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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Peace, stability, national solidarity alongside combined efforts of government, people and Tatmadaw have resulted in promising future of Shan State

Evil legacies such as doubts, development gap left by colonialists can be warded off through more contacts among national brethren

Tarkaw-Kengtung Section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway put into service

YANGON, 16 June—The inauguration of Tarkaw-Kengtung Section (Kengtung Section) of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway being undertaken by Public Works (Eastern Shan State) of the Ministry of Construction took place at the pavilion in Kyaingphaung Village, Yanlaw Village-tract, entrance to Kengtung, 14 June morning, with an address by Chairman of the Central Supervisory

Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were SPDC Member Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, heads of department, service personnel, members of social organizations, teachers, students, members of traditional cultural troupes, and local residents.

The Secretary-1 in his address said that the upgrading of Tarkaw-Kengtung Section of the Union Highway linking Kengtung, City of Eastern Shan State, and Taunggyi, City of Southern Shan State,

had been completed. As a result, local people can travel from Taunggyi to Kengtung in a day which was not possible due to poor transport in the past. He said the government is as pleased with the fruitful result as the local residents are.

Tarpar Bridge spanning Thanlwin river on Kutkai-Tarmoeyye-Mongsi-Tarshwehtan Road, which leads to border areas on the eastern bank of Thanlwin River in Shan State, was opened in May this year. On 6 June, Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio) was commissioned into service on Nawngkhio-Yaksawk-Shwenyaung Road, the shortest among the roads that link Shan State North and South. The emergence of Tarkaw-Kengtung Section on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway, which goes from Mandalay Division to Shan State East via Shan State South, has made a

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The development committees are accelerating the implementation of the tasks for greening the townships. They have constructed model roads and traffic islands, planted shade trees and landscaping trees, and established parks, thereby attracting the admiration of the people.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes an address at the opening ceremony of Tarkaw-Kengtung Road Section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Determined to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation

The Union of Myanmar is endowed with favourable conditions geographically as well as climatically. Moreover, she is rich in natural resources. These conditions can be called her natural strengths. Most important of all her strengths is that of her society.

Myanmar society has fine historical and cultural background. Courage, perseverance and forbearance and tendency to forgive are the characteristics of Myanmar people.

They have no grudge against anyone. Looking after their own race is one of their national traits. These natural conditions and characteristics of Myanmar society are the foundations for the development of the nation.

Myanmar had always stood as an independent and sovereign nation throughout her history. But she had to live under the rule of British colonialists for more than 100 years. She regained her independence and sovereignty in 1948 with the united strength and Union Spirit of her national people.

The opening ceremony of Course No. 8 on Myanmar and International Studies was held at the Union Hall of the Training School of Union Solidarity and Development Association in Hmawby Township on 15 June and it was attended by Member of the Central Panel of Patrons Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that independence and sovereignty were our national heritage handed down to us by our forefathers and so it was the inborn duty of the generations to come to safeguard it.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association has emerged as a national force to carry out national duties demanded by the history of our nation. It is made up of citizens who will protect their motherland and build it into a new modern state in accordance with our national policy and political programmes. It is necessary for the new generations to realize the value of the Union, sovereignty, peace and Union Spirit and to safeguard the Union in order that it can last as long as the world exists.

We believe that youth members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association who have strong political convictions are determined to weather whatever difficulties and hardships they are faced with in their efforts to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Shooting tournament to be held to mark Olympic Day

YANGON, 16 June — Organized by Myanmar Shooting Federation, a shooting tournament to mark Olympic Day 2005 will be held in Okkalapa Shooting Range from 21 to 23 June.

The tournament is divided into men's and women's air pistol and air rifle events.

The tournament includes various levels of events.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament can enlist at Okkalapa Shooting Range from 18 to 20 June. — MNA

People's Desire

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

MWAF holds coordination meeting



Work coordination meeting on holding of Myanmar Women's Day in progress at Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township. — MNA

YANGON, 16 June— The coordination meeting of the working committee for holding Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, 2005 was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at Thanlwin road, Bahan

Township this afternoon. Present on the occasion were Chairperson of Myanmar Women's Day Leading Committee, President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Nwe, working committee chairman Daw Khin Lay

Myint and working committee members and others. First, the leaders of the tree planting group, Anniversary Women's Affairs Magazine publishing work group and Myanmar Women's Day organizing work commit-

tee explained progress of measures being taken group-wise.

Next, the president of MWAF and the committee members discussed matters on holding of Myanmar Women's Day on a grand scale. — MNA

H&T Deputy Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 16 June — Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu received Vice Chairman of Guangxi Committee of Chinese Political Consultative Conference Mr Jian Xinghe at his office at 12.30 pm today. Similarly, Chairman of Victoria Entertainment Resort Club Ltd and party called on the deputy minister at 1.30 pm at his office.

Present at the calls were Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung



Hotels and Tourism Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu meeting with Vice Chairman of Guangxi Committee of Chinese Political Consultative Conference Mr Jian Xinghe. — H & T

and officials concerned. MNA

UMFCCI to participate in Int'l trade fairs abroad

YANGON, 16 June — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) will participate in international trade fairs abroad.

The trade fairs are 35th India International Garment Fair on 19-21 July, in New Delhi, India; International Trade and Industry Expo 2005 on 4-7 August, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; China ASEAN Expo-2005 on 18-22 October; Singapore International Jewellery Show 2005 on 20-23 October in Singapore; Association of South East Na-

tions Trade, Tourism, Culture Exhibition (ASEAN TEX 2005) on 10-13 November in Johannesburg, South Africa; International Furniture Fair on 22-25 November in Tokyo, Japan; ASEAN China Agriculture Show 2005 on 25-28 November in Malaysia; and Indonesia Agrotech Expo 2005 on 8-11 December in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Myanmar entrepreneurs wishing to participate in the trade fairs may contact UMFCCI, No 504-506, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, Ph 381284, 381285, 246495. — MNA

Child Health Orientation Course to be held

YANGON, 16 June — Organized by Myanmar Medical Association (Health and Education for Children), a Child Health Orientation Course for 2005 will be held at the new lecture hall of the Yangon Children's Hospital from 9 am to 12 noon on 25 June.

Prof U Pe Thet Khin of Mandalay Children's Hospital will submit paper on Bleeding in Childhood Cancer Patients; Pediatrician Dr Nyo Nyo Win on Surgical Emergencies in Neonate; Prof Lt-Col Dr Daw Kathy Tun of Defence Services Medical Institute on Management of Comatosed Child; Cardiologist Dr Khin Maung Oo on Management of Tachyarrhythmias in Children.

Interested doctors, medical students and health staff can attend the course. Registrations can be made during office hours ahead of three days at Children's Hospital and the venue of the course from 8.30 am to 9.00 am on that day. — MNA



Chinese visitors walk past the Microsoft booth at the China International Software Expo 2005 in Beijing on 15 June, 2005. — INTERNET



Singapore tests transmission of TV signals to mobile phone

SINGAPORE, 15 June — MediaCorp, one of Singapore's major media organizations, tested a world leading technology here on Tuesday that can transmit television (TV) signals to mobile phones.

According to the report by Channel NewsAsia, an affiliate of MediaCorp, the broadcasts depend on a totally new transmission platform instead of the fast-growing third generation (3G) networks.

To carry out the test, MediaCorp is partnering Nokia, global market leader

for mobile handset, and Mobile One (M1), one of Singapore's three major telecommunications operators.

By using the technology named Digital Video Broadcasting on Handhelds, TV content particularly developed by MediaCorp was transmit-

ted on M1's network with special hardware provided by Nokia.

MediaCorp hoped to develop a business model around the technology, which will enable new generation mobile phone users to access TV programmes.

MNA/Xinhua

Iranian Ambassador calls for more cooperation with China

BEIJING, 15 June — Iranian Ambassador to China Ferydoun Verdinejad suggested here on Tuesday Iran and China make a long-term plan to step up people-to-people exchanges and increase mutual understanding.

In an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* news agency, Verdinejad said both China and Iran have a long history of civilization. The two countries share identical or similar views on many international and regional issues, especially on fighting terrorism,

hegemonism and extremism. He said either of them attaches great importance to protecting and developing its own culture and respects the differences in culture and religion of each other. He said, especially in recent years, with the increasing exchanges of

high-level visits, their economic cooperation has scored major achievements. The two-way trade volume in 2004 amounted to seven billion US dollars, he added.

But there is still great potential in economic cooperation, said Verdinejad, and the two countries could enhance the cooperation in the fields of energy, mineral resources, telecommunication and tourism.

He said he hopes China can list Iran as a tourist des-

tination for Chinese citizens so that more and more Chinese could know Iran better. Verdinejad expected China to take an active part in international and regional issues that will be conducive to the bilateral relations and peace and stability of the world. China could exert more influence on the issues of Iran's accession into the World Trade Organization and the Iran nuclear issue, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Arroyo not to attend G-77 Summit

MANILA, 15 June — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will not attend the G-77 Summit of developing countries in Doha, Qatar, this week, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) announced on Tuesday.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo, who will be President Arroyo's representative to the summit, said before his departure that he would carry on with the economic, development and reform agenda of the President at the summit meeting of the Group of 77 and China.

"As Special Presiden-

tial Envoy, I will represent our President and join the other heads of states and governments as we fortify the development agenda and chart the future course of the G-77 and China," Romulo said.

He said that he will in Doha hold a number of bilateral meetings with his counterparts where they would touch on issues of trade, migration and development, debt relief, the rising costs of oil and United Nations reforms.

"The summit of the Group of 77 and China provides another important opportunity for us to focus collective action on critical issues facing the developing world," Romulo said.

MNA/Xinhua

Four US soldiers wounded in Afghan bomb explosion

KABUL, 15 June — Four US service members and an Afghan interpreter were injured on Tuesday when an explosive device detonated near their vehicle in southern Afghan province of Ghazni, the US military said.

Initial medical assessment indicated that none of the wounds were life-threatening. US military aircraft are responding to the scene to transport the wounded to the nearby Coalition medical facilities, it said.

The US soldiers were conducting a routine patrol in support of an ongoing operation near Ghazni at the time of the explo-

sion, and Coalition explosives experts are investigating the incident, it added.

Both the Taliban and government troops backed by US military have intensified their operations since the onset of spring, in which over 150 people including civilians, militants, Afghan and US troops have been killed.

MNA/Xinhua

1708 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 15 June — As of Wednesday, 15 June, 2005, at least 1,708 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 1,307 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is two lower than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Wednesday.

The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, 12;

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, 1,570 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,198 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet

Malaysian Marine police arrest 10 pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 June — Malaysian Marine police on Tuesday arrested 10 pirates who raided an oil tank off the northwestern coast of Peninsular Malaysia, the *Bernama* news agency reported.

The pirates, all Indonesians, surrendered to the police at 3:40 pm local time (0740 GMT), almost 12 hours after boarding the Malaysian-registered oil tanker *Nepline Delima* in Langkawi waters.

The pirates used a speedboat to approach the tanker at noon and took about three hours to coax the pirates to surrender, Ahmat said.

Ahmat told reporters at the Langkawi Marine Police Headquarters at Bukit Malut.

One crewman dived into the sea, stole the pirates' speed boat and then led a police team back.

The police found the tanker at noon and took about three hours to coax the pirates to surrender, Ahmat said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi walks past a vehicle destroyed by a car bomb attack in Baghdad, on 15 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Cambodia launches road safety campaign

PHNOM PENH, 15 June — Cambodia's Coalition for Road Safety launched a new campaign to improve public's awareness on road safety, local newspapers reported on Tuesday.

As part of the campaign, some student volunteers were dispatched to traffic lights at some locations in Phnom Penh to distribute leaflets educating drivers about the need to wear helmets and seat belts, the importance of obeying traffic rules and the perils of drunk driving, *The Cambodia Daily* said.

MNA/Xinhua

Price of China's corporate goods up 3.2% in May

BEIJING, 15 June — The price of corporate goods grew by 3.2 per cent year on year in May with the price level remaining the same as the previous month, the People's Bank of China, the central bank, said on Tuesday.

According to a central bank report on the corporate good price index, said that the price of capital goods rose by 0.1 from April and 4.2 per cent from a year earlier while that of consumer goods dropped by 0.3 per cent from April and rose by 0.6 per cent on an annual basis.

On a monthly basis, the price of primary goods

grew by 1 per cent and that of intermediate goods and finished goods dropped by 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent respectively. On a yearly basis, the prices rose by 9.8 per cent, 3.2 per cent and 0.5 per cent respectively.

In May, the price of grain dropped by 0.7 per cent from the previous month and by 1.5 per cent from a year ago.

The prices of coal rose by 1 per cent from April while that of coke dropped 0.2 per cent, and the figures became 23.1 per cent and 16.7 per cent, respectively, compared with a year earlier.

The price of oil rose by 12.9 per cent from the previous month and 23.1 per cent from last year, while that of refined oil rose by 1.8 per cent and 14.1 per cent, respectively, on an annual basis.

MNA/Xinhua



Thai models pose for photographs in Thailand's first electric car 'Cario', produced by Thai Summit Group, during a news conference in Bangkok, on 15 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Suicide attacks in Iraq kill 31, Australian hostage freed

BAQUBA, 15 June — Two suicide bombings killed a total of 31 people in Iraq, including 23 at an Iraqi army base canteen, as an Australian hostage was freed after being held for almost six weeks.

The bloodiest attack occurred at lunchtime when a man dressed in an Iraqi army uniform blew himself up at a base canteen in Khaled, a town northeast of Baghdad, security sources said on Wednesday.

Twenty-three people were killed and 29 wounded, most of them soldiers, said local council member Samira Shibli.

Hours later, eight policemen were killed and vehicles left ablaze in a second attack, when a bomber targeted their patrol in southern Baghdad.

"A suicide car bomber detonated his vehicle next to a motorised police patrol in the Zaafaraniyah district in southern Baghdad," said a defence ministry source, adding that 18 others were wounded.

The ordeal of Australian contractor Douglas Wood, finally ended with the Australian Prime Minister John Howard saying he had been rescued by Iraqi and US military forces.

In an operation which Howard said took even Australian authorities by surprise, an Iraqi military unit backed by US troops freed the 63-year-old US-based engineering contractor and took a number of militants captive.

"I am delighted to inform the House that the Australian hostage in Iraq, Douglas Wood, is safe," Howard told the Australian Parliament. — Internet



Chinese workers load bags of tree seeds onto a plane that will conduct air seeding at Lushi, central China's Henan Province, on 16 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Investment growth in Bangladesh to reach 20%

DHAKA, 15 June — Investment growth is expected to reach 20 per cent and industrial growth 10 per cent in the next two years in Bangladesh due to the promotion measures announced in the budget for fiscal 2005-06.

"I don't see any budgetary measure to restrict investment," Board of Investment (BOI) Executive Chairman Mahmudur Rahman was quoted by *The Independent* daily as saying on Tuesday.

Board of Investment (BOI) has estimated an investment target (both foreign and domestic) of 120 billion taka (two billion US dollars) and manufacturing sector growth of 10 per cent in next two fiscal years (2005-07). The estimate is set to achieve a GDP growth of 7 per cent by fiscal 2007.

According to another estimate, the total amount of investment only from some recent proposals would reach around 12 billion US dollars in the next three to four years and it is believed that these large foreign

investments would have a strong stimulating effect for local investors.

Mahmudur Rahman said the BOI achieved more than the targeted investment — 87 billion taka (1.45 billion US dollars) in the outgoing fiscal 2004-05 against the target of 80 billion taka (1.33 billion US dollars), while the manufacturing sector growth was 8.5 per cent. The government took various steps to encourage private entrepreneurs from home and abroad to invest in Bangladesh. The steps included easing the foreign currency control law and raw material import policy, duty rebate for importing machinery for 100 per cent export oriented industries and tax holiday.

MNA/Xinhua

TAR for extending Qinghai-Tibet rail link to India

LHASA, 15 June — The Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) on Monday signalled its interest to extend the Qinghai-Tibet rail link to India and Nepal.

"We are willing to promote the railway link between the Tibet Autonomous Region with South Asian countries including Nepal and India," Lhosang Gyaltzen, Vice-Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region, told a delegation of visiting Indian correspondents.

The 1963-kilometre-long Qinghai-Tibet railway from Xining, capital of Qinghai Province, to Tibet's capital Lhasa, said to be the world's most elevated and longest plateau railway, is expected to be completed in July next year, he said.

"We have put a lot of emphasis on

infrastructure construction", he said.

On opening the Nathula pass for tourism, he said, "we have a great potential in terms of tourism. On behalf of our government, I will like to say welcome to Indian friends and we invite them to Tibet".

Lhosang said 500 Indian tourists visited the "holy lakes and mountains" (Kailash mansarovar) in the western part of Tibet Autonomous Region.

While admitting that infrastructure there were "relatively poor" than in Lhasa, he said efforts would be made to provide better facilities in that region "as quickly as possible". — MNA/PTI

Sri Lankans to get 80,000 Malaysian jobs within six months

COLOMBO, 15 June — Malaysia is ready to receive at least 80,000 skilled workers from Sri Lanka within the next six months, the official *Daily News* reported on Tuesday.

Labour Minister Athauda Seneviratne said Malaysian Human Resources Minister Chang Ohn Fence had requested him to send at least 80,000 skilled workers to Malaysia within the next six months, the paper reported. Seneviratne said at a Press conference in the Bandaranaik International Airport after attending the 93rd session of the International Labour Organization summit in Geneva that he asked the Malaysian Government to provide jobs to Sri Lankans during his tour in May to Malaysia.

MNA/Xinhua

Senior CPC official meets Armenian FM

BEIJING, 15 June — Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), met here on Tuesday with Armenian Foreign Minister Vardan Oskanyan.

Wang said the CPC will further enhance cooperation and exchanges with the political parties of Armenia and make concerted efforts for the promotion of state-to-state relationship between China and Armenia. Oskanyan arrived here on Monday for an official visit to China as guest of Chinese Foreign Minister Li Xiaochang.

Oskanyan said the Armenian Government attaches importance to the development of relations with China and will further push forward the friendly exchanges between the Armenian ruling party with CPC. — MNA/Xinhua

China to promote relations with Thailand First freight airline opens between Shanghai, HK

BEIJING, 15 June— Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan met on Tuesday with Thai Army Commander-in-Chief Prawit Wongsuwan and exchanged views on promoting relations between the two countries and their Armed Forces.

Cao, also Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission and a State Councillor, said during the meeting that the growth of Sino-Thai relations is currently in its prime. The two countries have a frequent exchange of high-level visits and fruitful cooperation in the fields of economy, trade and security.

China and Thailand support each other in international and regional affairs, and they also witness constant progress in the strategic cooperation between the two countries, he said.

Cao said the enhancement of cooperation between

the two countries and their armies is conducive to the common development of the two countries and for the peace and stability in the region and the world at large.

This year marks the 30th forging anniversary of diplomatic ties between China and Thailand.

"The two sides should grasp this opportunity to further advance the development of bilateral ties in an all-round way," said Cao.

Prawit Wongsuwan said Thailand and China have enjoyed friendly cooperation in various fields.

MNA/Xinhua

SHANGHAI, 15 June — A Shanghai Airlines Boeing 737 cargo plane left Shanghai airport for Hong Kong on Tuesday, marking the maiden flight for the freight route. Hong Kong is the second largest cargo import market and the fourth largest export market of Shanghai.

Currently, five weekly cargo flights shuttle between the two cities. The flights are made by Boeing 737s with a departure at 4:35 pm from Shanghai and an arrival at 6:55 pm at Hong Kong International Airport. The same planes leave Hong Kong for Shanghai at 8:25 pm.— MNA/Xinhua



Workers sew at a garment factory in Gazipur near the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka on 15 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Thailand begins malaria anti-viral drug test on humans

BANGKOK, 15 June— Health officials in Thailand has begun human test of low-cost antiviral drug to treat malaria, which has long been a health problem in this tropical country, local Press reported on Wednesday.

The final phase of the human trial has been approved and would be conducted by researchers from Mahidol University, Pakdee Pothisiri, secretary-general of Food and Drug Administration, was quoted by Bangkok Post as saying. During this year's malaria outbreak, some 12,000 people have contracted the disease, and 19 have died. It is necessary to develop effective drugs to help treat those infected, said Pakdee.

The drug has been proved effective in the first phase of the trial, in which

72 malaria patients involved. It could contain the disease within three days, while the current remedy takes up to 28 days. "It is expected that a low-cost drug against malaria will be developed with the next two years, once the final phase of the human trial is complete," said Sornchai Luareesuwan, principle investigator for the drug trial.

If the trial is successful, some 500 million people are expected to benefit from the medicine, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

NZ takes apple access row with Australia to WTO

WELLINGTON, 15 June — New Zealand Government is determined to go to the World Trade Organization (WTO) to get access for New Zealand apples on the Australian market.

Trade Negotiations Minister Jim Sutton said on Tuesday New Zealand Government had put the issue on the agenda of the WTO phytosanitary committee for later this month.

The sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) committee is where WTO members formally raise issues of concern about biosecurity trade measures taken by other members. Sutton said New Zealand had been trying for many years to get New Zealand apples into Australia growers.

"We're not going to stop until we get the right outcome."

Sutton said scientific research showed clean mature apples were unlikely to carry

fireblight bacteria - the reason given by the Australians for blocking the apples.

"Raising our serious concerns at the SPS committee will signal to Australia, and other WTO members, just how important resolution of this issue is to New Zealand," said Sutton.

Australia has banned imports of New Zealand apples for more than 80 years, using the fireblight bacterial disease as a non-tariff trade barrier. It has also refused to lift the ban despite a 1981 free trade pact between the countries and a ruling by the WTO that fireblight cannot be transmitted from one place to another on clean, mature fruit. —MNA/Xinhua

Thailand earmarks \$ 42.5b for infrastructure

BANGKOK, 15 June— The Thai Cabinet on Tuesday approved a budget of 1.7 trillion baht (about 42.5 billion US dollars) for massive infrastructure constructions over the next five years.

Most of the enormous budget would be used to improve the kingdom's public transit systems, the state-run Thai News Agency reported.

About one fourth of the total budget would go to seven railway projects worth 423.4 billion baht (10.59 billion US dollars), while almost 20 per cent of budget to other transport projects worth 328.6 billion baht (8.21 billion dollars). The rest of the budget would be used to improve public projects of housing, water management, education development and public health etc.

The funding for these projects will extend over the next five years, with 39 per cent drawn from the national budget, 13 per cent from state enterprise revenue, 42 per cent from foreign and domestic borrowing, and 6 per cent from other sources. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam promotes e-commerce

HANOI, 15 June— Most of the tenders of Vietnamese Government and 30 per cent of its purchases will be conducted via electronic means in the next five years, the country's Trade Ministry said on Tuesday.

Besides, some 70 per cent of the big enterprises in the country will master online business skills by 2010, under the ministry's draft plan on developing e-commerce in the country in the 2006-2010 period.

Also under the plan to be submitted to the government next month, 90 small-and medium-sized enterprises in Vietnam are expected, by 2010, to thoroughly understand benefits of e-commerce, and 15 per cent of households to shop on-line.

By late 2004, Vietnam had 15,700 business web sites, the Ministry said, noting that more and more local companies have established e-transaction networks. The country, as of early last year, had more than 72,000 operational enterprises.

MNA/Xinhua

Poland to cut Iraq deployment by up to 300

WARSAW, 15 June— Poland said on Wednesday it will cut its 1,700-troop deployment to Iraq this summer by as many as 300 troops.

Explore homes by area, price range, bedrooms and bathrooms.

Defence Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski said Poland's force in Iraq in the next troop rotation would be "between 1,400 and 1,450."

His remarks came after a meeting with British Defence Secretary John Reid in which they discussed European and global security, just days before Britain takes over the rotating EU presidency for six months.

Poland had said the rotation carried out in July and August would reduce the force by several hundred troops ahead of an expected withdrawal at the start of 2006, but had not given a specific number.

Internet



Iraqis gather at the scene of a suicide car bomb which detonated near a passing police patrol in the Zaafaraniyah District of southern Baghdad, on 15 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Top Chinese leaders visit exhibition of Chen Yun

BEIJING, 15 June — Top Chinese leaders on Monday visited a special exhibition of Chen Yun, a late proletarian revolutionary and founder of China's socialist economy, in commemoration of his 100th birth anniversary.

Top leaders of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese Government Hu Jintao, Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Jia Qinglin, Zeng Qinghong, Huang Ju, Wu Guanzheng, Li Changchun and Luo Gan were present at the exhibition respectively.

"The Century-old Chen Yun — Exhibition Marking the 100th Anniversary of Chen Yun" puts on display 240 pho-

tos, 120 cultural relics and 74 documents, aiming to reflect Chen's glorious life, lofty thoughts, virtues and demeanor of this great proletarian revolutionary.

After seeing the exhibition, Hu Jintao, general-secretary of the CPC Central Committee, said that "the brilliant thoughts and lofty virtues and demeanor of veteran revolutionaries taking shape in long-term practices of revolution,

construction and reform are our valuable assets and powerful spiritual motivation encouraging us to press ahead".

"We must make energetic efforts to give wide publicity to and carry forward the lofty spirit of veteran revolutionaries, and push forward the great cause of building a socialist society with Chinese characteristics," Hu said.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore setting up Infocomm Int'l Advisory Panel

SINGAPORE, 15 June — Singapore is setting up the Infocomm International Advisory Panel to help realize its goal of becoming a regional infocomm hub, Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA) Lee Boon Yang announced on Tuesday.

"This platform allows Singapore to have continual dialogues at the strategic level with leading industry leaders for a healthy exchange of ideas," said Lee, adding that key figures from industry giants such as IBM, Microsoft, Oracle and Hewlett Packard have agreed to join the panel.

Speaking at the official opening of the Infocomm Media Busi-

ness Exchange (IMBX) 2005, Lee also announced a new policy framework for Internet Protocol (IP) Telephony services, aiming to facilitate the entry of such companies into local market.

"We expect growth in IP Telephony to bring about reduced costs in providing telephone services, and in turn, translate to reduced prices and more service choices for busi-

nesses and consumers," Lee noted.

According to the latest figures released by the country's Infocomm Development Authority, the industry's revenue grew by 5 per cent to reach 34 billion Singapore dollars (about 20 billion US dollars) in 2004, and is forecast to further expand by 3 to 5 per cent over the next two years.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam eyes new seafood export market

HANOI, 15 June — Vietnam is seeking new seafood markets in Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, while facing difficulties in shipping the product to the United States, Vietnam's Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP) said on Tuesday.

The VASEP has urged the Vietnamese Trade Ministry to request its trade offices abroad to give priority to marketing seafood, especially in the new markets.

The association said Vietnam in the first five months in 2005 realized only 33.1 per cent of the year's seafood export target, citing importers' strict sanitary requirements, anti-dumping tariffs on catfish and bond payment imposed by the United States as main reasons. Vietnam shipped 155 million US dollars worth of seafood to the United States between January and May, a year-on-year decline of 31.5 per cent.

The United States has recently required local exporters to pay bonds to insure payment of their anti-dumping duties to the US Customs. The formula used by the US Customs sets the bond at an amount equal to the exporting country's current anti-dumping rate multiplied by the gross amount of business done by the exporter in 2004.

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A Chinese chef carves a dragon design made of pumpkin, carrot and radish during a national hotel food sculpture competition at the China International Hospitality Industry Expo 2005 in Beijing on 15 June, 2005. — INTERNET

Intel establishes technology fund to drive innovation in China

BEIJING, 15 June — Intel President and CEO Paul Otellini announced here on Monday that Intel would invest 200 million US dollars to establish Intel Capital China Technology Fund to help drive innovation in China.

The investment would go to Chinese technology companies developing innovative hardware, software and services, Otellini said at Monday's ceremony celebrating Intel's 20 years in China.

The programme would play a key part in Intel's efforts to stimulate local technology innovation, said Otellini. Since 1998, Intel has invested in over 50 Chinese companies to boost their technological innovation. Intel would also double its efforts to educate teachers and students in China on using technology to enhance teaching and learning, said the president. Intel plans to train one million teachers and over 45 million students in the future three years.

MNA/Xinhua

India to tie up with UCSF for training in stem cell research

SILICON VALLEY, 15 June — The University of California San Francisco (UCSF), a pioneer in stem cell research, will train Indian scientists in the field of regenerative and stem cell research, visiting Indian Federal Health Minister Dr Anbumani Ramadoss has said.

The minister, who met with the UCSF Vice-Chancellor J Michael Bishop and other leading authorities in stem cell research, said, "We are going to have a tie-up for exchange programme for the faculty, with specialists coming from India and getting trained and (UCSF) faculty-members travelling to India and training our scientists."

Speaking after a reception hosted by the Bay Area Tamil Manram and California Tamil Academy here this week, the minister told *PTI*, "I want India to be a hub for stem cell research because this is going to be the future of medicine."

Explaining India's advantage in this field, he said that unlike in US and most of the European countries, stem cell research does not face too much legal and funding restrictions in India.

At the same time, he said, India is conscious of the fact that stem cell research will raise a lot of ethical issues in the future and purpose of his meetings here was also to explore how stem cell research regulatory mechanism in US could be implemented in India.

The government is preparing guidelines for stem cell research, he added.

Providing greater details about the collaboration in the area of training Dr Dahiya, UCSF faculty member and scientific adviser to the Indian Government, said focus will be on techniques of "characterizing and maintaining" stem cells.

Stem cells are immature or undifferentiated cells that are capable of going through maturation process to become specialized cells.

MNA/PTI

Shanghai to battle summer peak electricity shortage

SHANGHAI, 15 June — Residents in Shanghai do not need to worry about the effect on their life brought by electric power shortage in the peak of summer thanks to the municipal government's measures to safeguard sufficient electricity for residents and key enterprises in the summer peak period.

"Only temporary electricity restriction, but no blackout" will stand as the ultimate goal for the municipal government, which has already taken a series of substantial measures as production suspen-

sion, shift of working hours into the night when production demand is lower, and the curbing of production for enterprises with high-energy consumption and low added value products.

With a peak demand for electricity forecast to surge to 19 million kilowatts, up by 2.1 million kilowatts from last summer, office buildings, super markets, and department stores are expected to reduce their

use of electricity. Shanghai is capable of supplying 16.25 million kilowatts of electricity this summer, still with a shortfall of 3.25 million kilowatts if in full operation.

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Sihanouk donates to flood-affected people in China

BEIJING, 15 June — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing wrote to former Cambodian king Norodom Sihanouk on 8 June, expressing China's appreciation for his sympathy and donation to the flood-affected people in China, the ministry said Tuesday. "The Chinese Government and people thank Sihanouk for his sympathy and donation to the disaster-affected people in Hunan, Guizhou and Sichuan provinces, which were hit by floods and rainstorms since May," said Li in his letter to the former Cambodian King.

Sihanouk wrote a letter to Li to express his sympathy for the flood-affected people in these places and donated 20,000 US dollars to them.

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Development Committees in the service of the people

Zeya Myo Htet

The Development Committees are the organizations that have to take charge of public welfare concerns directly or indirectly for the convenience of local people in respective townships and rural areas. Their major responsibilities are to spruce up the townships and villages, to minimize the development gap between urban and rural areas, to improve the transport sector, to ensure safety in production services, to take measures for public recreation, and to construct, upgrade and maintain roads and bridges.

The annual work coordination meeting of the Development Committees has been held since 1990 so as to speed up the implementation of development tasks. This year's work coordination meeting has entered its 16th anniversary.

At the meetings, officials adopt better future work programmes through the thorough review of previous performances to find out strengths and weaknesses.

The annual work coordination meeting of the Development Committees of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took place at the DAD on Thanlyetsoon Road in Botahtaung Township on 16 May 2005. Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the meeting.

In his address, the Secretary-1 expressed his hope that practical programmes and better results that could enhance the national development would emerge through holding of the coordination meeting of the development affairs officers discharging duties nationwide. He added that the government

laid down the objectives for peace and national development and Our Three Main National Causes to be upheld. It also implemented border areas development tasks and designated major development regions. Now the government was undertaking the five rural development tasks, he said.

He noted that Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — are genuine Union Spirit. He urged DAD staffs to make efforts in carrying out region-wise and sector-wise development tasks with a sense of national politics.

DAD was an organization that fulfilled basic social requirements of the people and supervised regional development tasks in accord with the law, rules and regulations and directives. Development

The development committees are accelerating the implementation of the tasks for greening the townships. They have constructed model roads and traffic islands, planted shade trees and landscaping trees, and established parks, thereby attracting the admiration of the people.

activities were to be undertaken with the participation of the people, he added.

The Development Committees are therefore to exert endeavours steadfastly, adhering to the instructions as work guidelines.

So far, the Development Committees have constructed urban and rural roads with a total length of 30,657 miles and seven furlongs and 17,720

bridges for smooth transport in a bid to ensure development of urban and rural regions. Moreover, they are now scaling up construction of village-to-village roads, village-to-town roads, town-to-town roads and district-to-district roads.

Besides, the committees have been able to take measures for supply of clean water to 14,309 out of 23,225 villages in states and divisions. A total of 25 townships in three arid divisions have enjoyed sufficient supply of clean water up to now.

In the drive for the rural housing project to raise the living standard of the rural folks, they have also built 1,609 rural houses in concert with the Ministry of Forestry.

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Indeed, development affairs tasks make contributions towards meeting the basic needs of the public and progress of towns and villages. If the staff of the Development Committees have a positive attitude towards their responsibilities, they can make two achievements at the same time — accomplishing the development affairs services and gaining merits.

Now, the Development Committees are making spectacular performance in the public welfare services. So, the onus is put on the committees to further expedite their efforts to make their significant performance go down in the annals of the drive for building of a modern developed nation.

Translation: MS

Commander inspects Pathein-Thabaung motor road and pulp plant

YANGON, 16 June—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, accompanied by departmental officials, on 13 June morning inspected earth works of Shwe Myintin-Thanyetsoon-Hlegyitet motor road section of Pathein-Thabaung motor road, tasks of paving stones and progress of building concrete bridges.

On arrival at Thabaung, the commander met with township level departmental officials at Pyi Aye hall of township PDC office. The chairman of township PDC reported on progress of carrying out development tasks to the commander. The chairman of District PDC gave a supplementary report.

The commander then inspected Thabaung Township People's Hospital, where the officials conducted him around it. At the briefing hall of 200-ton Pulp Plant near Hlegyitet Village, the commander heard reports on the factory and fulfilled the requirements. — *MNA*

Commander inspects construction of approach railroad at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) Project

YANGON, 16 June—Commander gave necessary instruction. The Commander inspected the construction of two-storey Railway Station measuring 288 feet in length and 110 feet in width.

The Commander inspected construction of the approach railroad at Hline ward and Kyaikphane ward, the installation of PC Girders on Mawlamyine bank.

Senior Engineer U Lwan Thu reported on construction of the approach railroad, and the

Tint Lwin and U Myo Win reported on the tasks being carried out for Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). The Commander attended to the needs and inspected the work site.

Next, the Commander proceeded to Mawlamyine-Mudon Road and oversaw the progress in building of the tunnel being undertaken by the Myanmar Railways.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister attends coord meeting on examination for disabled children

YANGON, 16 June—A co-ordination meeting on examination for disabled children was held at the audio-visual hall of the Myanmar Education Research Bureau on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this afternoon, with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general, deputy di-

rectors-general and directors, professors of Yangon University, directors and principals of Social Welfare Departments, principals of schools for the blind and deaf and dumb and Dagon, Kyimyindine and Insein BEHSs and guests.

The minister delivered an address. He discussed the subjects to be prescribed for disabled children, pro-

grammes to be followed for taking examinations, application of teaching aids and examination programmes and uplift of morale.

Next, those present at the meeting made suggestions in connection with the examinations for disabled children. After that, the deputy minister gave concluding remarks and the meeting went concluded. — *MNA*

Quality of Information on Inland Fisheries Workshop and Course opens

YANGON, 16 June — Jointly-organized by the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the FAO, the Workshop and Course on Quality of Information on Inland Fisheries was opened at a ceremony held at the meeting hall

of the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel this morning.

Director-General of the Fisheries Department U Than Tun extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, resident representative of the FAO Mr Tang

Zhengping delivered an introductory address.

Representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Myanmar attended the workshop. The workshop continues up to 18 June and the course is conducted from 19 to 22 June. — *MNA*

Make concerted efforts with...

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Namhsan-Mongton-Monghsat Road.

Local people in Shan State (East) can travel to Shan State (South) and Mandalay Division via Kengtung-Mongpyin-Taunggyi-Meiktila Road, and to Shan State (North) via Loilem along Laikha-Mongkai-Panketu-Hsipaw Road.

In the past, local people in Shan State (North), (South) and (East) had to make a detour round Mandalay Division if they travelled from one destination to another. In contrast, now they can travel from one region to another directly thanks to the emergence of a network of roads. Furthermore, some roads in Shan State reach

It is the government's belief that the evil legacies of the colonialists left such as doubts, suspicions, racism, big development gap and different concepts among the national races will be warded off through more contacts and relations among the national brethren.

With flourishing of mutual friendship, assistance and reliance among the national people thanks to more contacts, now has become a time when measures can be taken effectively for harmonious development in the economic, social and cultural sectors.

At the same time, the government has been establishing such socio-economic foundations as



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets local people attending the opening ceremony of Tarkaw-Kengtung section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway.—MNA

ests.

Now, being facilitated with the 200-bed hospital, Kengtung Degree College, Government Computer College, and Government

College and Kengtung Government Computer College have fine main buildings, and the opening of the main building of Kengtung Government

Tatmadaw have resulted in fine infrastructures and a promising future for development of Shan State including Kengtung.

The Secretary-1 urged

needed for national development.

He also called on the people to be equipped with Union Spirit and to unitedly crush all the instigations, interventions, terrorist acts, the wedge driven to undermine national unity and break up the Union.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 exhorted the entire national people to make efforts in concert with nationalistic fervour and Union Spirit in line with the national objectives to be able to achieve the national goal smoothly and earlier than expected at a time when the Seven-Point Road Map is being put into motion for emergence of a modern developed democratic nation with flourishing disciplines.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun explained matters related to Tarkaw-Kengtung road section. He said that according to the directives of the State Peace and Development Council, the Ministry of Construction carries out construction of new roads, maintenance and upgrading of existing ones, building of new bridges and maintenance of the existing ones, for (See page 9)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo at the opening ceremony of Tarkaw-Kengtung Road section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway.—MNA

border areas. Therefore, the People's Republic of China, Thailand and the Laos People's Democratic Republic can deal with each other via Myanmar.

The purpose of the drive is just to gain absolute unity among the national races living in various parts of the Union made up of 14 states and divisions.

schools, universities, colleges, hospitals, hydropower plants, telegraph stations, TV retransmission stations, agriculture and livestock farms, so the national people have enjoyed the sweet taste of economic and social development, thereby cementing the spirit of national solidarity, Union Spirit and national inter-

Technological College, and the airport that can be used by jets. Kengtung has become deservedly the city of the eastern bank of Thanlwin River.

Kengtung Degree

Computer College is going to be held.

Peace and stability and national solidarity alongside the combined efforts of the government, the people and the

the people to maintain the already-achieved momentum to ensure perpetual peace and stability of the entire Union including Shan State (East) and to strengthen the foundations

Thanks to the better transport, about one million of national races such as Shan, Akha, Lahu, Wa, Palaung and Bamar living in Shan State (East) will be able to enjoy fruitful results in greater trade, border trade, and tourism industry as well as education, health and social development.



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun cut the ribbon to open Tarkaw-Kengtung Road section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway.—MNA

Make concerted efforts with...

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ensuring secure and smooth transportation and equitable development of states and divisions including remote areas and realizing national unity.

In 1988, there were 13,635 miles long roads built by the Ministry of Construction throughout the country. Now, there are 18,640 miles in length of roads that is 5,005 miles more than that in 1988.

In Shan State, there were 4,077 miles long roads before 1988, and now there are 4,530 miles in length of road. Therefore, the present length of road is 453 miles more than the past.

Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung Road is old one stretching 397 miles. Tarkaw-Mongpyin-Kengtung section was built through rocky areas, sandy areas, creeks with rapid current and seeping

closed in the rainy season.

In November 2002, the Head of State gave guidance to upgrade the road. From that time onwards, assignments of road sections were allotted. Now, the Ministry of Construction has built four bridges that are 180 feet and above long in Shan State (South), five bridges in Shan State (North) and three in Shan State (East), totalling 12.

The road section opened today was built with over 150 culverts, retaining walls and drains wherever necessary. Wooden bridges were substituted with concrete ones.

As a result of building the road section from Meiktila to Kengtung, over 900,000 local people can travel from their regions to the mainland any time. Therefore, the road will contribute to development



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspect Tarkaw-Kengtung Road Section.— MNA

Afterwards, Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave a speech and on behalf of the local people, he

U Sai Lyo of Kengtung thanked the Government for building the Union Highway in their region.

newly opened Tarkaw-Kengtung Road and flew to at Tarkaw of Mongpyin Township in Shan State (East).

way. Next, the Secretary-1 cordially conversed with local people.

After that, they inspected Tarkaw-Kengtung road in the helicopter and arrived back in Kengtung at 11 am.

Tarkaw-Kengtung road is one of the sections of the Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway in Shan State

The Secretary-1 and party attended the ceremony to inaugurate Tarkaw-Kengtung Road (Tarkaw section) at the mile post 284 in Tarkaw, Mongpyin.

Also present on the



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Tarkaw-Kengtung Road (Tarkaw Section).— MNA

areas. In the past, vehicles took 15 to 30 days to reach the destination due to difficulties and dangers. Sometimes, the road was

of economic, social, education and health sectors of the local people as well as forging the national unity.

thanked the Government for construction of the road.

On behalf of the local people, Shan national

The Secretary-1, the commanders and guests took the places at the archway. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened Tarkaw-Kengtung Road (Kengtung section) of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway.

They posed for documentary photo with local people.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted the local people and viewed the road.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1, accompanied by the commander and party, in the helicopter was airborne to inspect

occasion were Deputy Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Wai Lin and senior military officers, departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun cut the ribbon to open the road.

The Secretary-1 and party had documentary photo taken together with local people at the arch-

(East).

The road section lies 79 miles in Mongpyin Township and 35 miles in Kengtung Township.

The road was a gravel one in the past and now it has been upgraded to 12-foot-wide tarred road.

A total of 170 culverts were built along the road. The road section was built together with the gravel retaining walls and the gravel drains measuring 10,500 feet.

MNA

Tarkaw-Kengtung road section lies 79 miles in Mongpyin Township and 35 miles in Kengtung Township.



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.— MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing.— MNA



U Sai Lyo of Kengtung. MNA

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It is of earth embankment measuring 3,750 feet long and 194 feet high.

In the afternoon, they proceeded to Ma Mya Dam Project at Hmyinwa Hill in Myanaung Township and inspected the worksite. Next, they oversaw construction of the conduit, the control tower and the embankment. Ma Mya Dam is of earth embankment type. It will be 11,800 feet in length and 150 feet in height. The conduit and spillway are of reinforced concrete.

The dam can store 70,000 acre-feet of water at the highest level. On completion, the dam can irrigate 10,000 acres of farmland in the township. In addition, the dam can prevent the floods of Ma Mya Creek into farmlands both sides of the creek and generate 2 megawatt.

In Kyangin, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with township level departmental officials and heard reports on progress in agriculture, education and health sectors in the township. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Kyangin Township has food sufficiency and good business. To make more progress, it is necessary to extend agriculture and livestock breeding and to grow suitable crops out of 10 main crops, three new items of crop and three species of perennial crops



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets with departmental personnel in Kyangin.—MNA

designated by the Government. The township should participate in the cultivation monsoon paddy to meet the target of 3.6 million acres of the division for 2005-06. Furthermore, it is necessary to put 6,000 acres of land under summer paddy with the use of water from Kunchaung Dam. Efforts are to be made for growing monsoon paddy, pulses and beans, summer paddy and other crops.

Prevalence of law and order, booming of

economy and development of human resources are three main factors for development of the nation. Therefore, local authorities and local people are to join hands with the Government for emergence of a modern and developed nation. Thus, township officials are to make all-out efforts for development of the township as well as the country.

After that, they proceeded to Kyangin Cement Plant of the Ministry of Industry-1. Plant Manager U Zaw Win reported on the location of the plant, construction and investment, availability of raw materials, production capacity, power supply and production process.

After attending to the requirements, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

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DHF prevention and control campaign launched



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaking at the ceremony to launch Mass Campaign on prevention and control of dengue haemorrhagic fever.—MNA

YANGON, 16 June — In an effort to control the dengue haemorrhagic fever, Yangon Health Committee and Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association launched today Mass Campaign on prevention and control of dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF).

Addressing a ceremony to mark the DHF prevention and control activities held at No 2 Basic Education High School, Sangyoung Township, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe urged the local people and health staff to participate in DHF control and prevention activities such as sanitation activities every weekend. In Myanmar, an outbreak of DHF occurred in 1968 and 1969. Since 1975, the epidemic has spread other states and divisions, he said. He also called on officials concerned to hold DHF educative talks on health

among the people.

Afterwards, Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay reported on arrangements made for curbing of DHF in Yangon.

Dr Hla Myint, Head of Yangon Division Health Department, briefed on DHF prevention and control activities being carried out in Yangon and Deputy Director of the department Dr Saw Lwin gave talks on ways of controlling DHF.

At a ceremony, Daw Ni Ni Sein, President of Yangon West District MCWA Supervisory Committee, presented 1,250 membership applications of MCWA to Secretary of Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Dr Hla Myint.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn also attended the ceremony. — MNA

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Rakhine State

YANGON, 16 June — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with Brig-Gen Than Htun Aung of Sittway Station and officials met with departmental officials and townsenders at the office of Ponnagyun Township PDC on 14 June morning.

The commander heard reports on regional development tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

In the evening, the commander inspected progress of building the city hall of Ponnagyun and gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at the project site of building Kyauktan bridge in Sittway, he looked into the site of the bridge and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

The bridge crossed the Kyauktan creek on Yangon-Sittway highway and the 452 feet long and 30 feet wide reinforced concrete bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The commander heard reports on progress of nursing pepper and perennial plants by Brig-Gen Than Htun Aung and the commander fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Myanmar selected athletes inspected

YANGON, 16 June — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint arrived at Aung San Stadium this morning and inspected the training of Myanmar selected athletes who will take part in the XXIII SEA Games.

The minister gave instructions to the athletes on trying hard and presented tracksuits to each. Next, the minister attended to the needs after hearing the reports by the officials.

Later the minister attended the opening ceremony of 9th Inter State/Division Taekwondo Tournament and made a speech.

Altogether 18 men's and women's teams from the states and divisions, take part in the tournament and it continues up to 18 June. — MNA

Myanmar women's football team cruise into quarterfinal

YANGON, 16 June — The Qualifying Round of AFC Women's Championship 2005 continued in Hanoi, Vietnam, this evening.

As the final match of the Group A, host Vietnamese women's team met with Myanmar selected women's team. The host won over Myanmar 1-0 in a penalty foul.

In the Group A, Myanmar stood second with three points of one win and one loss and entered the quarterfinal. Host Vietnam stood first with six points of two wins, and moved into the quarterfinal. On 20 June at 4 pm local time, Myanmar women's team will play against Uzbekistan in the quarterfinal.

MNA

Myanmar-China friendly volleyball matches continue

YANGON, 16 June — The second match of Myanmar-China friendly volleyball continued at the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwanna) this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and members, officials of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, cultural group from Hei Long Jiang in China, students and fans. In the second match, Sichuan national volleyball team played against selected volleyball team of Myanmar Volleyball Federation and beat Myanmar with 25-17, 25-21 and 25-22.

The third Myanmar-China friendly volleyball match will take place at 3 pm on 18 June. — MNA

Hydro-electric Power Department, Chinese consortium ink two agreements

YANGON, 16 June — Hydro-electric Power Department of the Ministry of Electric Power today signed two agreements with China National Electric Equipment Corporation (CNEEC) and Zhejiang Orient Holdings Group Limited (ZOHG) on purchase of construction materials and electrical equipment for Kengtung hydel-power project in Shan State, Myanmar. Under the agree-

ment with the CNEEC-ZOHG Consortium, the Hydro-electric Power Department will purchase generators, transformers and electrical equipment worth US \$ 11.5 million. Under the deal with CNEEC, the Hydro-electric Power Department will also buy ironwork valued at US \$ 3.5 million from CNEEC. Kengtung hydel power project is situated near Kengtung in Mongnai, Shan State

(South). Three 18-megawatt generators will be installed at the project and it is expected that the hydel power station will produce an average of 472 million kwh a year. On completion, the hydel-power station will supply electricity to the townships in Loilem and Langkho districts in Shan State (South). Moreover, it will send surplus electricity to other areas via national grid. MNA



An official of Hydro-electric Power Department (centre) signs a contract with officials of Chinese consortium at the Ministry of Electric Power. MNA

Egypt's intelligence chief leaves for Israel to discuss Gaza pullout

CAIRO, 16 June — Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman left on Wednesday for Israel to discuss the upcoming Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, the official MENA news agency reported.

Suleiman is expected to meet Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon over the pullout due to start on 15 August, said MENA, adding the Egyptian official will seek agreement with Israel on security arrangements for the Egypt-Gaza border, where Israeli troops currently control a buffer zone. Israel plans to withdraw from all 21 settlements in the Gaza Strip and four out of 120 in the West Bank this summer to "disengage" from con-

flicts with the Palestinians. Egypt and Israel have reached an agreement in late 2004 for Egypt to deploy 750 troops along its border with the Gaza Strip ahead of the pullout. Details of the Egyptian troop deployment, including the placement of the soldiers and the types of weapons they will be allowed to carry, will be decided at future meetings. Israel has been pressing for Egyptian help for fear a Gaza withdrawal will leave a security

vacuum. Suleiman's visit comes four days before a trip to Israel by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit, which will coincide with an expected regional tour of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Sharon is due to meet with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on 21 June, the second summit between them since Abbas succeeded the late Yasser Arafat in the 9 January election. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnamese policymakers to accelerate oil refinery construction

HANOI, 16 June — The 7th session of the 11th National Assembly of Vietnam wrapped up on Tuesday with an approval of a resolution on speeding up the construction of the country's first oil refinery.

The construction of the Dung Quat oil refinery in central Quang Ngai Province must be accelerated so that it will become operational in late 2008 or early 2009, Vietnam News Agency quoted the delegates as saying. The National Assembly assigned some more agencies to supervise the project's implementation to prevent sluggishness, wastefulness and loss. In mid-May, Petro Vietnam, the state-owned oil and gas corporation, signed an engineering procurement and construction contract with a consortium led by France's Technip Conflexip for building main components of the refinery. The overall estimated cost for the refinery will be 2.5 billion US dollars from an initial 1.3 billion dollars. The refinery, with an annual refining capacity of 6.5 million tons of crude

oil, will meet 40 per cent of the local demand for petroleum products, according to the corporation. Vietnam exported over 7.3 million tons of crude oil valued at 2.8 billion dollars in the first 5 months of this year, down 9.1 per cent in volume but up 37.9 per cent in value against the same period last year. Meanwhile, it imported nearly 4.9 million tons of petroleum products worth roughly 1.9 billion US dollars, posting respective rises of 2.2 per cent and 36.2 per cent. During the 7th session starting on 5 May, a total of 15 laws, including those on maritime, pharmaceutical, national defence, tourism and import-export tariffs, were approved. Another 13 bills are expected to be approved during the next session slated for late this year. MNA/Xinhua

IMF predicts 6% economic growth in Cambodia in 2005

PHNOM PENH, 16 June — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted that Cambodia's economic growth in 2005 will be 5.0-6.0 per cent, not the previous gloomy prediction of 2.5 per cent, The Cambodia Daily reported on Wednesday.

"The main contribution to the revision is garment export," Li Houng Lee, an IMF deputy director for Asia, was quoted as saying. The end of the worldwide garment quota system will apparently have almost no impact on Cambodia this year, he added. "Recent developments in the markets have given Cambodia actually some breathing space which it can use to improve its competitiveness," he said, adding that the IMF also forecasts 6-per-cent growth in 2006. An unanticipated construction

boom in Cambodia and a less severe drought than feared had also contributed to the higher growth estimate, said IMF. In the first quarter of 2005, Cambodia's garment export increased 16 per cent compared to the same period of last year, according to data of Ministry of Commerce. Cambodia's garment sector has grown from almost nothing in 1995 to become the country's main export industry today. It contributes about 80 per cent of total exports and provides jobs to about 250,000 people. — MNA/Xinhua

China's industrial sector sees 16.6% growth in May

BEIJING, 16 June — The added value of China's large- and medium-sized industrial enterprises increased 16.6 per cent year-on-year to 570.2 billion yuan (about 69 billion US dollars) in May, according to a report re-

leased by the National Bureau of Statistics on Wednesday. The added value of the heavy industrial sector rose 17.4 per cent to 397.1 billion yuan, 2.5 per cent higher than the growth rate of the light industrial sector. The output of electricity went up 13.5 per cent; raw coal, up 11.6 per cent; crude oil, 5.3 per cent; pig iron, up 40.9 per cent; steel, up 37.5 per cent; rolled steel, up 35.5 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua

Lions Clubs International's counterpart founded in China

BEIJING, 16 June — China set up Tuesday the China Council of Lions Clubs (CCLC), an organization similar to Lions Clubs International (LCI), the world's largest community service organization. The council aims to

coordinate LCI and organize member clubs to do charitable activities, according to CCLC's Constitution. Deng Pufang, chairman of the China Disabled Persons' Federation (CDPF), said he hopes that CCLC will develop its re-

lationship with LCI. The first relevant organization in China is Guangdong Lions Club, which was founded in 2002. Set up in 1917, LCI has a membership of more than 1.4 million in 193 countries around the world. — MNA/Xinhua



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EU launches high-speed research network

BRUSSELS, 15 June — European Commission (EC), the executive arm of the European Union (EU), announced on Monday that it will launch on Tuesday GEANT2, the high-speed version of Europe's world-leading networking infrastructure for scientists and students.

In a Press release emailed to Xinhua on Monday evening, the EC said from Tuesday onwards, GEANT2, Europe's world-class research networking infrastructure will start to supply unprecedented computing power to an estimated three million users from over 3500 academic institutions in 34 countries across Europe.

MNA/Xinhua

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The Project Specialist provides expert support to the Bureau for Economic Integration (BEI) of ASEAN Secretariat to coordinate, facilitate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of measures to accelerate economic integration in the priority sectors. The detailed Terms of Reference and Job Description of the Project Specialist are available at the ASEAN and UNDP websites: www.aseansec.org/05/06/01 and www.un.org/indonesia. The Project Specialist will be funded by the ASEAN-UNDP Partnership Facility (UNPF).

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Migrants under watch along Thai border for drug trafficking

BANGKOK, 15 June — Immigrants from Laos and Cambodia are under close watch of Thai border police as drug traffickers have been found recruiting couriers from this group of people, local newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Immigration officers across Thailand have been instructed to keep a close watch on Laos and Cambodians crossing the border into the kingdom, a source from the Narcotics Suppression Bureau was quoted by Bangkok Post as saying.

Cambodian suspects have been nabbed in separate drug cases recently, which indicated that drug traffickers in Thailand were recruiting more people from neighbouring countries to work as couriers, it said.

A Lao national was caught recently with 50,000 speed pill at Don Tan District of the north-east border province of Mukadahan. Another Laos named Choe Y Tansamai was nabbed with 2,630 speed pills in Bangkok's Min Buri District.

MNA/Xinhua

Tanzania to host Africa malaria initiative

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 15 June — Tanzania is to become the first African country to host the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria in Africa after it has been elected to host the secretariat of the institution for between 2006 and 2010.

The move is expected to contribute further toward Tanzania's strife against the killer disease in the East African country.

The Multilateral Initiative on Malaria in Africa was previously hosted in rotation by Britain, the United States and Sweden, after its inauguration in 1997.

The multilateral initiative is an international alliance of organizations and individuals concerned with malaria and it seeks to maximize the impact of scientific research on malaria in Africa through promoting capacity building and facilitating global collaboration and coordination. — MNA/Xinhua

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UN denies Annan's role in awarding of oil-for-food contract

UNITED NATIONS, 15 June—UN spokesman Fred Eckhard denied on Tuesday that Secretary-General Kofi Annan had had any influence in the awarding of a UN contract to Cotecna in 1998, which employed Annan's son.

In a statement released earlier in the day, an Independent Inquiry Committee said it is reopening an investigation concerning Cotecna's contract under the UN-run oil-for-food programme in Iraq.

The panel said it is "urgently reviewing newly disclosed information concerning possible links" between Annan and representatives of Cotecna, a Swiss company based in Geneva. Cotecna bid for contracts under the

oil-for-food programme while Annan's son, Kojo Annan, was a consultant for the company.

According to an article published by the New York Times on Tuesday, the new information was a memo written by Michael Wilson, then vice-president of Cotecna. The memo said Wilson met with Annan and his entourage in Paris in November 1998 and got assurances from them that they would support

Cotecna in bidding for UN contracts. In response to the report, Eckhard said the United Nations took a careful look at its trip records for Annan's visit to the Franco-American Summit in Paris in 1998. That record, he said, included the programme of every meeting held during that trip.

He said that, contrary to an e-mail printed in the New York Times article, there was no record of any meeting with

then-Cotecna employee Michael Wilson. Eckhard added that the coordinator for that trip has no recollection of any meeting or exchange with Wilson, and Annan similarly did not recall any meeting or exchange with him.

Eckhard also disputed the views expressed in Wilson's e-mail, saying that Annan could not have given any assurances regarding Cotecna's UN bid, since he had no knowledge that Cotecna was a bidder for a UN contract.

MNA/Xinhua

Kazakh President opposes copying Western values

ALMA ATA, 15 June—Kazakhstan should not copy Western values in the process of its democratic and economic reforms, President Nursultan Nazarbayev said on Tuesday.

Kazakhstan is glad to listen to Western countries' useful advice and criticism, but it should also take into consideration the country's own characteristics when it works out its reform measures, Nazarbayev told the participants of an international business conference here. Democratic reform is a main component in Kazakhstan's political and economic reforms, he said, adding that democracy is also a culture which can only be cultivated step

by step in various circles of the society.

Strengthening security in Central Asia is an equally important task for Kazakhstan's reforms and development, Nazarbayev said, noting that his country is closely following the developments in neighbouring Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

He urged Central Asian countries to boost regional integration for better security, stability and economic development. — MNA/Xinhua

Annan hails debt relief for poorest countries

PARIS, 15 June—United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Kofi Annan hailed in Paris on Tuesday the multinational debt relief for world's 18 poorest countries, qualifying it as "real hope" and calling for other step in favour of their development.

Finance Ministers of the Group of eight most industrialized nations (G-8) agreed in London on Saturday to cancel at least 40 billion dollars in debt owed by the world's 18 poorest countries, including 15 African countries.

"These measures give a real hope," Annan said at the meeting with French President Jacques Chirac and British Prime Minister Tony Blair over a UN

initiative to promote a good conduct for businesses in developing countries.

The initiative, known as UN Global Compact and launched in 2000 is backed by some 1,000 worldwide companies, including 250 in France, which are committed to the respect of 10 principles, notably human rights, working conditions, environment and anti-corruption efforts.

Annan also affirmed to continue to plea for rich countries' pledge in favour of an increased aid, debt relief and market opening, referring to the G-8 summit to start next month in Scotland and the UN summit in September in New York. The two meetings are expected to decide new measures to finance the poor countries' development. —MNA/Xinhua



A dolphin is airborne as it dives out of a wave as a surfer paddles by in the foreground at Crescent Head on the New South Wales mid-north coast of Australia, on 16 June, 2005. Surfers and dolphins were enjoying perfect winter conditions at the famous surf point.—INTERNET

UNCTAD proposes support plan for poorest countries

GENEVA, 15 June—The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on Tuesday proposed a trade-related support plan for the world's 50 poorest countries.

The so-called "Trade Marshall Plan" has three pillars: Enhanced market access, Liberalization of the services sector, and An aid-for-trade fund, UNCTAD's Trade Division Director Lakshmi Puri told reporters here.

"At no time have our civilization and the principle of solidarity been tested more than at the present time, when one sixth of the world's population lives in abject poverty and 50 countries are categorized as least-developed and caught in a seemingly endless poverty trap," said Puri.

According to UNCTAD estimates, the

condition of least-developed countries (LDCs) today is similar to that of Europe just after the Second World War, and if an initiative like the Marshall Plan was envisaged for LDCs today, it would entail 62.5 billion US dollars per year of additional resources.

As of 2004, LDCs' share in world trade stood at 0.68 per cent (approximately 131 billion dollars) of total world exports, but in 1954 it was 3.06 per cent. "LDCs have been increasingly marginalized from world trade over the past 40 years," Puri noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Eight out of 10 people have no access to safe blood

GENEVA, 15 June—Eight out of 10 people in the world do not have access to safe blood, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday — the World Blood Donor Day.

The chances of receiving a safe blood transfusion—or any blood transfusion at all—vary enormously from country to country. Some 60 per cent of global blood supplies go to 18 per cent of the world's people, leaving 82 per cent of the global population inadequately covered, according to the

WHO.

"Safe blood is a fundamental need for the health system of any country," Lee Jong-wook, director-general of the Geneva-based UN health agency, said in a statement.

"WHO's 192 member states have recently agreed that World Blood Donor

Day will be an officially recognized annual event. This will help raise awareness of the continuing need for safe blood and safe donors," he added.

The WHO and other organizations have advocated clear strategies to increase universal access to safe blood.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran welcomes ElBaradei's reelection as IAEA chief

TEHERAN, 15 June—Iran on Tuesday welcomed a decision made by the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Board of Governors to reelect Mohamed ElBaradei as chief for a third term, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The Islamic Republic as a member state of the Non-Aligned Movement and G-77 (the Group of 77) welcomes the Board of Governor's decision," Sirus Naseri, Iran's delegate to the IAEA, was quoted as saying in Vienna, Austria.

Naseri said ElBaradei was reelected with consensus of all of the IAEA's 35-nation Board of Governors.

The IAEA Board of Governors on Monday approved ElBaradei's third four-year term, which has to be passed by

the IAEA General Assembly in September.

ElBaradei, an Egyptian born in 1942, has won an admirable reputation among most member states of the IAEA since he was appointed to be chief of the agency eight years ago.—MNA/Xinhua

Nalanda, Kohinoor, Pongal new names for Mars rocks

KOLKATA, 15 June—American space agency NASA on Tuesday announced the naming of three rocks found on Mars after an ancient Indian seat of learning, a priceless Indian diamond and a south Indian festival. 'Nalanda', 'Kohinoor' and 'Pongal' are the three names chosen for certain types of rocks on Mars, NASA officials on a tour to India said here.

Appearing on a private television channel, the team said the names had been approved by NASA after much research. Earlier, NASA planetary geologist Amitabha Ghosh told PTI that the team comprising himself, Dr Michael Wyatt, astro-geologist Dr James Rice and Dr Nicole Schultz would aim to boost space science research in India.

MNA/PTI

SPORTS

Germany earns 4-3 victory over Australia in Confederations Cup

FRANKFURT, 16 June — Hosts Germany were forced to fight hard to win over Australia in a seven-goal thriller at the Waldstadion stadium in Frankfurt.

Kevin Kuranyi opened the scoring 17 minutes into the game as he slipped his marker and touched the ball past Mark Schwarzer.

But only four minutes later, Australia drew level the score as Josip Skoko drilled a free-kick through the wall.

Germany soon regained the lead when Per Mertesacker crashed home a volley but only to see Australia again level the score through John Aloisi at half-time.

In the second half, German skipper Michael Ballack converted a penalty at the 60th minute and Lukas Podolski made it 4-2 for the hosts with two minutes to go.

It seemed Germany would finish the game with a two-goal margin. But Aloisi still had time to score his second goal in the match as he poked home in injury time. — MNA/Xinhua

Argentina beat Tunisia 2-1 in Confederations Cup

COLOGNE, 16 June — Argentina had a winning start in the FIFA Confederations Cup Germany 2005 as they beat Group A opponents Tunisia 2-1 in Cologne on Wednesday thanks to the goals from Juan Riquelme and Javier Saviola.

The game produced three penalty shots but Tunisia missed the chance to go ahead when Imed Mhadhebi missed from the spot after 17 minutes.

Riquelme then kept his nerve to put Argentina 1-0 ahead with a perfect penalty kick shortly after the half hour. Saviola's close-range shot extended Argentina's lead 12 minutes into the second half.

But the African champions refused to give up and they kept going forward and narrowed the gap through a free-kick by Haykel Guemamdia in the 72nd minute.

Tunisian coach Roger Lemerre started the game without six of his regulars, including attacking duo of Ziad Jaziri and Santos. Imed Mhadhebi, Haykel Guemamdia and Karim Essediri started the match.

Saviola had the first scoring chance of the game but he lost the one-on-one duel with Tunisian goalkeeper Khaled Fadhel.

At the 17th minute, Tunisian Guemamdia penetrated into the Argentine area and Argentine goalkeeper German Lux had to bring him down. Mhadhebi's penalty-kick was just wide of the Argentine goal.

The Argentine team upped their tempo and they were soon awarded with a penalty kick which was converted by Riquelme after Maximiliano Rodriguez was nudged in the back by Hatem Trabelsi in the area.

Galletti's cross found Saviola unmarked in the

area and the Monaco forward slammed home to double Argentina's lead.

The Tunisian team fought back to win another penalty kick as Argentine goalkeeper Lux brought down Guemamdia. The Tunisian forward made no mistake from the spot.

The Tunisian team pushed forward, hoping to get an equalizer. But they visibly ran out of steam in the closing minutes as they recently played two 2006 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

Argentine coach Jose Pekerman said he was satisfied with his team's performance: "We definitely had a lot of chances to win by a bigger margin, but on the whole I am satisfied with the performance of

my players. There are a lot of positives to take from this game, but a few negatives too."

Tunisian coach Roger Lemerre said: "We started off really well before things began getting a lot harder for us. We're just not used to playing in big matches like this. Missing the chance to score early in the game let Argentina get into their rhythm but I have to give them credit. They showed an amazing level of technique."

In another Group A match played in Frankfurt, hosts Germany were forced to fight hard to edge Australia in a seven-goal thriller at the Waldstadion stadium in Frankfurt.

Kevin Kuranyi opened

Colombia dazzle Canada 2-0 to seal qualification for last 16

TILBURG (Netherlands), 16 June — A dazzling Colombia team made two late goals to seal victory over an all-back Canada side in the Group E second round match of FIFA World Youth Championship Netherlands 2005 here on Wednesday.

Colombia have advanced to the 1/8 finals with 6 points from two games. Colombia's ecstatic coach Eduardo Lara looked ahead to the next challenges as he said: "It is great to qualify and we have achieved one of our

objectives now, but we must take things step by step if we want to reach the final. We must be humble and keep working hard."

The 2-0 win over European giants Italy in the opening match seemed to encourage Colombia greatly, which had tried their best to contribute an amazingly lop-sided match before thousands of Colombian fans in yellow.

Colombia dominated both halves thoroughly with their adept techniques and accurate short passes, as the after-match statistics show that the Ball Possession percentage between the two teams is 75%-25%.

Colombia find their traditional rhythm at the beginning with swift and neat passing moves in the

midfield, and an in-form attacker Renteria Wason threatening the opponent's back line frequently. Canada had no choice but to focus their attention on the defence, and rely on long balls to make the counter-attack.

After failing to break through the centre before a defender-packed Canadian area, several Colombia players tried to fire some long-range shots flying over the cross bar. Renteria had come close on 43 minutes when he thrust into the box before displaying a wonderful solo run to carve open a space, only to find his powerful drive parried by goalkeeper Wagenaar Josh before his teammate's follow-up blocked by the bar.

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Turkey's Gokhan Gulec celebrates his goal against Panama while Panama's Cristian Vega (L) and Jose Venegas (R) look on during the group B FIFA World Youth Championship match at the Galgenwaard Stadium in Utrecht, the Netherlands, on 14 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Uzbekistan whitewash Hong Kong at AFC Women's C'ship

HANOI, 16 June — Uzbekistan defeated Hong Kong 3-0, while Thailand crushed Singapore 5-1 in the qualifying round of AFC Women's Championship on Wednesday.

Twenty minutes into the match, Uzbekistan's forward Abdurasulova Nargiza scored the opener with a powerful shot in the penalty area.

Uzbekistan had an upper hand during the first half, forcing Hong Kong's goalkeeper Fong Kitlun to make several fine saves.

Two minutes after the break, continuous efforts of Uzbekistan were paid off when defender Mihaylova Natalya netted the second goal for her team by a spectacular kick in the penalty area after latching onto a shot pass from the right wing.

In the second half, Hong Kong showed a better performance, but their efforts bore no fruits.

Against Uzbekistan's goalie Ahmedova Yullya, the most dangerous shot came from striker Kosimova Narghiza in the 72nd minute. She launched a low shot from outside the penalty area after receiving ball from

forward Wong Shukfan. But the ball went over the cross bar.

Forward Kosimova Nargiza sealed a 3-0 win for Uzbekistan when she beat Fong Kitlun in the extra time of the second half.

Although chances for the two teams are equal, Hong Kong did not win, the team's coach Chu Chikong said after the match. "We hope to win in the next match against Maldives."

With the win, Uzbekistan has six points, while Hong Kong is yet to earn a point.

The qualifying round of the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Women's Championship, taking in Vietnam's Hanoi capital from June 12-20, features 12 teams. The top 4 teams and 4 automatic finalists, namely China, Japan, South Korea and North Korea, will enter the final round slated for May 2006 in Japan.

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Argentina's forward Carlos Tevez (R) beats the tackle of a Tunisian defender during their Confederations Cup clash in Cologne. Argentina won 2-1. — INTERNET

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- ၁။ အတန်းစိုက် ဂုဏ်လျှော်/ချဉ်ပေါင်လျှော်များကို တစ်ပင်နှင့် တစ်ပင် (၃) လက်မခွာခွာ ပင်ကြပ်နှုတ်ပေးပါ။ ကြပ်ပတ်စိုက်ခင်းများတွင် (၆)လက်မ ပတ်လည် တစ်ပင်နှင့် ကျန်ရှိအောင် ထွန်ဖြင့်ဖွန်းပေးပါ။
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၃။ မောင်းလိုက်လက်ကြားခွဲပြီးတိုင်း ယူရီယာ-ဓာတ်မြေဓာတ်ကို တစ်ဧကလျှင် (၁/၄) ဆိတ်နှုန်းဖြင့် (၂) ကြိမ်ကြပ်ပတ်ပေးပါ။
၄။ အပင်ငယ်စဉ် ဖြစ်ပေါ်လာရန် ၈ရက်မှ ၁၅ရက်အတွင်း ရေပေးပေးပါ။
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၇။ ချဉ်ပေါင်ပင်အများပိုင်းတွင် အပိရောင့်၊ အဖြူရောင် ရောင်မညီ ကွက်ကြား (mosaic) ရောဂါတွေ့ရှိလျှင် အပင်လိုက် နုတ်၍ မီးရှု ဖျက်ဆီးပါ။
၈။ နည်းပညာနှင့် အကူအညီ ရယူလိုပါက နီးစပ်ရာ မြန်မာဂုဏ်လျှော် ပစ္စည်းလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဒေသရုံးများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ် အကူအညီရယူပါ။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

EU Textiles High Level Group backs EU-China trade deal

BRUSSELS, 16 June — The European Union (EU)'s Textiles High Level Group, consisting of Europe's textile entrepreneurs and representatives of EU member states and the European Commission, on Tuesday welcomed a Sino-EU memorandum on textile trade.

During a meeting of the group held here, EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson stressed that the agreement with China is not only fair and beneficial to both sides, but will also provide a necessary break for the restructuring of Europe's textile industry.

"The industry should now use this additional time to focus on — and invest in — the future and move up the value chain through innovation, restructuring, research and investment in skills," said Mandelson.

Under the agreement signed last Saturday, China will limit the growth of its textile exports to the EU in the next three years to secure a "smooth transition" before the complete opening of the European market to Chinese textile products in 2008.

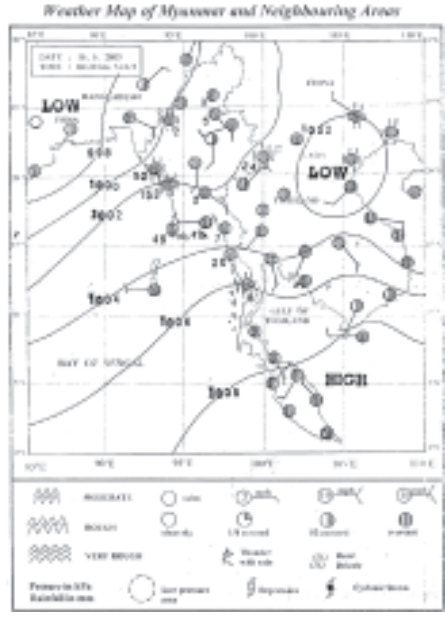
The EU has agreed not to restrict the import of Chinese textiles before 2008 and only set growth rate limits on 10 Chinese

textile products exported to Europe up to 2007. The two sides also pledged in the agreement to solve all problems emerging in their future textile trade through dialogue. Participants of the meeting agreed that elimination of textile quotas on 1 January this year has presented serious challenges to Europe's textile industry.

The meeting called on the EU member countries to help reconstruct their textile enterprises through such means as increasing investment to enhance competitiveness, providing enterprises with more opportunities and giving social assistance to the regions suffering the greatest losses.

The meeting also urged Europe's textile enterprises to fully tap their potential and take advantage of the full liberalization of the textile trade to export goods to China and other countries.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 16 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the whole country. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Chin States, scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpadaung (6.22) inches, Ye (5.04) inches, Ann (3.98) inches, Sittway (3.78) inches, Putao (3.11) inches and Bago (2.40) inches.

Maximum temperature on 15-6-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 16-6-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 16-6-2005 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 15-6-2005 was (3.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 16-6-2005 were (0.51) inch at Yangon Airport, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.26) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (16.18 inches) at Yangon Airport, (14.92 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (13.19 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Northwest at (12:15) hours MST on 15-6-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 17-6-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-6-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-6-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအကျင့်တားမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့ ၂၆-၆-၂၀၀၅ International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 26-6-2005

တန်ဖိုးရှိလှ လူငယ်ဘဝ မူးယစ်ကင်းစင် ကျန်းမာမှု Value yourself --- make healthy choices

TV Myanmar Friday, 17 June View on today: 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာတော်များက အာဇာနည်အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဂ္ဂရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မစာတော်၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိတာ၊ စကားတော် တာပုဒ်စိမ္မတ္တသဘာဝ အိပ်သစ် ဝရီတီတရားတော်

- 8:20 am 8. တိုင်းဒါးရေလှောင်တစ်
8:30 am 9. International news
8:45 am 10. English for Everyday Use
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. Musical programme
5:00 pm 5. အဆေးတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်များ သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်ပေးအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ပေး)
5:15 pm 6. Song of national races
5:30 pm 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:45 pm 8. စစ်တိုင်းတိုင်းပုထိုးလုံးတံတား
5:50 pm 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 6:00 pm 10. Musical programme
6:10 pm 11. Discovery
6:15 pm 12. Musical programme
6:30 pm 13. Evening news
7:00 pm 14. Weather report
7:05 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရုစီသော့ညီ" (အဆိုင်း-၄၀)
7:35 pm 16. Song of yesteryears
8:00 pm 17. News
8:15 pm 18. International news
8:30 pm 19. Weather report
8:45 pm 20. Myanmar movie "ဒုတိယကမ္ဘာပွဲ အချစ်" (ရန်အောင်၊ လှဝင်း၊ ထွန်းအိဖြူမိုး၊ နိုးမြတ်နုစု၊ ကြည်လှထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မှောင်ထွန်းလွင်၊ ညိုညိုထွန်းလွင်)
21. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar Friday, 17 June Tune in today: 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: -Good thing
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: -Black coffee
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: I like it
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: -Listen to your heart
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music -Radio heart -Missing your love -Beautiful
9.00 pm World of music
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request -Heaven in your eyes -I'll never find another you -Sweet love
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Al Haj Yunus Jamal (@) Al Haj Khin Maung Yin (55 Years) Son of (Yacoub Zakaria Jamal and Khatija Bi Bi), brother of (Dawood Jamal), Ameen Jamal, Cassim Jamal (Zubeda Jamal), Maimoona Jamal, (Sofia Jamal) Kulsum Jamal and Ajsha Jamal, husband of Hajeema Farida Bi Bi (@) Daw San Zan Myint and father of Khatija Jamal (@) Thant Yin Mon (Y.I.E.C) expired on 16.6.2005 at 1:45 pm and will be buried on Friday (17.6.2005) after Jumma Prayer at Sunni Muslim burial ground, Yayway. Bereaved family

Make concerted efforts with nationalistic fervour, Union Spirit in line with national objectives to achieve national goal

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 remarkable progress in the transport sector of Shan State.

In the past, armed conflicts reigned supreme in Shan State, so the region lagged behind in development due to lack of security and poor transport. After its assumption of State's du-

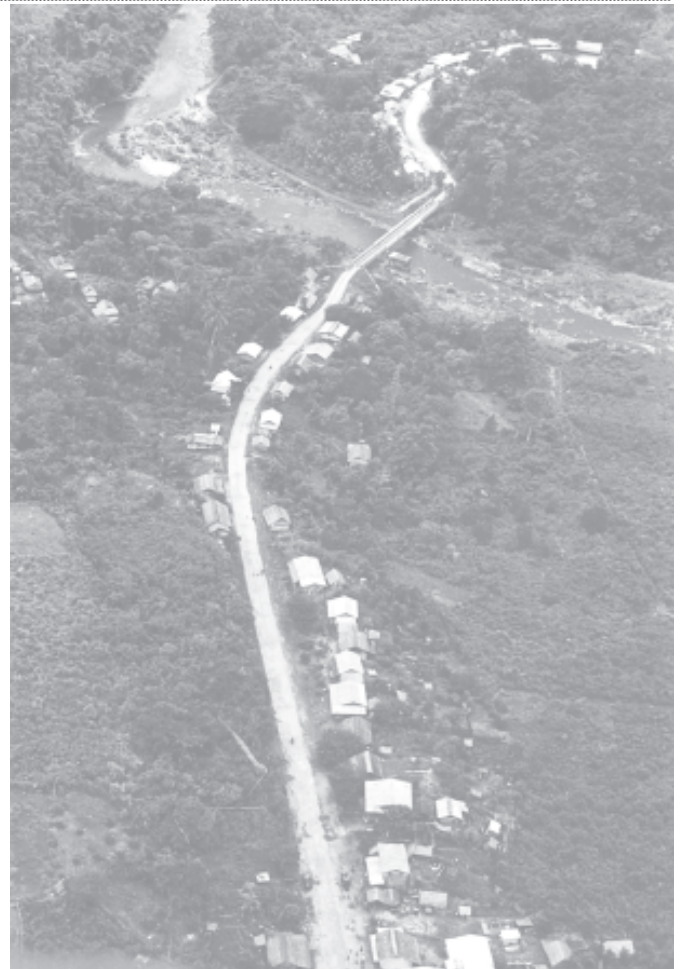
garding the drive for the upgrading of the transport sector of Shan State on upgrading the Union Highways that link strategic regions in Shan State with other states and divisions, construction of roads linking Shan State South, North and East, construction of a network of roads for

travellers had to spend about three days and ten-wheel trucks, 15 to 30 days to travel from one destination to another. And sometimes the road was buried in the landslide for a week, and it was impassable in the rainy season.

Now, Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road becomes a busy facility and the use of ten-wheel trucks on it is on the increase owing to the rapid development of the cities in border areas such as Tachilek and Mongla, improvement of transport sector, emergence of Tachilek-Mongla Road, and completion of upgrading of Tachilek-Kengtung Road. So, Taunggyi-Kengtung Road needed to be upgraded.

Thanks to the better transport, about one million of national races such as Shan, Akha, Lahu, Wa, Palaung and Bamar living in Shan State (East) will be able to enjoy fruitful results in greater trade, border trade, and tourism industry as well as education, health and social development.

Besides, the government has constructed or upgraded Kengtung-Tachilek Road, Kengtung-Mongla Road, Kengtung-Mongkhat-



An aerial view of Tarkaw-Kengtung Road Section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway. — MNA

In 1988, there were 13,635 miles long roads built by the Ministry of Construction throughout the country. Now, there are 18,640 miles in length of roads that is 5,005 miles more than that in 1988. In Shan State, there were 4,077 miles long roads before 1988, and now there are 4,530 miles in length of road. Therefore, the present length of road is 453 miles more than the past.

ties, the Tatmadaw Government managed to take effective measures to put an end to armed struggle lines in the region. As the first step, it gave the top priority to community peace and tranquillity and then to development of border areas. As the second step, the Government implemented the education, health, social and economic development projects including transport one after another for ensuring simultaneous progress of all parts of Shan State.

He cited the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe re-

better transport of major cities in Shan State, and upgrading of the roads to all-weather facilities.

In a bid to put the guidance into reality, efforts are being made to improve the transport sector of Shan State. It is encouraging to witness that the guidance is beginning to take shape thanks to the combined endeavours of State service personnel, local administrative bodies and residential people.

Previously, Taunggyi-Kengtung Road was a poor facility. Some parts of the road were rather narrow. In consequence,

Mongyan Road, Kenglat Road, Namhsan-Kengtung-Lwemwe Road, Monghton-Monghsat-Tachilek Road, and Mongyawng-Mongyu Road, Tarlay-Palyo-

In the process, Thanlwin River crossing (Tarhsan) Bridge had to be built to complete (See page 8)

**Prevalence of law and order, booming of economy and development of human resources are three main factors for development of the nation
 Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Kanyin Dam, Ma Mya Dam construction projects**

YANGON, 16 June — Member of the State

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accom-

panied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division

Peace and Development Council Commander of

South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, inspected pepper and vegetable plantations at the local battalion in Kwinkauk of Ingapu Township on 15 June.

At Kanyin Dam Project site near Tatkon Village, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on construction tasks at the dam by Construction 9 Deputy Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing.

The dam will irrigate 25,000 acres of farmland and generate 5 megawatts.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of Ma Mya Dam Project in Myanaung Township. — MNA