Antara Friday quoted a Press release from the Indonesian Air Force as saying. It said that six airplanes are involved in the exercise, consisting of one CN-235, and one NAS-332 Super Puma from the TNI AU, and one CN-235, one S-70A Black Hawk, one BO-105 and one Bell-212 from the TUDB.

The joint exercise consists of command post exercise (CPX) and air manoeuvre exercise (AMX) in line with the agreement reached by both sides earlier, it said

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan extends development aid to Cambodia

**PHNOM PENH, 11 June** — Cambodia and Japan on Friday signed six notes for extending Japanese grant aid worth about 40 million US dollars to Cambodia.

Visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Machimura Nobutaka signed the agreements with his Cambodian counterpart Hor Namhong. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen presided over the signing ceremony. The grant aid projects include the construction of roads and bridges; improvement of irrigation and safe drinking water; and the development of human resources.

"All of these projects fall within the priority areas aimed at by the Rectangular Strategy of the Royal Gov-

ernment of Cambodia," said Machimura Nobutaka.

Machimura Nobutaka headed a delegation to pay one-day visit to Cambodia. During his visit, Machimura Nobutaka held talks with Hor Namhong on issues including Tokyo's bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. Machimura Nobutaka was also received in the Royal Palace by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni and he paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hun Sen. —MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam's coffee output to drop 2005-06 crop

**HANOI, 11 June** — Vietnam is expected to harvest 680,000 tons of coffee at the 2005-2006 crop, down 15 per cent over the previous crop, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Thursday.

The expected decrease is due to drought, which has affected 135,000 hectares of coffee, and destroyed 53,650 hectares of the tree in the central highland region, Vietnam's biggest coffee-growing area. —MNA/Xinhua

## Cambodia launches new campaign to stop soldiers boozing

**PHNOM PENH, 11 June** — A new campaign was launched by Cambodia's Ministry of Defence to encourage soldiers to drink less booze in an effort to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS, local media reported on Friday.

The Model Man Campaign, sponsored by the ministry and NGO Family Health International (FHI), has already started in Kompong Speu Province and is slated to begin in Kompong Cham Province on 13 June, *The Cambodia Daily* reported.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier examines munitions in Baghdad on 9 June, 2005.—INTERNET

## Vietnam sells more automobiles in five months

**HANOI, 11 June** — Automobile assemblers in Vietnam posted total sales of 12,851 units in first five months of this year, a year-on-year surge of 30 per cent, the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association (VAMA) told Xinhua on Friday.

The sales rise was mainly attributed to the frequent launch of new models and promotion campaigns. Besides, the automakers recorded big sales in January, a result of deliveries to consumers who paid deposits on cars in late 2004 in order to avoid the hike in the special consumption tax on passenger cars with fewer five seats, to 40 per cent from 24 per cent, in early 2005, the association said.

Vietnam imported

8,000 automobiles valued at 130 million US dollars in the first five months of this year, posting year-on-year respective increases of 6.4 per cent and 18.9 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

Meanwhile, it spent 265 million dollars importing automobile components for assembly.

Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment has so far this year licensed two automobile

projects: a 60-million-dollar project with annual capacity of 10,000 units of Honda Vietnam, and a 70-million-dollar project with annual capacity of 15,000 trucks and buses of a Malaysia-Vietnam joint venture.

Local experts said the demand for automobiles of Vietnam with the current population of 82 million people will remain high in the coming years, citing the country's high economic growth and low penetra-

tion of cars among local residents as major reasons.

Every 145 Vietnamese people have a car, compared with the rate of 4-5 in Malaysia, 9-10 in Thailand and 30-32 in the Philippines, the VAMA said.

Vietnam currently houses 13 automobile joint ventures with total registered capital of nearly 700 million dollars and combined annual capacity of 173,000 units. —MNA/Xinhua

## At least 23 dead in string of Iraq attacks

**BAGHDAD, 12 June**—Suicide bombers and gunmen have killed at least 23 people in a string of attacks in Iraq.

A suicide bomber dressed as a policeman blew himself up during a morning roll call at the Baghdad headquarters of a feared commando unit, killing at least three people, officials said. Eyewitnesses reported at least five died. Another suicide car bomber later blew himself up in front of the Slovakian Embassy in southeast Baghdad, injuring four people.

Two US Marines were killed yesterday in a roadside bomb attack near the volatile Anbar province town of Saqlawiyah, west of Fallujah, the military said.

In Baghdad, gunmen in a speeding car attacked another Interior Ministry commando convoy in western Baghdad's Mansour area, killing three commandos, police said.—Internet

## Nepal tries to maintain student-teacher ratio

**KATHMANDU, 11 June** — The Nepali education authority will reshuffle the quota of school teachers within a year to maintain student-teacher ratio in the country, an official said here on Friday.

“The Ministry of Education and Sports will reshuffle the quota as recommended by a ministry report,” Lava Prasad Tripathi, under-secretary and spokesman of the ministry, told reporters in a Press conference.

The student-teacher ratio in the primary level has become disproportionate due to the increasing trend in the enrollment, he noted, adding, “The quota of the teachers in areas where there are fewer students will be sifted to other places where the students enrollment is high.”

The problem persist

in about 30 districts out of the country’s 75 districts. For example, the number of students in Class One of some schools in Morang, Sunsari, Saptari and Siraha districts of eastern Nepal is 300 to 450. “It is impossible handle the class by a single teacher or to put them in a single room,” Tripathi said.

“We are adding about 1,500 rooms in those schools where the teacher-student ratio is more than 1:60,” said Tripathi.

According to the ministry, there are about 83,000 teachers in 24,000 primary schools across the country. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## British company to explore crude oil in north India

**NEW DELHI, 11 June** — British oil and gas explorer Cairn Energy Search Ltd (CESL) will explore oil in Bihar Pradesh of north India along the Ganges River, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported on Friday.

The Edinburgh-based company, together with Cairn Petroleum India Ltd (CPIL), its sister company in India, received the oil exploration license from the Bihar government two days ago, *IANS* quoted the local officials as saying.

“CESL and CPIL would start oil exploration work soon after the rainy season, most probably by October,” said B K Haldar, Bihar mines secretary.

The companies got license to explore oil in 13 districts in a total area of 15,500 square kilometres in the Gangetic basin or Purnea basin for the next seven years, the source said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*Abbas Azawi gets medical help in Baghdad’s Yarmouk hospital on 10 June, 2005. Azawi was hurt by a piece of shrapnel when a roadside bomb targeting a US military convoy detonated on the dangerous Baghdad airport highway. — INTERNET*

## Chinese satellite put into service against floods

**BEIJING, 11 June** — A Chinese satellite has recently been put into service to send top-quality photos which will help monitor the country’s approaching main flood season, said the country’s weather watchdog.

The *Fengyun-2 C*, a synchronous meteorological satellite designed, manufactured and launched by China itself, commenced its operation on June 1 and played a significant role in monitoring the cloud and ground situation in flood areas in south China, said Yangjun, director of the National Meteorological Satellite Centre under the China Meteorological Administration.

It is capable of sending back clear nephograms and high-quality data products which will help provide

effective meteorological service during main flood seasons, said on Thursday’s *People’s Daily*.

“*Fengyun-2 C* has monitored heavy rainstorms and ensuing waterlog in south China,” said Yang.

*Fengyun-2 C* is scheduled to start collecting and sending back information related to rainfall, wind and clouds incessantly after June 15 and will be focused on the monitoring of items including typhoons, precipitation, fire, drought, fog, snow and hail. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Gunmen kill police chief, deputy in northern Iraqi city

**BAGHDAD, 11 June** — Gunmen killed the police chief of the anti-corruption brigade and his deputy in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk late Wednesday, police said on Friday.

Colonel Rahman Othman Sa’id, chief of anti-corruption police brigade, and his deputy Colonel Ghanim Jayad Jabbar, were killed in a drive-by shooting when unidentified gunmen, in a BMW car, opened fire at the victims’ car in Kirkuk, the police said.

Sa’id was killed instantly while Jabbar died of his wounds in one of Kirkuk’s hospitals, they added.

Guerillas have stepped up attacks on Iraqi troops and police since the Shiite-dominated government was sworn in late April. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## US soldier dies of wounds in non-combat action in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 11 June** — A US soldier has died of wounds sustained in a non-combat action in northern Iraq, the US military said on Friday.

A soldier assigned to the Task Force Liberty was announced dead Thursday near Tuz Khurmatu, some 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, the military said in a statement.

It said an investigation is underway into the death of the soldier, whose name was withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*A worker checks a pressed car parts at Geely factory on 9 June, 2005 in Ningbo, China. Last May, Geely Group, China’s biggest private automaker, signed an agreement with a Malaysian company to export 30,000 Geely cars over the next three years to Malaysia, Southeast Asia’s biggest passenger car market. — INTERNET*

## Indonesia to become host of G-33 ministerial meeting

**JAKARTA, 11 June** — The Indonesian Government will host a ministerial meeting of the Group of 33 developing countries (G-33) here from 11 to 12 June to discuss issues related to agriculture negotiations under the World Trade Organization (WTO), a minister said here on Thursday.

“We shall be the organizer of the G-33 ministerial meeting to discuss agricultural issues including special products and special safeguard mechanisms,” Minister of Trade Mari E Pangestu said at the sidelines of a working meeting with the House of Representatives’ Commission VI on trade, industry, investment, cooperation, small and medium enterprises and state enterprises.

Mari said the meeting

will aim to give opportunities for the ministers of the 33 countries to meet and strengthen their coordination, positions and contributions to the negotiation process under the WTO.

The delegates will also discuss the strategies and targets of the group in the last stage of the Doha Round and share their experiences from the latest WTO negotiations, Mari said.

Ministry official,

trade cooperation director-general Herry Soetanto, said that 42 representatives from developing countries in Asia, Africa and South and Central America have been invited.

“The Indonesian Minister of Trade, as the coordinator of the G-33, will preside over the meeting, while the Indonesian delegation will be led by Minister of Agriculture (Anton Apriyantono),” he said.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Chinese goods exhibition held in Vietnam

**HANOI, 11 June** — An export goods exhibition was inaugurated here Thursday, featuring products from nearly 50 enterprises of China’s Sichuan Province.

Products to be displayed include locomotives, machines, chemicals, construction materials, electric cables, and automobile and motorbike accessories. The exhibition provides a good opportunity for the two countries’ firms to enhance business cooperation,

Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Trade Tran Duc Minh said at the exhibition’s opening ceremony.

A business forum and a seminar on trade and investment promotion between Sichuan and Vietnam are also to be held during the four-day event.

Two-way trade

between China and Vietnam this year is expected to exceed the 6.74 billion US dollars recorded in 2004, according to a Vietnamese trade official. In 2004, two-way trade between Sichuan and Vietnam reached 120 million US dollars, five times higher than that of 2001. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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 fabrications and instigations without shame in order to disintegrate the Union; disintegrate the national solidarity of Myanmar and perpetrate the loss of her sovereignty.

Thus I will clarify points why SSNA Sai Yee joined the SSA of Ywet Sit.

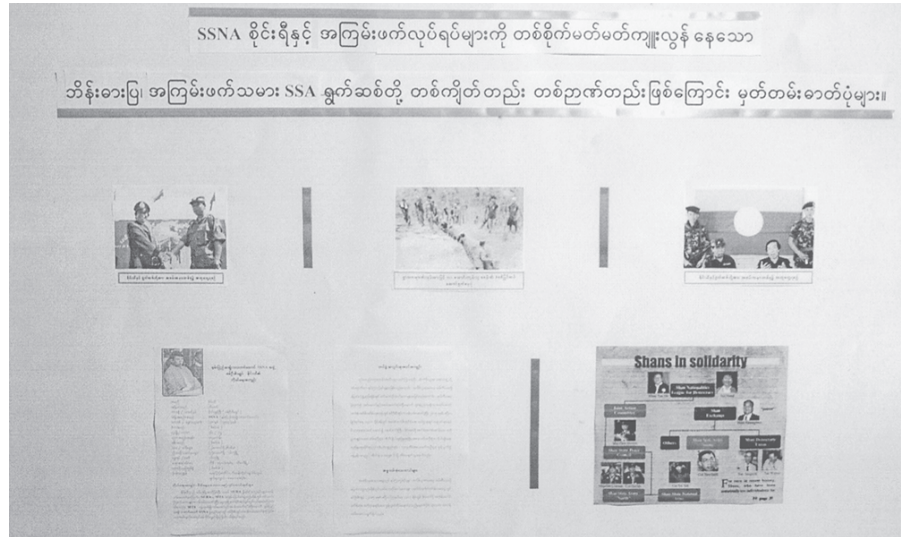
SSNA Sai Yee and followers joined SSA of opium trafficker and terrorist Ywet Sit. It was not prompted by any pressure put by the Government or Tatmadaw or regional authorities. Actually, what they had concealed got exposed and they could not dare to face the legal action. That's the reason they fled.

Their background shows that Ywet Sit and Sai Yee had been in MTA (Mong Tai Army) of U Khun Sa. Sai Yee broke away from U Khun Sa's group and involved in establishing SSNA. In 1996 U Khun Sa's MTA group surrendered unconditionally and Ywet Sit was among those who

tended to establish a nominal union and then to secede Shan State from the Union at an appropriate time. The Shans in Solidarity comprised SSJAC (Shan State Joint Action Committee), SSPC (Shan State Peace Council) and Shan State Intellectuals Advisory Council. Documentary evidences are put on display on the boards for you journalists to observe.

These evidences show that Sai Yee of SSNA and Ywet Sit of SSA are birds of a feather flocking together. SSNA of Sai Yee returned to the legal fold and officially existed as a peace group. On the other hand, it maintained contacts with opposing groups stealthily. So, the joining of hands of Sai Yee and Ywet Sit is not strange. They were of the same type since the beginning and now their masks have been removed and the truth is revealed.

Moreover, there is another story of Sai Yee behind the curtain. It was



Documentary photos on acts perpetrated in collusion by SSNA Sai Yee and SSA Ywet Sit displayed at the press conference No 5/2005 of the Information Committee on 12-6-2005. — MNA

had been purchased. Then Sai Yee paid for the ammunition and secretly made arrangements to carry the ammunition from the place they bought. Ywet Sit's younger brother Saw Peter himself paid K 5.7 million for ammunition to the go-between person.

Sai Yee did not participate in regional

trafficker Ywet Sit and smuggled ammunition. Thus some SSNA members were not satisfied with him and thus informed the Government.

When his misdeeds were known to the State, he attempted to flee. The Government noticed it and asked him not to worry, not to make another mistake but to live

back on the legal fold. However, neither the Government nor the Tatmadaw put pressure on or intimidated Sai Yee of SSNA or any other national race armed groups to give up arms.

Concerning the Shan State National Army (SSNA) troops, I will tell you that the SSNA returned to the legal fold in 1995. The

On the other hand, the two brigades have made unconditional exchange of arms for peace and the others have remained unchanged and are still joining hands with the government, because of the government's noble policy and practical deeds based on Union Spirit.

## SSNA Sai Yee and followers joined SSA of opium trafficker and terrorist Ywet Sit. It was not prompted by any pressure put by the Government or Tatmadaw or regional authorities

surrendered. However, Ywet Sit could not give up his habit of trafficking opium and he returned to the jungle taking up arms again under the name of SURA. Later, Sai Yee got involved in the Shans in Solidarity together with Ywet Sit of SSA. The Shans in Solidarity in-

that Ywet Sit contacted Sai Yee and asked him to buy ammunition for him. On the demand of Ywet Sit, Sai Yee asked help from a friend on 16 March 2005 to make enquiries for buying ammunition. The one who was the go-between replied to Sai Yee on 28 March 2005 that ammunition

development works like other national race armed groups which had returned to the legal fold. He misappropriated the funds for regional development allocated by the State and the incomes earned from businesses related with regional development. He secretly contacted with opium

within the framework of law as agreed with the Government when he returned to the legal fold. It was, in fact, the step taken by the Tatmadaw not to harm the national reconsolidation and in the interests of the nation and the people.

However, Sai Yee has been hand in glove with opium trafficker Ywet Sit since the beginning and when his traitorous acts were exposed, he could not live in the legal fold. He returned to the jungle, of course.

Thus it can be seen that Sai Yee tried to conceal his unfaithful, self-seeking and unscrupulous acts and he deceitfully shouted that he had no alternative but to join Ywet Sit as the Government put pressure on him to give up arms. Some foreign media also gleefully echoed Sai Yee's fabrications with the aim of misleading other national race armed groups to follow suit. This can be seen as an instigation made out of ill will.

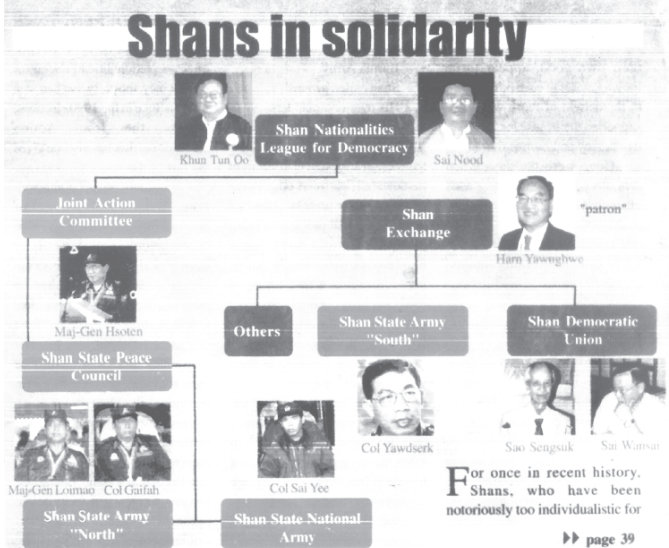
SSNA included the headquarters under the command of Sai Yee. And under the headquarters were brigades with about 100 members each: they were brigade-6 led by U Khe Ma, brigade-9 led by U Sai Tun, brigade-11 headed by U Kanna, brigade-16 headed by U Khe Min and brigade-19 headed by U Gon Khay.

Of the five brigades, the entire brigade-11 led by U Kanna unconditionally exchanged arms for peace with the government on 12 April 2005; and the entire brigade-19 led by U Gon Khay, on 20 May 2005. Moreover, brigade-6 led by U Khe Ma, brigade-9 led by U Sai Tun, and brigade-16 led by U Khe Min are stationed at their original bases according to the agreements they have reached with the government when they came back to the legal fold. Only a handful of SSNA members of the headquarters followed U Sai Yee who turned his

So, it is clear that the majority of the SSNA members are endowed with strong Union Spirit which is also the patriotism derived from non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. Now, I will deal with drug trafficker Ywet Sit of SSA terrorist group who is trying to break up the Union and Sai Yee of SSNA. The two are committing terrorist acts against the people and destructive acts under the three-pronged attack on the government.

Ywet Sit's SSA had been making forced recruitment in remote villages, demanding one recruit per household and seven recruits per village tract at the least in Shan State (South) and (East) in May this year. The SSA has been making forced recruitment all along its existence as no one among the locals want to become a drug bandit and a terrorist.

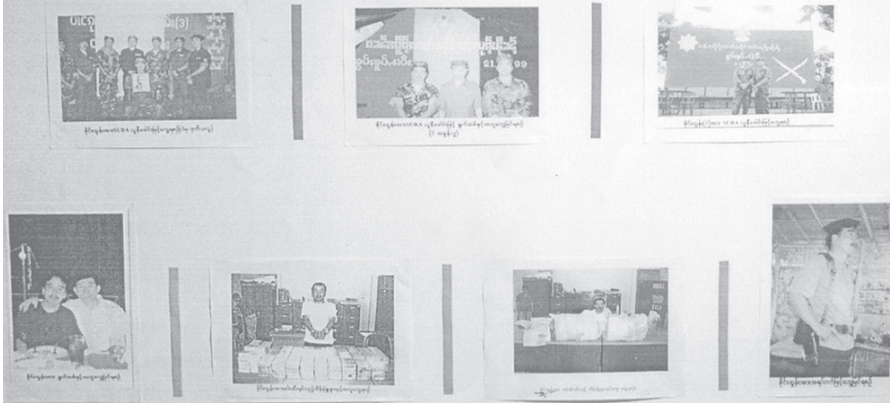
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A documentary photo on formation of Shans in Solidarity displayed at the press conference No 5/2005 of the Information Committee on 12-6-2005. — MNA

# The victims of inhuman terrorist acts of the SURA terrorist group, which has recently changed its name into SSA (South), said that they would not forget the crimes committed by the group

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Photos of Ywet Sit group producing and trafficking narcotic drugs displayed at the press conference 5/2005.—MNA

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Local national races have to provide men or money to the SSA. Because of the forced recruitment, many of the young men who do not want to join the SSA or cannot afford to pay the extortion money have to flee to major towns such as Loilem, Taunggyi and Mandalay, which are free from the danger of SSA. In the major towns, they have taken refuge as novices of Buddhist order or Buddhist monks, or do whatever job they find to earn their living. The misdeeds of SSA have got many family members separated. Ywet Sit group has been giving trouble to the locals to that extent.

In addition, the SSA has been demanding extortion money from locals and abducting them. Ywet Sit group kidnapped Daw Naw Sheilar near Maikshasay village in Maukmai Township on 3 April 2005, and released her only after her family had paid a ransom of K 1.7 million. Six days later, the SSA members abducted U Lon Muni of Wankan village, Laikha Township.

SSA members captured eight villagers of Wanlaw village in Kunhing Township on 23 May 2005, and 10 persons of Hsaikhaung village in the same township the following day,

and forcefully recruited them.

Only one person escaped when terrorists of Ywet Sit's SSA abducted six villagers of Namhu village in Mongnai Township, Langkho District, on 30 May 2005 for forced recruitment. What I have presented here is just the recent terrorist acts of the SSA. There could be more such terrorist incidents of which we are not aware. The victims of inhuman terrorist acts of the SURA terrorist group, which has recently changed its name into SSA (South), said that they would not for-

get the crimes committed by the group.

Now, I will present some of the terrorist acts of the Ywet Sit group. The authorities managed to find and defuse a time-bomb on flower pot berth at the entrance to Daewoo shopping centre in Aungmyay Thazan

Township, Mandalay, on 24 October 1996; one time-bomb in a drainage in the same township on 3 November; and four time-bombs in a flower bed south of Chanmyay Shwepyithar Hotel in Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay, on 29 August 1997. The culprits of the

plots to blow up people and public property were the drug bandits of Ywet Sit group.

On 18 January 1997, about 20 members of Ywet Sit's terrorist group entered Meethwegon village in Namsang Township, southern Shan State, burnt down five houses and shot indiscriminately at the villagers. Thirteen innocent adults and children were killed and eight were wounded in the shooting spree.

Similarly, about 20 members of the terrorist group brutally shot and killed 21 charcoal makers in a forest on 21 January 1997. The victims were from ward-6 of Namsang.

On 17 June 1997, about 40 terrorists of Ywet Sit's drug bandit group forced to stop 30 passenger-buses on Kunhing-Kengtung road. In addition to demanding extortion money from the passengers, the terrorists shot at them for no reason.

Twenty-five passengers were killed and five

were wounded.

On 12 December 1997, the authorities arrested a person who tried to buy gold with counterfeit K-500 notes at Maung Kein Gold Shop in Mandalay.

When authorities searched the house of U Maung Sein at Chanmya Thazi Township in Mandalay, where he was putting up, they found of K-500 counterfeit notes totalling K 1 million, four gelignite bars, 58 feet of fuse, 13 electronic detonators, two battery chargers, a walkie-talkie and coils of wire.

When authorities interrogated the suspect, he told them that he was sent by Ywet Sit's terrorist group to blow up bombs in Mandalay.

The terrorist group blew up a time-bomb at seats No 17 and 18 in Myoma cinema in Mandalay on 21 May 1998. The blast killed one person and injured 11 others.

About 10 terrorists of Ywet Sit's group came to (See page 11)

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Photos of terrorist groups displayed at the press conference (5/2005) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donation from Thein Than 777 Industry.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts K 1 million donated by Shwe Wah Myay Co.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts K 1 million donated by Shwe Gabar Co.— MNA

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Tun Myat Aung Co, Pacific Co, Asia World Co, Tin Win Tun Co and Myanmar Universal Bank donated K 1 million each; Kaung Myat Co, Asia Green Co, Myat Noe Thu Co, Shan Yoma Naga Co, Eden Group Co, Asia World Co, Max Myanmar Co, Wai Family Gems Enterprise and Aung Chan Tha Construction & Services, K 500,000 each; National Development Company Group, K 1 million; Myanmar Travels Association, Myanmar Hoteliers Association and Ruby Dragon Co, K 500,000 each; and Myint

Aung Myat Co K 300,000. A total of 105 wellwishers

donated K 37,350,070 to officials. Certificates of

honour were given to the wellwishers.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Dr Ko Ko

Gyi of Shwe Wah Myay Co explained the purpose of the donations. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein

thanked the donors. After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the wellwishers.—MNA



Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) accepts cash donations from Air Bagan Co Ltd.— MNA



Dr Ko Ko Gyi of Shwe Wah Myay Co.— MNA



Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.— MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greets journalists at Press Conference.— MNA

has been attempting to disintegrate the Union, constantly committing acts of narcotic drug trafficking and terrorism.

The clarifications made by the minister is reported separately.

Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi replied to queries raised by the journalists.

The press conference ended at noon.

Afterwards, the

newsmen observed documentary photos on killing of innocent people by SSA led by Ywet Sit under the pretext of liberation of Shan State and SSA's drug trafficking and production, documentary photos on SSNA Sai Yee who is hand in glove with terrorist Ywet Sit and border-based anti-government organizations formed with the aims of breaking up the Union and terrorism.

MNA

Journalists view documentary photos displayed at

Press Conference.— MNA

### Information Committee holds ...

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Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, heads of departments, officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, media persons, U Sein

Win of Kyodo news agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa, Secretary U Nyunt Tin and correspondents, editors of local journals and magazines and guests.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified how Sai Yee who has returned to the legal fold since 1995 and followers of SSNA (Shan State National Army) joined SSA (Shan Army) of terrorist drug trafficker Ywet Sit who





# Responsible organs of the State alone would not be enough to prevent destructive acts, entire people should cooperate with the State organs as national concern

YANGON, 12 June—The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the Press Conference (5/2005) at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information this morning, attended by officials of Myanmar Writ-

and culture, security, police force and the people of Myanmar are different from other nations; that Myanmar people tend to fear police and it is a positive sign; that Myanmar people are keen on catching thieves, and this con-

munications to inspire more public participation.

Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kin Yi replied to the queries, saying that there was community policing system applied by MPF to expose the culprits and refute rumours and it is a system which is based on public participation; that another one is a home visit system; that the MPF, applying both methods, has been intensifying its efforts in a region after forming special task forces to expose those involved in recent incidents; that there are 22 telephones in the document offering K 10 million in reward for the information leading to the arrest of the culprits; that there are other persons who contact the police by other means; that the MPF is stepping up its efforts through these methods to ensure public participation to expose the culprits as police alone cannot do the job; that there are also tasks being undertaken by the MPF in the region in cooperation with other regional authorities; and that the MPF applying a home visit method is now intensifying its efforts in search of those involved in recent incidents.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo



Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo.—MNA

ers and Journalists Association, officials of the ministry, journalists, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa, Secretary U Nyunt Tin and member correspondents and editors of magazines and journals.

At the press conference, local and foreign journalists raised queries related to clarification of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and other points they wished to know.

The following is a translation of queries raised by the journalists and re-



U Tun Pe of Xinhua.  
MNA

plies. U Aung Shwe Oo of NTV News Agency said that in the clarification of the Minister for Information, measures to be taken by the government and public participation were mentioned; that the traditions

tributes much to taking security measures; that other matter was that there were questions about recent bomb explosions in connection with the progress made in investigations. In this connection, people had positive attitude towards it because there was a book titled the World's Greatest Unsolved Mysteries which includes 130 unsolved cases; that there are traditional investigation method, and modern investigation method which is swift and cost-effective; and he would like to know



U Ko Ko of Yomiuri Shimbun.—MNA

if there were any measures to be taken through applying those methods.

The second point was that if one or two telephone numbers given would be enough in seeking public participation; that the situation was demanding and how to handle it; if there was any arrangement related to com-



Chief Editor U Myat Soe of Leyasipwa Journal.  
MNA

said that the Ministry of Home Affairs is the most responsible for public security and interior security. He added that now, Sa Ya Pha together with the Ministry of Home Affairs take responsibilities with regard to interior security of the State. Progress has been made at present. He said he could not say the progress at the moment. When complete, he would disclose. He urged all the people not to believe rumours. The matter related to the rumours was included in the clarification of the MPF

Director-General. In fact, he said, they are performing duties to serve the interest of the people and the State. He urged all to participate in their tasks.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan added that he had clarified the names of destructive groups and their terrorist acts in the previous press conference. Although officials had not seized the culprits yet, he reasserted that the groups he had mentioned were responsible, according to further information. The Government urged the people to participate in exposing the destructive elements. The State-run media also urged the entire people to realize advantage of cooperation in taking security measures conscientiously. Similarly, the Information Committee has been issuing security measures. Likewise, he said he made a request in his clarification today that responsible organs of the State alone would not be enough to prevent destructive acts, and



U Aung Shwe Oo of NTV.—MNA

that the entire people should cooperate with the State organs as national concern for achieving success. In this regard, all the people are to report to officials by observing their environs with vigilance. Security teams, Tatmadaw squads, MPF members and local authorities are always at hand. That is why action will be taken immediately as soon as they receive information. Now, MPF, authorities and Tatmadaw are taking care of these matters.

Chief Editor U Myat Soe of Leya-sipwa-thadin Journal said that he had two questions he wanted to know; the first concerns with trafficking in persons. He believed that like his journal, other prestigious periodicals should report news about the problem of

trafficking in persons in order to prevent Myanmar girls from being exploited. That's why he wanted to know if there is any plan to release such news. The second question is that he would like to know why businesses ran stagnant at the time when products were in abundance during the weeks. According to the survey, he said it was due to the stagnation of border trade. He said he wanted to know about the truth. He said he would like to know whether the problem had arisen owing to domestic security or the system of

gade, etc. are non-governmental organizations of the nation. With the strength of these organizations, the State will launch campaigns against the problem. The minister added that the State has been committed to the prevention of the problem and is taking measures for rehabilitation.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the last question of U Myat Soe signalled the sluggishness of border trade. Falling prices of fruits and vegetables were not associated with the flow of goods at border check points. And it de-



MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi.—MNA

trade. He wanted to know the news to be issued for the public.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said the problem of trafficking in persons prevails not only in Myanmar but in many parts of the world. In such a situation, the country is now drafting legislation against trafficking in persons, and it will come out soon. When the legislation is introduced, people will be able to learn about it thoroughly, he said. In fact, the problem of trafficking in persons arises due to lack of knowledge rather than the economy. Those who lack knowledge got exploited. That was why this problem was being highlighted today, the minister noted.

He said not only the State but also NGOs are educating the people regarding the problem, and the role of the NGOs was on the increase day by day. The NGOs of the country are not nominal organizations. The Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Federation, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Fire Bri-

trade. He wanted to know the news to be issued for the public.

The State is taking appropriate security measures in border areas as well as inside the country. However, the minister said, as he had mentioned, security measures did not affect the border trade. He said he would like the journalists to know more about the border trade.

The system the country is practising is not normal trade. Normal trade means that a country earns foreign exchange as soon as it sells goods to foreign countries. But border trade was not like that. That is why the State is trying to improve the system of border trade to the normal trade in the interests of the nation and its people. So, the minister said, trade was not affected.

U Hla Htway of Nihon Keizai Shimbun daily said that he would like to put two questions. The first one was that the bomb blasts occurred more than one month ago. He asked if there was any of the terrorists who committed the acts or someone who was involved had been arrested (See page 10)

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up to now, and if there was any improvement in the process.

Regarding the second question, he said he agreed to the fact that the public participation played a crucial role in the drive for exposing and aborting the attempts for detonation of bombs and the terrorists, and public information was indispensable. In the suburbs of Yangon City, members of Peace and Development Councils of respective wards and townships asked heads of households to sign identical guarantee papers asking them to assure there were no terrorists or explosives in their houses. He said he deemed the measure to be counter-productive. The officials should take into consideration the willingness of the public if the former wanted to get a helpful hand of the latter. He thought that asking heads of the households to do so was unnecessary, and it even might cause an adverse effect in the drive for gaining public cooperation. He asked if high-ranking officials knew these measures, and he said he would like to know the officials' stance on these measures.

In response, MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi said that with respect to the May 7 bomb blasts, according to the public information and the statements of those seized, one of the groups the government had announced earlier was responsible for the acts. Even though the officials had been able to expose the routes the terrorists used to infiltrate into the nation, the places they put up, and the preparations they made to commit acts, the government could not expose and arrest the saboteurs yet. Progress had been made in investigating into the case but it could not still

inform the people about it in detail. He said public contribution would be a must in search of the culprits. So the officials applied the community policing method. The officials employed all possible ways and means to achieve success in the drive. According to the investigation, some of the terrorists were still in the respective regions. So, it was very important for the officials to make sure whether they were still in the specific regions or not. The officials would like to let the people know the fact that the terrorists were not in the respective regions.

He said if it had been able to make sure that the terrorists were not in any wards of Yangon, the city would be regarded clear. Then, the saboteurs might be elsewhere outside Yangon. That search campaign was one of the methods of the armed forces. He said the method was indeed the one to ensure full participation of the people.

U Aung Hla Tun of Reuters said he would like to know why the newspapers did not publish news about offering cash award for information to expose the bombers. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan replied that the main aim of the matter was to keep entire public informed of the matter whether it was published in the newspapers and aired on the TV or not. He continued to say that publishing in newspapers and airing on TV may have positive as



Daw Hsint Hsint Aung of NTV. — MNA

well as negative effects and that was why the matter was handled with caution.

Next, U Ko Ko of Yomiuri Shimbun said he attended the two meetings at which the Minister for Information delivered speeches and noted that the minister's statements on the number of

casualty of the bomb blasts on 7 May. There were differences between the two statements on the dead. He said he would like to know how many people were dead, how many people were receiving medical treatment and how many people were discharged from the hospital. He also raised another question saying that there were rumours about the bomb blasts at two high schools in Yangon on 6 June. As a consequence, parents felt worried and they had to contact here and there to know the truth. As the government urged the people not to believe in rumours and to expose those who had fabricated false news, the rumours had disappeared. But the unscrupulous persons may wait for the opportune time. Therefore, he said, he would like to know if the authorities could arrange an anti-rumour hotline to be able to confirm the authenticity of the news.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo replied the first query saying that he himself went to the morgue and saw that there were 11



U Aung Hla Tun of Reuters. — MNA

dead bodies on the day of explosions. Altogether, 173 male and female dead or injured including the above-mentioned figure. According to the latest data, the number of dead reached 23 (14+9). Altogether 21 people— five males and 16 females—are now in the hospital receiving medical treatment.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan replied that the strength of media with the cooperation of the people plays a vital role in guarding against the terrorist act. Therefore, the minister said, in meeting with artists at the motion picture association, he urged the literati to intensify the performance. Similarly, he urged the men of literary world

to actively participate in carrying out national security tasks. The minister urged the literati to organize the people to participate in national security matters.

As regards the suggestion given by U Ko Ko on setting up of a group that is responsible for confirmation of certain news stories, the minister said that he would consult the matter with responsible personnel and see to it.

U Thet Khaing of Myanmar Times asked where is the headquarters of SSNA and how many people are living there. In his reply, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that Sai Yee of SSNA has joined SSA and SSNA has no headquarters.



U Thet Khaing of Myanmar Times. — MNA

U Tun Pe of Xinhua News Agency said his first question was about narcotic drugs. 26 June is the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. He said he would like to know about the progress on anti-narcotics drive in Myanmar. Arrangements were made to declare Wa region as opium free zone. There were some pieces of news about it. He wanted to know whether it was postponed or cancelled. Diplomats and correspondents were invited. Some said it was not ready to declare Wa region as opium free zone because of transport during the monsoon, security or disagreement between the government and Wa group. He would like to know what the real situation was. The second question was that according to the agreement between China and ASEAN the tax on 7,000 items would be reduced beginning next month. In connection with the chance, he wanted to know how Myanmar would penetrate the big Chinese market.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the nar-

cotic drug issue had been reported in the newspapers recently. Wa special region of northern Shan State made arrangements on declaration of opium free zone. Later, the arrangements were postponed after invitations were sent to the personnel concerned. There was no problem between the government and Wa armed group in northern



U Hla Htway of Nihon Keizai Shimbun. — MNA

Shan State special region-2. Everything was smooth. Now the monsoon entered. Wa region gets a lot of rain and there is transport difficulty during the monsoon. That was why postponement of the declaration of opium free zone was made under the agreement of the Wa nationals. Regarding the second question, he said the Ministry of Commerce is making necessary arrangements on reduction of tax in the interest of the country in accord with the existing agreement.

U Myat Khaing of Maha Journal said he had read about Aung Din in some documents. He would like to know if Aung Din was involved with the bomb blast.

Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi said Aung Din is a director of US Campaign for Burma. He was a fugitive fleeing from Myanmar before the 1988 disturbances. He served in ABSDF in the other country. Later, he went to Canada and joined US Campaign for Burma and carried out anti-Myanmar activities with the assistance of international community. Investigation is under way. The Director-General of MPF said he could not say at present whether Aung Din was involved with the bomb blast or not.

Daw Hsint Hsint Aung of Nippon Television said she learned that a driver from Kinpon Sakhankyaikhtyo Pagoda transport service was arrested. After investigation, it was



U Khin Maung Myint of NHK news agency. — MNA

found that bombs were buried in his farm. She wanted to know if it was true or not.

The Director-General of MPF replied that the driver was investigated according to the information received but it was not true.

U Khin Maung Myint of NHK said the press conference was lively. The queries of the correspondents were reported fully in the papers. Voices of the previous press conference were broadcast on Myanma TV. Public participation was important. He said he heard the public reaction to the press conference. He said his friends always asked him that the foreign correspondents only listened to the statements of the government. He said he frankly did ask questions. There was no problem between the government and the correspondents. But his friends did not believe it. Now voices of the correspondents were heard. So the people took interest in the press conference. The performance of the Information Minister was very successful. He thought that it was initial performance and it was successful.

He said he would like to ask a scoop about former Prime Minister Gen Khin Nyunt. It was broadcast by wire services. Rumours about him were heard that he was put in Insein Prison and was being tried. He would like to know if it was true and under which section the former Prime Minister was put on trial in Insein Prison.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the high-ranking officials gave instructions to him to issue the news stories which people should know when time is due. All the news would be issued for transparency.

The rumour about the former Prime Minister was untrue, the minister said. — MNA



U Myat Khaing of Maha Journal. — MNA

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the temporary huts of quarry workers on Panglong-Laikha road near Kyauktaung village on 18 October 1998. They beat and killed six workers with clubs and knives without any reason.

At about midnight on 3 January 2000, there were explosions and a fire also broke out at two gem mining blocks (La/16 and La/19) in Mongshu Gem Land, killing over 120 workers. Over 50 were also wounded in explosions and the fire that destroyed property worth over K 250 million. According to Aik Moun, member of Ywet Sit Group, with the rank of platoon commander, who returned to the legal fold

acts more than 30 times including this one since 1996, leaving over 220 innocent people dead and over 140 injured. These data are only according to information we have received. There may be many more such incidents. Documents can be observed on the board. So, it can be deduced that the group led by Ywet Sit, whatever its name is SURA or SSA (South), is found to be the group totally bent on destructive and terrorist acts.

In addition to committing destructive and terrorist acts, forced recruitment, collection of extortion money and robberies, Ywet Sit has been producing and trafficking opium and narcotic drugs constantly.

For example, on 5

**Insurgents led by Ywet Sit have committed destructive acts more than 30 times since 1996, leaving over 220 innocent people dead and over 140 injured.**

in 2002, the explosions and the fire were the wicked acts of Ywet Sit and his terrorists.

A suspicious-looking package was found in a bicycle yard near G-complex in the west wing of Zaygyo in Mandalay on 4 May 2001. When the authorities inspected the package, they found a time bomb inside it. The bomb exploded while the authorities were trying to defuse it. Thirty-four people near the place were injured by pieces of shattered glass. It was also the act of Ywet Sit's group.

So far, the insurgents led by Ywet Sit have committed destructive

March 2005, Thai Police Force arrested Sai Tun (alias) Naing Tun Wiwatron Arun, a bodyguard of SSA Ywet Sit, together with 174 packages of heroin weighing 82 kilos near Mae Hong Son in Thailand. He confessed that he was a SSA captain and was one of bodyguards of Ywet Sit. Similarly, an observer at border area assured that Sai Tun (alias) Naing Tun Wiwatron Arun always accompanied Ywet Sit, and he was the most trusted bodyguard of Ywet Sit. These facts were clarified at the press conference No 2/2005 held on 15 March 2005. Documents of these evi-



Sai Yee of SSNA and Ywet Sit of SSA being seen at a ceremony.

dences are put on display on boards so that you journalists can study them.

According to the above-mentioned facts, the SSA made up of Ywet Sit and Sai Yee is just the group that has been continuously committing destructive and terrorist acts, making forced recruitments, demanding extortion money from local people and seeking their own interests through drug production and trafficking under the pretext of Shan State liberation.

If you review what I have clarified, you will notice that certain big nations and their news agencies which are shouting at the top of their voices that they are fighting terrorism and narcotic drug trafficking in the world, are, in fact, biased and seeking their own interests.

In this connection, I would like to clarify the fifth annual "Trafficking in Persons Report" of US State Department issued in June 2005. The report totally ignored Myanmar's good-hearted endeavours and cooperation with neighbours and

international organizations for eradicating trafficking in persons. The report lopsidedly put pressure and made accusations.

Hence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar on 9 June 2005 issued an announcement mentioning that US State Department's "Report on Trafficking in Persons" lacks objectivity and does not inspire greater action against human trafficking. The section in the report concerning Myanmar is contradictory.

You journalists attending this press conference are of the media world of Myanmar. So, you know very well whether Myanmar neglects the issue of human trafficking or not. Indeed, Myanmar has been making constant efforts for eradicating trafficking in persons.

The US State Department purposely neglected Myanmar's firm determination and dedication to combat human trafficking as well as her accomplishments. It is thus regrettable for the entire global people who cherish the truth and aspire for the well-being of the entire mankind.

Hence, the announcement stated that Myanmar rejected the US report which placed Myanmar in Tier 3 of the State Department's clarifications of countries that do not comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Acts (TVPA) of the US Congress.

At the previous press conference No 4/2005, I clarified the three-pronged attack of terrorist groups namely aboveground attack plan, underground attack plan and attack from outside.

Now, the terrorist

destructionists are creating rumours in connection with the bomb blasts of 7 May 2005 with intent to disrupt prevalence of peace and tranquillity, cause public panic and manipulate commodity prices for self-interest.

As regards the security of the people, the Government has been making earnest efforts day in, day out. Likewise, departments as well as work establishments of private entrepreneurs are also taking necessary security measures. Teachers and responsible persons are also taking security measures for ensuring safety of students. However, the terrorists disguised as ordinary people have been discreetly moving about

**US State Department's "Report on Trafficking in Persons" lacks objectivity and does not inspire greater action against human trafficking. The section in the report concerning Myanmar is contradictory.**

among the public and attempting to commit terrorist acts. Thus, public participation plays a very important role in preventing terrorist acts. This being so, the people are not to believe rumours but to give information to authorities if there is any rumour-monger. Parents should not ask for permission to take back their children home. Because such requests could cause undesirable hindrances to security measures and this should be understood by all.

Moreover, any suspicious looking persons or objects should immediately be reported to authorities of respective regions.

The Tatmadaw was born of the national people during the anti-colonial

and national liberation struggles. The patriotic Tatmadaw was formed as the national Tatmadaw to drive out and annihilate colonialists and fascists.

After regaining independence, the Tatmadaw has been able to shoulder national defence duty and wipe out internal and external dangers posed to the lives and properties of the people. In so doing, it gets tough in dealing with enemies while it is gentle and warm in dealing with the people.

According to the demands of history, it had to assume State responsibilities in 1988. Since then, it has been making efforts for all-round development in the interests of the nation and warm

the people. National objectives have been laid down and are being implemented systematically.

Thus, as regards the national race armed groups which have returned to the legal fold and those who have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace and joined hands with the Government in the interests of the nation and the people, the Tatmadaw will treat them gently and warmly with family spirit and Union Spirit. At the same time, the Tatmadaw will continue to strive for safeguarding the lives and properties of the people, for the security and defence of the State as well as for the all-round national development with added momentum.—MNA



Sai Yee of SSNA and Ywet Sit of SSA shaking hands at a ceremony.

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US Army falls short of recruits for fourth consecutive month

WASHINGTON, 11 June — The US Army fell short of its monthly recruiting targets in May, the fourth monthly shortage in a row, the Pentagon said on Friday.

The Army was at 75 per cent of its goal for active-duty enlistment in May, the Army Reserve was at 82 per cent and the Army National Guard was at 71 per cent, according to recruiting figures released by the Pentagon.

The Army's goal was to recruit 80,000 new members for its active duty forces in fiscal 2005 ending September 30 this year, up from 77,000 in

the fiscal 2004.

The Marine Corps slightly exceeded its goal, with 61 more recruits than the month's goal of 1,843. Both the Navy and the Air Force reached their goals.

Recruiting has been depressed for the US Army by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and by yearlong combat call-ups for part-time Guard members and reservists, who usually drill one weekend

a month and two weeks in the summer in peacetime. About 45 per cent of the some 150,000 US forces in Iraq are part-time troops, Pentagon figures show. — MNA/Xinhua

"To screw up such relations just because of the textile trade, which only accounts for a very small proportion of bilat-

China, EU agreement on textile dispute a "wise decision"

BEIJING, 11 June — Chinese trade experts in Beijing hailed on Saturday that China and the European Union (EU) have made a "wise decision" by reaching an agreement to end the months-long textile dispute, which would offer both sides more win-win results in trade relations.

"It is a pragmatic choice for both sides, especially when bilateral trade ties were endangered by the dispute," said Zhang Xiaoji, a research fellow with the Development and Research Centre of the State Council, China's Cabinet, in a telephone interview with Xinhua.

China and EU reached a deal on early Saturday morning to manage the growth of Chinese textile exports to the EU in the coming three years. The two sides agreed to secure a "smooth transition" before EU's complete opening of its market to Chinese textile exports in 2008.

Zhang said that the EU became the largest trade partner for China last year, and that the two sides have established close interdependence not only in trade relations, but also in their respective economic development process.

eral trade, is obviously in nobody's interest," Zhang said.

The EU, which claimed that textiles imports from China had substantially increased this year after the elimination of global quotas on 1 January, announced late last month it would take safeguard measures against some Chinese textile products.

EU's threat came at the heels of the United States' decision to re-impose quotas on Chinese-made cotton trousers, cotton knit shirts and underwear, announced by US Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez on 13 May.

"Escalation of such friction will impair the interests of Chinese exporters, increase the costs for European importers and only do little help to the European textile industry," Zhang said. The expert also noted

that China did not close the door for communication with the EU and had voluntarily sought the early settlement of the dispute through dialogue and consultation. "This demonstrates China's willingness and efforts to address the issue with a responsible attitude and a comprehensive and long-term perspective," he said.

Zhang's view was echoed by Zhao Yumin, an expert with China Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation under the Ministry of Commerce, who said the China-EU agreement reached on Saturday is "a fairly satisfactory result" for both sides.

She said importers in EU member nations are increasingly relying on the quality, diversity and cost-effectiveness of Chinese-made textiles, as well as China's unparalleled production capacity.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan to travel to Paris to meet pol, business leaders

UNITED NATIONS, 11 June — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan will travel to Paris to meet political and business leaders, UN spokesman office announced on Friday.

Annan is headed to Paris where he will meet early next week with senior French officials and then address some 200 business leaders on their contribution to meeting global socioeconomic development targets, it said. According to the of-

fice, the Secretary-General will begin his two-day trip on Monday with official meetings with President Chirac and Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy.

Annan will also have a working lunch with the French President and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, it noted, adding he is expected to return on Thursday to UN Headquarters in New York.

The business leaders' conference "The Business Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals" will be hosted by President Chirac, with the support of the Global Compact, a UN inter-agency initiative championed by Annan which seeks to advance good corporate citizenship and responsible globalization.

MNA/Xinhua

Fake notes of 300 million Tanzanian shillings seized

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 11 June — Tanzanian police have seized fake currency notes with a purported value of 300 million Tanzanian shillings (almost 300,000 US dollars).

According to reports reaching here on Friday, police in the Mebeya Region of southwestern Tanzania found the fake currency of 10,000 and 5,000 denominations in a maize plantation on the outskirts of the Mebeya Municipality. The suspects, however, fled from the scene after hearing a vehicle approach. Police said the suspects were apparently go-

ing to take the fake notes to rural areas where villagers are believed easily to be deceived.

According to the police, circulating of fake currency is rampant in the southwest part of Tanzania where crooks exchange fake Tanzanian shillings for genuine Zambian or Malawian currency.

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World's richest nations urged to realize MDGs

LONDON, 12 June — The finance ministers of the world's four main developing countries on Saturday called for efforts from the world's richest nations to realize the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) adopted by world leaders in 2000.

The ministers from Brazil, China, India and South Africa stressed that to halve the number of people in poverty by 2015 is a common goal of the whole world and needs global efforts, Chinese

Finance Minister Jin Renqing told Xinhua after an informal breakfast meeting between the four ministers and their counterparts from the Group of Eight (G-8).

The four ministers

urged the rich countries to increase development aid for the world's poorest countries, open markets, lift trade barriers and create a better outside environment for development.

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**Alcohol, tobacco adverts to be banned in Kenya**

**NAIROBI, 11 June— Beer and spirits advertising is to be banned from television and billboards in Kenya to protect young people from becoming hooked, local media reported on Friday.**

According to the *Daily Nation* newspaper, the date from which the ban will take effect will be announced within two weeks by Attorney General Amos Wako.

The laws needed to enforce the new policy were being finalized by Wako, the Office of the President and the Ministry of Health, the Kenyan Government said on Thursday.

Health Minister Charity Ngilu is also expected to outline the government's position on tobacco use and advertising on Friday.

The announcement on beer and spirits advertising inflicts a new assault on the drinks industry, just a day after duty

on beer went up by 10 per cent in Kenya's new budget.

It also followed the February move to ban liquor and tobacco companies from advertising near schools, following a complaint by the National Agency for the Campaign Against Drugs Abuse.

It is estimated that Kenyans spent 30 billion shillings (about 395 million US dollars) on cigarettes and other kinds of tobacco last year.

The government is also reviewing the law to create standards for alcoholic drinks, said government spokesman Alfred Mutua on Thursday, announcing the intended ban. — *MNA/Xinhua*

**Two planes make hard landing in Northern Kenya**

**NAIROBI, 11 June —** A passenger plane and a cargoliner smashed on the runway while landing at Lokichoggio, about 600 kilometres north to Kenyan capital Nairobi, officials confirmed here Friday.

No casualties were reported as the two planes returned empty from relief operations in southern Sudan, WFP spokesman Peter Smerdon told *Xinhua* by telephone.

The air accidents happened when the first plane, a *Hawker Siddeley* belonging to the TransAfrique Airlines, belly crashed at the airstrip shortly before the second one, a *C-130 Hercules* chattered by the World Food Programme (WFP) made a hard landing on the same runway, clipping the wings of the *Hawker*, he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

**Report details how FBI missed chances to find 9/11 hijackers**

**WASHINGTON, 11 June —** The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) had missed at least five chances to detect the presence of two of the 11 September, 2001, suicide hijackers after they first entered the United States in early 2000, a governmental report has concluded.

The inability to detect the hijacking plot amounts to a "significant failure" by the FBI and was caused in large part by "widespread and long-standing deficiencies" in the way the agency handled terrorism and intelligence cases, according to the report released Thursday by Justice Department Inspector-General Glenn A Fine.

The report said the FBI lost several important opportunities to find Nawaf Alhazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar before the 11 September attacks. Previous reports, including one by an independent 11 September commission, focused more heavily on the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) failure to track the men after a pivotal terrorist summit meeting in Malaysia. The FBI said in a statement that it agreed with many of Fine's conclusions but "has taken substantial steps to address the issues presented in the report".

The report described problems within the FBI, including a shoddy analytical programme, problems with sharing intelligence information and the lack of priority given to anti-terrorism investigations.

The report was made public only after being kept secret for a year. It said investigators were stymied by bureaucratic obstacles, communication breakdown and a lack of urgency. The report disclosed that an FBI agent assigned to the CIA wanted to pass on information to the FBI about Alhazmi and Al-Mihdhar in early 2000, but was blocked by a CIA supervisor and did not aggressively follow up. A series of bungled opportunities thereafter led to the failure for law enforcement agencies to grab the best chance to have detected or disrupted the 11 September plot, the report said.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Three killed in Long Island tanker crash**

**NEW YORK, 11 June —** At least three people were killed Friday after an oil tanker and several cars collided, causing an explosion and fire on a highway in Long Island, New York.

The blast also injured an undetermined number of people, who were taken to area hospitals, including Nassau University Medical Centre and Good Samaritan Hospital.

Police and fire crew were still checking wrecked vehicles to make sure that everyone was accounted for, said a police officer with Suffolk Police Department.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*Jazz pianist and Grammy winner Ramsey Lewis performs one of his many hits 'Wade in the Water' at the 2005 Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood on 11 June, 2005. Lewis, born in Chicago, Illinois in 1935, gained prominence with the 1960 release of his trio's album 'The In Crowd'. — INTERNET*

**Immune defect may have role in Alzheimer's disease**

**LOS ANGELES, 11 June —** US researchers said on Friday that they have found some patients with Alzheimer's disease have an immune defect making them prone to the disease.

Researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) said they found that the immune defect makes it difficult to clean the brain of waste products that can form the definitive hallmark of the disease.

In findings published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, researchers said the immune defect may lead to over-saturation of the brain with amyloid-beta, which form amyloid plaques.

It marks the first time researchers have discovered that the innate — or more primitive — part of the immune system may play a

role in the development of Alzheimer's disease, scientists said.

The findings could lead to a new approach in diagnosing and correcting the immune defect, according to researchers.

Scientists using blood samples found that in healthy people, cells belonging to the innate immune system called macrophages cleared amyloid-beta in a test tube test developed at UCLA, researchers said.

The macrophages of some Alzheimer's patients, however, could not adequately perform the cleaning job.

"Macrophages are the janitors of the innate

immune system, gobbling up waste products in the brain and throughout the body," said Milan Fiala, a researcher at UCLA.

The immune defect also may have a role in other diseases involving a build-up of waste and plaques, such as in cardiovascular disease and Gaucher's disease, he said.

"If further study shows that this defective macrophage function is present in most Alzheimer's disease patients, new hormonal or immune-boosting approaches may offer new approaches to treating the disease," Fiala said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*A man walks past a Chinese-made Shuanghuan SUV which looks strikingly similar to BMW's X5 model at a car exhibition in Beijing on 11 June, 2005.*

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# S P O R T S

## AS Roma signs DR Congo striker Nonda

ROME, 12 June— AS Roma has signed DR Congo striker Shabani Nonda from French club Monaco, the Italian Serie A soccer club said on Saturday.

The 28-year-old signed a three-year deal worth 1.8 million euros (2.2 million US dollars) a season, Roma said on its web site.

"I'm delighted to be at Roma. It's a great team, with players of international calibre," Nonda was quoted as saying.

"It is a dream of mine, for example, to play alongside (Roma captain Francesco) Totti," said Nonda, who helped Monaco reach the Champions League final last year. Nonda is the third player to arrive

at Roma since the start of the month, following former Bayern Munich defender Samuel Kuffour and ex-Siena midfielder Rodrigo Taddei.

The trio will be expected to help relaunch the team's ambitions.

The 2001 Italian champion survived a difficult 2004-05 season, making an early exit in the Champions League and facing the danger of relegation before finishing ninth in Serie A on 45 points, 41 behind winner Juventus.—MNA/Xinhua

## China defeats Turkey 2-1 in FIFA World Youth C'ship

UTRECHT (Netherlands), 12 June— China defeated Turkey unexpectedly 2-1 here on Saturday in their first Group B match at the FIFA World Youth Championship.

The Chinese team were offensive from the very beginning of the match despite that Turkey was believed to be the toughest team in Group B.

The efforts of the Chinese guys got rewarded when Tan Wangsong, a 1.80-metre defender, scored a goal in the 22nd minute following a series of dazzling passes before the net of Turkey.

Turkey, who lost to Spain after conceding a goal in the stoppage time in the final of 2004 UEFA Youth Championship, woke up and turned out to be more offensive. However, facing tough de-

fence they had to see their efforts in vain.

In the 36th minute, Turkish forward Ali Ozturk got a golden chance to face the Chinese goalkeeper Yang Cheng, but he wasted it by shooting it over the crossbar.

In the second half, Turkey shown up with more aggressiveness and put more pressure on the Chinese side.

In the 85th minute, Turkish substitute Gorhan Gursoy equalized the score before Chinese substitute midfielder Zhao Xuri regained China's lead with a 20-metre shot.

China coach Eckhard Krautzun, 64, said the Turkish put more pressure at the second half, but the Chinese guys managed to seal the victory.

Krautzun declined to reveal the tactics he would apply when playing with Ukraine and Panama.

Tan Wangsong, who scored the first goal for China, said after the match that the Chinese team had made "full preparation" for the match and the Chinese coaching staff had arranged Plan A and Plan B to compete with Turkey, in which Plan B was put into practice and worked.

"Our team has to play with high morale at the beginning of the match and put more pressure on the Turkish side, we did it and made it," he said.

Krautzun said four yellow cards was a problem the Chinese team has to face with, complaining that the referee gave yellow cards "rather quickly" in the first match.—MNA/Xinhua



Australia's Matthew White crashes his Fujitsu Racing Ford Falcon after a collision with Team Buick driver Rick Kelly during Race 3 of the V8 Supercar race, at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China on 12 June, 2005. White was able to continue after the crash but Kelly was forced to retire.—INTERNET

## Sharapova closes in on Birmingham title

LONDON, 12 June— Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova is on the verge of clinching her second straight Birmingham WTA title on Saturday after beating last year's finalist Tatiana Golovin 7-5 and 6-1 to make the final.

The 18-year-old Russian will vie for the title against 20-year-old Jelena Jankovic of Serbia and Montenegro, the third seed who breezed through to her third tour final with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over American Laura Granville.

History is on the side of Sharapova who beat Jankovic in the first round of the US Open last year as well as at the quarterfinal stage in Beijing.

In Saturday's semifinal, Sharapova had to fight through the first set, but the next one turned out to be much easier for her as she took just 25 minutes to secure her fourth final appearance of the year.

Golovin suffered a nagging ankle injury, which took its toll on the 17-year-old in the match.

MNA/Xinhua

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## Cuba, Mexico open Pan-American Cup Women's Volleyball

HAVANA, 12 June— The Cuban women's volleyball team debuts on Friday versus Mexico in the 4th Pan-American Cup taking place until June 18 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Juan Pablo Duarte Volleyball Palace of the Olympic Centre and the Handball Court, of East Park, will be the venues for the tournament that includes in its programme three matches a day at the qualifying stage.

In the contest compete the best 12 teams of the region, distributed into two groups, in search of one of the four zone tickets for the 2006 Grand Prix to be celebrated in Germany, Italy and Japan. The participants in Group A are Argentina, Brazil, Costa

Rica, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, and those of Group B are Barbados, Canada, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and United States.

The opening programme includes the matches between Argentina and Costa Rica, Brazil and Puerto Rico, and Venezuela and Dominican Republic.

From this stage, the best four teams of each group will move on to a final round to define the four winners of the Grand Prix tickets.—MNA/Xinhua

## Juanito says Dani deserved victory of Copa del Rey

MADRID, 12 June— Juanito, captain of Real Betis, said on Saturday at the end of the Copa del Rey final, that his mate, Dani "deserved this prize, as he has suffered a lot as a consequence of lessons".

"This title is the first for almost everyone in the team. We gave our utmost and Dani struggled hard for this victory," Juanito told the local television.

"Now let's enjoy, as Andalucians are very happy and enjoy partying," said the Betis

captain. Marcos Assuncao, also of Betis said, "I have a great satisfaction and I dedicate this triumph to our fans. Now we go on happily on vacations." MNA/Xinhua

## Real Betis take Spanish Cup

MADRID, 12 June— Real Betis pulled off a 2-1 extra-time win over Osasuna on Saturday to lift the Spanish Cup for the second time in their history.

But Osasuna, who finished sixth from bottom of the Spanish league, will still qualify for the UEFA Cup next season because Betis had claimed a berth in the Champions League as the league's fourth-place team. Brazilian Oliveira put Betis ahead in the 74th minute but Osasuna forced extra-time in the 82nd minute through a header by Australian striker John Aloisi.

Dani scored the winner in extra time for Betis when he found the net five minutes from the end.

MNA/Xinhua

## Safin beats Canas to reach Halle Open final

BERLIN, 12 June— Australian Open champion Marat Safin reached the Halle Open final with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win over Argentina's Guillermo Canas on Saturday.

Second seed Safin served powerfully and played a string of commanding shots to overcome the nimble Canas, and will play world number one Roger Federer in Sunday's final after the Swiss Wimbledon champion beat Germany's Tommy Haas earlier.—MNA/Xinhua

## Spain, Chile win; Argentina beaten by US

MADRID, 12 June— Spain and Chile had a successful opening participation in the FIFA World Youth Championship in the Netherlands, while Argentina lost 0-1 to the United States on Saturday.

Chile thrashed Honduras 7-0, thus leading Group C, ahead of Spain with the same points but with a bigger goal difference. The Iberian team defeated Morocco 3-1 on Saturday.

The unexpected defeat of Argentina, left it in the third position of its Group D behind Germany, which defeated Egypt 2-0, and the United States.

In the rest of the matches of the day, Ukraine won 3-1 against Panama, thus provisionally leading Group B, ahead of China which won 1-2 over Turkey.

MNA/Xinhua



Irishman Kevin McBride (R), with blood streaming down his face from a cut caused by a head butt, hits former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson during their heavyweight fight at MCI Center in Washington on 11 June, 2005. Tyson's corner asked the referee to stop the fight at the end of the sixth round giving McBride the victory.—INTERNET

**ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်ပင်များ အထွက်တိုးစေရေးနည်းဆောင်ရွက်**

ယခုအခါ မိုးကြို ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော် မိုးမျိုးပြီးစီးချိန်ဖြစ်ပြီး ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များအထွက်တိုးစေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်-

၁။ အတာနဲ့စိုက် ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များကို တစ်ပင်နှင့် တစ်ပင် (၃) လက်မမြားခွာ၍ ပင်ကြပ်နှုတ်ပေးပါ။ ကြပ်ပတ်စိုက်ခင်းများတွင် (၆)လက်မ ပတ်လည် တစ်ပင်နှုတ် ဂျှန်ရိုအောင် ထွန်မြှုပ်နှံပေးပါ။

၂။ ပေါင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခွဲခြားပြီး (၁၅-၂၀) ရက်သားတွင် တစ်ကြိမ်နှင့် (၃၀-၃၅) ရက်သားတွင် တစ်ကြိမ်၊ အနည်းဆုံး နှစ်ကြိမ်ခွဲ၍ ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ ပေါင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခွဲပြီးတိုင်း ယူရီးယားဓာတ်မြေဩဇာကို တစ်ဧကလျှင် (၂၀) အိတ်နှုန်းဖြင့် (၂) ကြိမ်ကြပ်ပတ်ပေးပါ။

၃။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ် ရေမဝပေးရန် ဂရုပြုပါ။ စိုက်ခင်းအတွင်း ရေဝပ်နေပါက ပတ်မြောင်း၊ စိတ်မြောင်းများဖြင့် ရေဖောက်ထုတ်နိုင်ရေးဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

၄။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ်တွင် ပုရစ်အန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်နိုင်ပြီး အဓိကကျရောက် ဖျက်ဆီးသော မိုးမှာ မွှားပင့်ကူနီ၊ ဓားတူနီတောင်ကတ်၊ ရွက်စားစူးဖုတ်နှင့် ပင်စည်ထိုးကျိုင်းတို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်ခင်းများအား ပုံမှန် စစ်ဆေး၍ လိုအပ်မှသာ ဆေးပတ်ဖျန်း ကာကွယ်ပါ။

၅။ ဂုဏ်လျှော်ပင်ညီမျှစွာရောက်ရှိမှုနှင့် မြစ်ပုံရိပ်ရောက်ရှိမှုများအပေါ် အပင်လိုက် နှုတ်၍ စီးရွတ်ဖျက်ဆီးပါ။

၆။ ချဉ်ပေါင်ပင်အများစုတွင် အပင်ရောင်၊ အဖြူရောင် ရောင်မညီ ကွက်ကြား (mosaic) ရောဂါတွေ့ရှိလျှင် အပင်လိုက် နှုတ်၍ စီးရွတ် ဖျက်ဆီးပါ။

၇။ နည်းပညာနှင့် အကူအညီ ရယူလိုပါက မိုးစိန်ရာ မြန်မာ့ဂုဏ်လျှော် ပစ္စည်းလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဒေသရုံးများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ် အကူအညီရယူပါ။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

**G-8 says world eco growth to be robust in 2005**

**LONDON, 12 June —** The world richest countries expressed optimism that the world economic growth in 2005 would continue to be robust following a strong growth in 2004, according to a statement by G-8 finance ministers on Saturday.

G-8 finance ministers gathered in London from 10 to 11 to prepare the annual summit of the group said in the statement that "growth is expected to remain robust, although at a more moderate pace, in 2005".

But the finance ministers also recognized that challenges remain, with "especially persistent global imbalances and high and volatile oil prices as well as a more balanced distribution of the benefits of globalization".

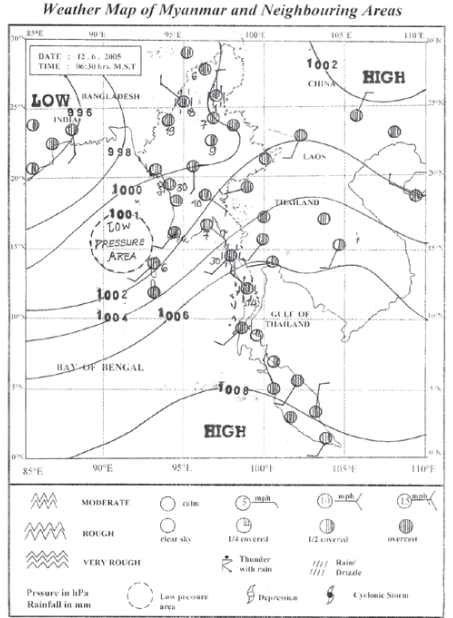
They said each country is required to support a smooth adjustment to more balanced growth to meet the challenges.

To this end, they agreed key priorities should be focused on a continued fiscal consolidation in the United States, further structural reforms in Europe and Russia as well as further structural reforms, including fiscal consolidation, in Japan. On checking the sustained high oil prices, the ministers said they "welcome efforts to reduce market volatility by improving data to make it more transparent and timely".

They called on relevant international institutions to develop a global framework for reporting of oil reserves, which is essential for better informed market decisions.

They also urged the oil producing countries and companies and consumers to recognize their common interest in ensuring investment in sufficient future supplies of oil and refining capacity.

The statement said they had productive discussions with their colleagues from key emerging economies on a range of global economic issues. — MNA/Xinhua



**WEATHER**

**Sunday, 12 June, 2005**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has been advanced into Central Myanmar, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Yay (3.62) inches, Mawlamyine (2.72) inches, Katha (2.40) inches, Homalin (2.32) inches and Dawei (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-6-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 12-6-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 12-6-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 11-6-2005 was (5.2) hour approx. Rainfalls on 12-6-2005 were (0.28) inch at Yangon Airport, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.63) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (15.04 inches) at Yangon Airport, (13.70 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (11.06 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (11:30) hours MST on 11-6-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over the Central Bay of Bengal still persists, Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 13-6-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-6-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).


**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-6-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**ကမ္ဘာ့သွေးလှူရှင်များနေ့**

**World Blood Donor Day**

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**ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန**



**Monday, 13 June**  
View on today:

**8:25 am**

8. စနိုးရောင်တံတား

**8:30 am**

9. International news

**8:45 am**

10. Grammar made easy

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. Practice in Reading

**4:45 pm**

4. ဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်ရေး

**4:50 pm**

5. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**

6. အစောင့်တပ်တော်သို့ ပညာရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းများ၏ ဝမ်းခန်းစာ - ရတီယာနီ (သရုပ်ဖော်)

**5:15 pm**

7. Dance Variety

**5:30 pm**

8. လက်ဆွဲကမ်းစားကတေး

**5:45 pm**

9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:50 pm**

10. Song and dance of national races

**6:00 pm**

11. Musical programme

**6:10 pm**

12. Discovery

**7:15 pm**

13. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မျောက်ခင်းဂုဏ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀၀)

**6:30 pm**

14. Evening news

**7:00 pm**

15. Weather report

**7:05 pm**

16. Musical programme

**7:20 pm**

17. Industrial Achievement

**7:30 pm**

18. Musical programme

**8:00 pm**

19. News

**8:00 pm**

20. International news

**21. Weather report**

**22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မာမာနီကောင်း၏ ချစ်သံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)**

**23. The next day's programme**

Radio Myanmar

**Monday, 13 June**  
Tune in today:

**8.30 am** Brief news

**8.35 am** Music:  
-There you'll be

**8.40 am** Perspectives

**8.45 am** Music: All the small things

**8.50 am** National news/Slogan

**9.00 am** Music: Toy Boy

**9.05 am** International news

**9.10 am** Music:  
-You can't say

**1.30 pm** News/Slogan

**1.40 pm** Lunch Time Music  
-Be  
-Now that the magic has gone  
-Only for you

**9.00 pm** Spotlight on the Star  
"Wings"  
-Reception  
-To you

**9.10 pm** Article

**9.20 pm** Drug Elimination

**9.35 pm** Golden Land's Melody/Vocal Gems  
-The world's most beautiful Myanmar

**9.45 pm** News/Slogan

**10.00 pm** PEL

**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

## What they had concealed got exposed, could not dare to face legal action SSNA Sai Yee and followers joined SSA of opium trafficker, terrorist Ywet Sit

Neither the Government nor the Tatmadaw put pressure on or intimidated Sai Yee of SSNA or any other national race armed groups to give up arms

**Ywet Sit's SSA making forced recruitment in remote villages in Shan State (South), (East)**

**Group led by Ywet Sit continuously committing destructive and terrorist acts, seeking own interests through drug trafficking**

YANGON, 12 June— *The following is a translation of clarifications at Press Conference (5/2005) made by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan on how Sai Yee and followers of SSNA (Shan State National Army) joined SSA (Shan State Army) of terrorist drug trafficker Ywet Sit who has been attempting to disintegrate the Union and constantly committing acts of narcotic drug trafficking and terrorism.*

At this Press Conference No 5/2005 of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council, I would like to explain facts on how Sai Yee and followers of SSNA (Shan State National Army) joined SSA (Shan State Army) of terrorist drug trafficker Ywet Sit who has been attempting to disintegrate the Union and constantly committing acts of narcotic drug trafficking and terrorism.

As is known to you journalists, Sai Yi and followers of SSNA joined terrorist opium trafficker Ywet Sit of SSA on 21 May 2005. In the evening of 22 May 2005, BBC broadcast that SSNA joined SSA (South) of Ywet Sit on 21 May 2005 due to pressure put on the SSNA by the Government to give up arms and it had no alternative. The two combined forces would continue to fight the Government, added the broadcast.

In the following days, foreign broadcasting stations and media such as VOA, BBC, RFA, DVB, Shan Thandawsint, etc broadcast interviews on the joining of SSA and SSNA; BBC's interview with Shan Thandawsint editor; outlook and view of opposition groups; news report on increasing concerns over the joining of SSA and SSNA; news report on

consequences; BBC's review; interview with NCUB secretariat member Phado Manshar, etc.

These broadcasts show that they are just slanderous fabrications to the effect that Sai Yee of so-called SSNA had no other way but to join SSA of Ywet Sit as the Government put pressure on it to give up arms; that SSNA brigade-11 led by U Kanna and SSNA brigade-19 led by U Gon Khay gave up arms due to the pressure put by the Government; that similarly, PSLA (Palaung State Liberation Army) led by U Aik Mone gave up arms due to such pressure; that if similar pressure was applied on the remaining national race armed groups, they would not accept it and they would surely return to the jungle like Sai Yee of SSNA. It can be seen that these broadcasts are false, fabricated, provoking the genuine goodwill of those former armed groups which have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace and

sowing suspicions amongst the other national race armed groups. In this context, I would like to quote a journalist ethic. The journalist is to test the accuracy of information from all sources and exercise care to avoid inadvertent error and deliberate distortion is never permissible.

However, BBC and VOA purposely breached the journalist ethics and broadcast fabricated instigations to incite uprising and anarchistic acts during the 1988 unrest. With fabricated interviews to fuel the problem, they made attempts to push Myanmar into abyss. Everybody can still remember the skyful of lies made by BBC and VOA at that time.

After the 1988 incidents, in addition to BBC and VOA, new foreign media such as RFA, DVB and other broadcasting stations and foreign periodicals including Shan Thandawsint have been broadcasting slanderous  
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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo replying to the queries of journalists. — MNA

**INSIDE**

*The government has spent K 68637.66 million plus over US\$ 550 million on the project for development of border areas and national races.*  
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PERSPECTIVES