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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the scale model of Pakokku Textile Factory Project under Myanmar Textile Industries in Pakokku. — MNA

Prime Minister inspects Pakokku Textile Factory Project

YANGON, 17 Feb—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party on 11 February arrived at Pakokku Textile Factory project site of Myanmar Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 in Pakokku, Magway Division where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun and officials.

First, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported on the salient points of the project, purpose of construction of the factory, requirement of raw materials and cotton, cultivation and production of cotton in the nation, and cotton supply under the programme of the ministry.

Next, Managing Director of Myanmar Textile Industries U Oo Thein Maung reported on machinery to be installed at the factory, power requirement, availability of water, arrival of machinery and requirement.

Next, Managing Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise Dr San Oo reported on matters related to distribution of power. After that, Prime Minister gave instructions on completion of the tasks sooner,

supply of raw materials and fire preventive measures.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected progress in construction of Pakokku textiles factory and automatic weaving machines to be in-

stalled at the factory.

Afterwards, Project Director U Myint Thein Oo reported on production process of the factory. Next, the Prime Minister and party left the factory.

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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

Prime Minister urges historians, archaeologists, researchers to prove laterite civilization's existence with finds, sound evidence

YANGON, 17 Feb—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected an ancient laterite civilization excavation site near Kyaikin village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, on 15 February.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department and officials.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung reported to

the Prime Minister on the excavation of the evidences of the laterite civilization and research work, excavation and research work conducted at 24 places in Thanlyin-Kyauktan region, the finds at Kyaikin region and the excavation and research project; Research Officer of the Archaeology Depart-

ment U Than Zaw Oo, on the discovery of the evidence concerning the religion of laterite civilization at Kyaikin with the help of ancient artifacts and charts; Dr Khin Maung Nyunt of Myanmar Historical Commission, on the research papers on the history of the religion and laterite civil-

ization; and Director-General of Archaeology Department U Nyunt Han, on the possible relationship between the Pyu civilization and the laterite civilization.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister urged historians, archaeologists and researchers to prove the
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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the Maritime University Project. — MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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To realize the goals of city housing projects

Yangon city is the political, economic and social hub as well as glory of the nation.

Cities in South East Asia and Asia regions are green and pleasant with gardens and parks.

The Government is making strenuous efforts for Yangon to become a green and pleasant garden city too.

The City Housing Project Supervisory Committee held its Meeting No 1/2004 at the meeting hall of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development on Bogyoke Aung San Street on 14 February, with an address by Chairman of City Housing Project Supervisory Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that the City Housing Project Supervisory Committee was formed to implement the housing projects with the aims of enabling Yangon city to possess characteristics of international cities, hygienic living of the people and raising their social standard.

In the past in Yangon, there were no proper residential quarters and buildings. So, it lacked the characteristics of a capital. There was shortage of clean drinking water and were weaknesses in sanitation and sewerage system. People could not live in hygienic and pleasant environment.

Therefore, the City Housing Project Supervisory Committee is systematically implementing the housing projects for construction of modern buildings and creation of pleasant environment in accord with urban projects. The committee is also making Yangon City clean and pleasant.

Kandawgyi and its environs are being upgraded to become a recreation centre and a garden of high standard for city dwellers. Beautiful bunds were built near Inya Lake. Measures are being taken with greater momentum to upgrade major roads in the downtown, extend the main roads, put up lamp-posts and upgrade roundabouts and islands.

As the city is becoming more and more pleasant day after day, we firmly believe that the goals of the city housing projects will be realized through the coordination and cooperation of departmental officials and entrepreneurs.

Vocational Training School inspected

YANGON, 17 Feb — Officer on Special Duty of the Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Than Shein, together with officials, arrived in Pakokku on 12 February and inspected the progress in construction of buildings at the Border Areas and National Races Youth Development Training School, growing of perennial crops and flowering plants and procurement of furniture. He met with staff and gave necessary instructions.

He also inspected the National Races' Youth Development Training School in Matupi on 13 February and Nos 1 and 2 Youth Development Training Schools in Mindat on 14 February. He met with staff and gave necessary instructions.

He attended the opening ceremony of Women's Vocational Training School and the Basic Sewing and Knitting Course No 1 in Mindat on 16 February morning. The 14-week course is being attended by 20 trainees from Mindat District, Chin State. — MNA

Drive safely

59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the State's seven-point policy programme
- To crush internal and external destructive elements hindering the stability and progress of the State through people's militia strategy
- To implement border area development tasks and the five rural development tasks hand in hand with the entire people
- To build up a strong and efficient Tatmadaw to uphold 'Our Three Main National Causes'

Biographical book on One Thousand Greats features Htitar Sithu

YANGON, 17 Feb — International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England, published a biographical book on 'One Thousand Greats' at the end of last year in London.

The biography of Myanmar writer U Soe Nyunt (Htitar Sithu), retired Deputy Minister for Information and retired Deputy Minister for Culture is included in the book. IBC presented the poet laureate with One Thousand Greats for Literature and Government Service Award and 21st Century Award for Achievement for Literary and Government Service, Outstanding People and cer-



tificates of honour in 2002.

The book features one thousand great Asians, one thousand great intellectuals, one thousand great scholars and one thousand great scientists, and libraries, universities and research centres all over the world have kept this famous biographical book. — (H)

Thongchai triumphs by three shots in Myanmar Open Golf

YANGON, 15 Feb — Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand marched to his second victory in two months at the US\$ 200,000 Myanmar Open today after firing a three-under-par 69 in the final round at Yangon Golf Club. The Thai star

triumphed by 3 shots over American Andrew Pitts who carded a 71 and picked up the winner's cheque of US\$ 32,300. Thongchai accumulated a winning total of 12-under-par 276 and joined Boonchu Ruangkit as the tournament's only two-time winners, having won here in 2002.

Korea-born Australian Unho Park continued to

impress by finishing third following a fine 67 while Singapore's Mardan Mamat and halfway leader Alistair Presnell shared fourth place on 282, six behind the winner. "I am very happy," said a jubilant Thongchai. "It seems like I always do well here in the Myanmar Open. I feel like my game is very good now". In what turned into an enthralling match-

play duel on the back nine, Thongchai had to dig deep into his reserves at the sun-baked Yangon layout to prevail. He started the day one ahead of Pitts but stumbled to a 37 on the front nine as the American took a two-shot swing on the par three 11th which the Thai birdied and Pitts bogeyed after missing the green.

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Get-together dinner held

YANGON, 17 Feb — The new year dinner and get-together of Aung Myitta Co Ltd was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here at 7 pm on 15 February. Departmental officials, sales agents, mediamen and guests were present on the occasion. First, Managing Director of Aung Myitta Co U Thein Aung delivered a welcoming address. Next, Manager Daw Nu Nu Lwin announced the list of outstanding shops which won first, second and third prizes. The prizes were then given away to the winners by the managing director and managers.

The Aung Myitta Co is producing export-quality ball-pens. Arrangements have been made to introduce a new product — Super Star ballpen box — to the market in the year 2004. — MNA



Managing Director U Thein Aung of Aung Myitta Co delivers a welcoming address at the dinner. — 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

Ambassador U Soe Myint presents credentials to President of Egypt

YANGON, 18 Feb — U Soe Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on 9 February 2004, in Cairo. — MNA

Officials leave for Lao PDR

YANGON, 17 Feb — U Tun Aung and U Myo Thant, members of Central Executive Committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry, left here for Lao PDR by air at 7.45 pm today.

They are to attend the Workshop and SOM on Development of the East West Economic Corridor (EWEC) on 18 and 19 February in Savanakheth, Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The two officials were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by President of UMFCCI (Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry) U Win Myint, UMFCCI Central Executive Committee member U Aung Moe and officials.

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New roads opened to hail Union Day

YANGON, 17 Feb — The newly-constructed Thazi tarred road with the length of 10,810 feet was opened with ceremony in Monywa on 10 February as a gesture of hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day.

Similarly, the 1,400 feet long Shwegu gravel road was opened on 5 February in Mogok Township to hail the Union Day.

Likewise, the newly built Khawzar-KyaukAing motor road in Khawzar village-tract, Ye Township, Mon State, was opened with ceremony on 12 February 2004 to hail the 57th Anniversary Union Day. The earth road is two miles long and 10 feet wide. There are four bridges on the road. — MNA

Iraq bombings kill two US soldiers

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb— Roadside bombs killed two US soldiers in separate attacks on Monday in Baghdad and a city northeast of the capital, the US military said. Gunmen also killed an American civilian and wounded three others in a weekend ambush south of here.

One soldier from Task Force Iron Horse died and four others were wounded when a bomb exploded at about 9:40 am in the centre of Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of here, the 4th Infantry Division said.

Two Iraqis were arrested, including one who had a cell phone that may have been used to detonate the bomb, according to Master Sgt Robert Cargie, a division spokesman in Tikrit.

The other fatal bombing occurred in the centre of Baghdad about 9:20 am, killing one soldier from the 1st Ar-

moured Division and wounding another, the military said. The 1st Armored is due to leave Iraq in the coming weeks and be replaced by the 1st Cavalry Division.

The latest deaths bring to 540 the number of US service members have died since the United States launched the Iraq war in March. Most have died since President Bush declared an end to active combat 1 May.

Also Monday, the US command said gunmen in a white sedan opened fire Saturday on a taxi that was taking

Americans from a religious group from the site of the ancient city of Babylon back to Baghdad. The three wounded were taken to a hospital in Mahmudiyah, about 15 miles south of Baghdad, the US military said.

US paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division learned of the attack while patrolling in Mahmudiyah.

Insurgents have been waging a campaign of attacks on US troops and their Iraqi allies and have occasionally targeted aid workers. Robbers also prowl highways outside the capital.—Internet

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County court services officer killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb— A county court services officer on duty with the National Guard in Iraq was killed in Baghdad, 10 News reported.

Eric Ramirez, who worked out of the Chula Vista courthouse and served court papers in the field, was posted to Iraq as a military police officer.

Ramirez returned to the United States in December to be with his family. He returned to Iraq 29 Dec.

His parents live in Orlando, Fla. It was unclear when Ramirez was killed.—Internet



A US army helicopter gunner surveys the countryside of Iraq for possible threats in a helicopter convoy transporting US top administrator in Iraq L Paul Bremer to Baghdad from Karbala on 16 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

Iraq, trade main hurdles in Franco-US relations

PARIS, 17 Feb— Post-war reconstruction in Iraq and trade issues are the main hurdles to an improvement in still-fragile relations between France and the United States, US Congress members said Monday.

Members of a recently created "French Caucus" met President Jacques Chirac and Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin to discuss issues still dividing Paris and Washington a year after their split over the war in Iraq. Republican Amo Houghton of New York, co-chairman of the friendship group, said the conversation with Chirac was frank but friendly. However, there was still some way to go to repair transatlantic relations after dramatic disagreements in 2003.

He said that on a scale of one to five, with one the top rating, relations currently stood at three.

"And three is not good, it simply is not

because we've got too much to do together to have a split," Houghton told a news conference. He said the members of the US House of Representatives told Chirac that Iraq and trade were areas of concern.

"The United States was disappointed, not in the fact that France objected to what we did in Iraq, but the fact that they tried to rally part of the world against what we did in Iraq," Houghton said.

France last year mustered Germany and Russia to its side in opposing US plans to invade Iraq and threatened to veto any UN Security Council resolution Washington might seek to support a war.—Internet

Joint venture scores China's largest car export deal

BEIJING, 17 Feb — A China-South Korea joint venture has announced China's biggest ever car export deal with the sale of 19,000 vehicles to Russia.

Beijing Hyundai Motors (BHM), a 50-50 joint venture between Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co and Hyundai Motors of South Korea, will export 19,000 Hyundai Sonatas worth 200 million US dollars to Russia this year, said a company executive.

"The Ministry of Commerce said the export deal equals all the sedan cars exported overseas since the founding of New China," said Xu Heyi, general manager of the company, quoted by Monday's *Beijing Youth Daily*.

The first batch of Sonata cars will head for Russia in April, Xu said.

BHM was the first automobile joint venture approved by China after its entry to the World Trade Organization. It introduced the Sonata, its first model, in December 2002.

Last year, BHM's production capacity doubled to 300,000 units and the company is planning another production base of a similar size this year.—MNA/Xinhua

Dengue fever kills 16 in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 17 Feb— At least 16 people have died and 2,046 others have fallen sick from dengue fever since the beginning of this year, according to the Jakarta Health Agency.

Agency head Abdul Chalik Masulili said that last year, only four people died of dengue fever over the same period. Jakarta had the highest number of cases of dengue fever in Indonesia and the city was also experiencing an increasing trend with this fever, he said.

"The number of dengue fever cases in the city has increased by more than 200 per cent," Masulili was quoted Monday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

On Sunday, 63 patients were admitted to city-run Budi Asih Hospital in Cawang, East Jakarta, and 23 others were taken to city-run Tarakan Hospital in Central Jakarta.

Health agency data shows that cases of dengue fever in the Greater Jakarta area hit a high of 15,360 in 1998.

MNA/Xinhua

Environment-friendly auto expo to be held in south China

HAIKOU, 17 Feb — Hainan Province in south China will hold an environment-friendly auto exposition in a bid to boost the development of environmental protection technologies in the auto industry.

Co-sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and Hainan's department of science and technology, the expo will run from February 18 to 22 in Haikou, capital of the Hainan Province, said Xu Wenda, deputy secretary general of the expo

committee.

The expo would exhibit international up-to-date environment-friendly automobiles with advanced technologies and powered new energy forms, said Xu.

Domestic auto manufacturers together with some international giants have shown interest in the expo, said Xu, and 33 automobile

enterprises including Shanghai Volkswagen, Beijing Hyundai and Rolls-Royce are expected to attend.

"We hope that China's environment-friendly manufacturers will extend cooperation with international automobile giants through the expo," the official said.

MNA/Xinhua

HK submarine gas pipeline project invites int'l bidding

HONG KONG, 17 Feb— The Hong Kong Electric Co Ltd is reviewing international bidding for building a gas pipeline linking up a Shenzhen liquefied gas plant to Hong Kong's Lamma Power Station.

Granted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government earlier this week, the 92-kilometre submarine gas pipeline is to be laid to introduce gas from Shenzhen.

Sources from the company told *Xinhua* Sunday that the gas pipeline, of 610 millimetres in diameter, will be laid in Mirs Bay in the northeast part of Hong Kong to relay natural gas from Shenzhen's Pingtougiao liquefied gas plant to Lamma Power Station in southern part of Hong Kong.

The proposed project is scheduled to start at the end of this year and is expected to be completed by early 2006. Carbon-steel pipes will be used in the project.

MNA/Xinhua



Hooded and handcuffed prisoners, accused of the murder of Iraqi Governing Council member Aquila al-Hashimi, are led down the stairs by Iraqi police at Baghdad's main police academy, on 16 Feb, 2004. Hashimi was shot by gunmen in front of her Baghdad home on 20 September of 2003.—INTERNET

Fallujah mayor questioned in police station attack

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb—The mayor of Fallujah was among those called in for questioning in the US-led coalition's probe of a deadly guerilla raid on the central Iraqi town's police station, a US military official said Monday.

At least 20 Iraqi police officers were killed in Saturday's raid, officials said.

Brig Gen Mark Kimmitt, a US military spokesman, called the attackers a "well-trained unit" and said there is no evidence so far that foreigners are involved.

The jail raid was apparently aimed at freeing four men who were arrested earlier in Fallujah for firing on an Iraqi Civil Defence Corps bus, Kimmitt said.

About 50 armed militants staged what was described

as a well-coordinated dawn strike against a police station and a civil defence compound in Fallujah, killing at least 20 Iraqi police officers and freeing up to 100 prisoners.

At least four of the suspected insurgents also died in the guerilla assault in the centre of Fallujah, 30 miles (48 kilometres) west of Baghdad in the "Sunni Triangle."

The Sunni Triangle is a region north and west of the Iraqi capital that has been a

hotbed of opposition to the US presence.

Several people, including the town's mayor, are being questioned about possible inside help in the insurgents' attack, Kimmitt said. He said he was uncertain if the mayor was still being held for questioning.

Evidence of an inside connection included the cutting of communication lines to the police station before the raid and a call to the station that pulled a number of officers away from the

building, he said.

Kimmitt said it was "the sense of the commanders" in the field that the attack was the work of Iraqis, not foreigners. Some reports quoted local officials saying Iraqis were found among the dead attackers.

The attack was quick and well-organized, he said.

"This was a very, very well-trained unit that came in," he said. "They came in, did their business and got out very quickly."

Internet



As a sandstorm moves in over central Iraq, US soldiers man a checkpoint near the Iraqi Police Academy complex, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 Feb, 2004. —INTERNET

One US civilian dead, three hurt in Iraq ambush

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb — One member of a US religious group was killed and three others wounded in an ambush on their taxi last week while travelling in Iraq, the US military said on Monday.

The civilians, all US citizens, were found on Saturday in a hospital in Mahmudiyah, 18 miles south of Baghdad, by US paratroopers on patrol, a spokesman for the US military said.

"They were travelling in an Iraqi taxi from Babylon to Baghdad when people in a white sedan ambushed them with small arms fire," the spokesman said. He said it was not clear on which day the victims were attacked nor which church group they represented. —MNA/Reuters

India voices concern to US over outsourcing ban

NEW DELHI, 17 Feb—The Indian Government on Monday voiced its concern to the US over the ban on outsourcing services from the country and said it would be difficult to open up the domestic agriculture market.

"It is strange that on the one hand, people are talking about opening of market, and on the other hand, banning business process outsourcing (BPO). Our agriculture is fragile as it is not subsidized like in the United States," Indian Commerce Minister Arun Jaitley told reporters here after an hour-long meeting with US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

He said both sides exchanged views over the stalemate after the failure of WTO talks at Cancun.

"We also talked about areas like services and manufacturing," Jaitley said.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan, India resume dialogue process

ISLAMABAD, 17 Feb—Pakistan and India here on Monday restarted their dialogue process after an over two-year gap, official sources from Pakistani Foreign Office told Xinhua.

The two sides opened the talks in the morning with Jalil Abbas Jilani, director-general for South Asia of Pakistan's Foreign Office and Arun Kumar Singh, joint secretary of India's Foreign Ministry, leading the two teams respectively, said an official source insisting on his anonymity.

Joint secretaries of both sides will thoroughly discuss the proposed agenda in their meetings on Monday and Tuesday before submitting it to the foreign secretaries' meeting on Wednesday.

The three-day meeting process is widely seen as a prelude for sustained peace talks between the two South Asian neighbours.

MNA/Xinhua

Fresh tremors hit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Feb—Fresh tremors jolted remote northern Pakistan on Sunday, one day after 20 people were killed in two earthquakes in the mountainous region.

There was no immediate word of new casualties or damage from the latest jolts, police and local officials said.

"A few more jolts were felt today but we don't have any reports of casualties," police officer Ghulam Sarwar said from the district of Battagram, 68 miles north of the capital Islamabad.

Three aftershocks registering 4.3 or below on the open-ended Richter Scale were recorded by the meteorological department in the northwestern city of Peshawar, a department official said.

Interior Ministry official Javed Iqbal Cheema said 20 people were killed and scores injured when two earthquakes registering 5.7 and 5.5 on the Richter Scale convulsed the region on Saturday.

Police said 13 people died in Battagram when falling rocks hit their minibus and it plunged into a ravine. In the same area, a boy was killed when a wall fell on him.

MNA/Reuters

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Australia's Qantas to report 9.7% fall in first-half net profit

SYDNEY, 17 Feb—Australia's flag carrier Qantas Airways Ltd (QAN.AU) is expected to report Thursday a 9.7% slide in first-half net profit in the wake of mounting competition from no-frills rival Virgin Blue Holdings (VBA.AU).

While such a result shouldn't surprise the market, investors are keenly awaiting an update from the company on forward bookings and a two-year A\$1 billion cost-cutting programme.

Any details about the carrier's local budget start-up, Jetstar, will also be of great interest to analysts and fund managers, who fear the new entrant could cannibalize the airline's existing local operations.

Qantas is expected to report a net profit of A\$318.2 million for the six months ended Dec. 31, compared with record profit of A\$352.2 million in the year-earlier period, according to an average forecast of eight analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires.

Forecasts range from A\$282 million to A\$336.2 million.

Smith Barney transport analyst Jason Smith said in a note to clients that he expects the first-half result to be the airline's second biggest.

Qantas' international division, which was hurt by the war in Iraq and SARS in the second half of fiscal 2003, is expected to report a solid turnaround as bookings picked up in the four months ended Dec. 31, said a Sydney-based analyst at a major brokerage firm.

The strengthening Australian dollar and Qantas' well-hedged fuel position are also expected to help first-half earnings. "The currency's going to have a major impact," said another Sydney-based transport analyst, who has a Buy recommendation on the stock.

Qantas' cost-cutting plan, called the Sustainable Futures Programme, also is expected to support earnings. The plan, which is in its first year, is expected to deliver A\$350 million in cost savings in fiscal 2004, the analyst added. —Internet

Japan, Thailand start negotiations for FTA

TOKYO, 17 Feb — Japan and Thailand opened negotiations in Thailand Monday for a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) with an eye to further cementing already-close economic relations between them.

According to Kyodo News, the launch of the two-day first round of talks in Bangkok is in line with an accord reached by Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra last December.

Thailand, a major farm producer, wants to export more agricultural products to Japan such as chicken, tapioca and sugar. But it has already signalled an inten-

tion to avoid talks on Japan's rice market, given the sensitivity of the issue in Japan, in return for movement in other areas.

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is worried that FTA talks with Thailand could have an unfavourable effect on its ongoing FTA talks with Mexico, Kyodo said.

Government statistics show that Japan is the biggest supplier of imports and

the second-largest export market of Thailand, with imports of 14.8 billion US dollars and exports of 9.9 billion US dollars in 2002.

Japan has an FTA with Singapore and is now in negotiations with Mexico, South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines for a similar arrangement. Thailand has an FTA with Bahrain, and recently concluded FTA talks with India and Australia. — MNA/Xinhua



A demonstrator holds a poster during a protest against the American presence in Iraq, in Valencia, Spain, on 15 Feb, 2004. —INTERNET

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



US Military Police arrive to secure the Khadimiya primary school compound in Baghdad, Iraq, after school children, playing during their recess period, accidentally detonated a grenade on Monday, 16 Feb, 2004, which killed one child and wounded four others.—INTERNET



US soldiers secure the area as their colleagues defuse a roadside bomb in the town of Mosul, some 390 km north of capital Baghdad, on 16 February, 2004.
INTERNET



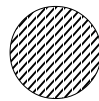
A US military tank guards the road next to flaming SUV in Baghdad on Sunday, 15 Feb, 2004. Gunmen opened fire on a US convoy on a Baghdad highway, setting one of the vehicles ablaze, and witnesses said three foreigners were hurt.—INTERNET



US soldiers stand next to a destroyed civilian car after a car accident in the suburbs of Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 16 February, 2004. It does not take much to ignite anti-American anger in Iraq—just a car accident with the US military is enough to deepen suspicions over the occupation.—INTERNET



A group of Iraqi men survey the damaged house of a local leader in the village of Amriya, near Falluja, some 50 km (30 miles) west of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 16 February, 2004.—INTERNET



Iraqi men shout during a demonstration outside the Coalition headquarters in Baghdad on 16 February, 2004.

INTERNET



Blair and Bush should say sorry for “immoral” Iraq war, says Tutu

LONDON, 17 Feb—British Prime Minister Tony Blair and US President George W Bush ought to say sorry for waging “an immoral war” against Saddam Hussein’s Iraq, according to excerpts of a speech Archbishop Desmond Tutu was to deliver.

In an evening lecture to be delivered at Church House, Westminster, in central London, the Nobel laureate was to say that Bush and Blair would reap a revival in credibility if they apologize for waging a war that left the world “a great deal less safe”.

“How wonderful if politicians could bring themselves to admit they are only fallible human creatures, and not God, and thus by definition can make mistakes,” according to excerpts of the speech published in Monday’s *Independent* newspaper, which is sponsoring the event.

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“Unfortunately, they seem to think that such an admission is a sign of weakness,” Tutu said. “Weak and insecure people hardly ever say ‘sorry’. It is large-hearted and courageous people who are not diminished by saying, ‘I made a mistake.’ President Bush and Prime Minister Blair would recover considerable credibility and respect if they were able to say, ‘Yes, we made a mistake’.”

Internet

Mekong’s road project to provide regional eco opportunities

MANILA, 17 Feb—Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam will participate in a workshop in Laos on February 18-19 to discuss ways to realize economic opportunities from the East-West Economic Corridor, with Cambodia participating as observer.

The East-West Economic Corridor, when completed, will link Mawlamyine port in Myanmar to Da Nang port in Vietnam by a 1,500-kilometre all-weather road, the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) said Monday in a statement.

The corridor includes the second international bridge over the Mekong River at the Lao/Thai border. Some segments are finished or at an advanced stage, benefiting people along the road, the ADB said.

The transport link, combined with measures to facilitate cross-border transportation of goods and people, is expected

to result in increased trade and investments, and other economic opportunities, making it an “economic” corridor, it added.

Combined with other such roads now under implementation or at an advanced stage of preparation, the East-West Economic Corridor is expected to bring about major economic and social change to the Greater Mekong Subregion.

The workshop will highlight the crucial role of the private sector in developing the corridor. Development partners and entrepreneurs will also attend the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to earn more from fruit, vegetable exports

HANOI, 17 Feb—Vietnam will earn 365 million US dollars from exporting fruit and vegetables this year, up 14.8 per cent over last year.

To this end, the country will focus on improving the products’ quality, developing its processing industry, and expanding overseas markets, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Monday.

The ministry plans to build four more processing factories in the near future, and offer local farmers with high-yield crop varieties, intensive farming techniques, and advanced post-harvest facilities.

Besides, the country will further tap its key markets, and seek new ones. Prior to 2004, some 80 per cent of Vietnamese fruit exports, mostly longans, mangoes, dragon fruits, coconuts, bananas and watermelons, went to China.

Main local fruit and vegetables such as pineapples, mangoes, dragon fruits, citrus fruits, and mushrooms, are now available in more than 50 countries and regions.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 1,200 forest fires reported in China since January

BEIJING, 17 Feb—Lingering droughts in many parts of China have resulted in the outbreaks of forest fires, bringing heavy casualties and financial losses, according to a circular issued by the State Forestry Administration Sunday.

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A roadside bomb has killed one US soldier and wounded another in northern Iraq, the US military says. The file photo shows a soldier standing guard.—INTERNET

Baghdad car accident highlights anti-US anger

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb—It does not take much to ignite anti-American anger in Iraq—just a car accident with the US military is enough to deepen suspicions over the occupation.

When a five-ton US military truck called Cowboy Up crushed a civilian car on a crowded highway and killed two passengers on Monday, furious Iraqis immediately assumed the worst.

“Those Americans meant to kill those poor people. They do these kinds of things,” said engineer Ahmed Hussein, standing in a large crowd of Iraqis.

The commanding US officer on the scene, who asked not to be identified, said the mangled white car that was sliced in half swerved into the truck’s lane as a convoy passed.

Iraqi witnesses who were driving on the other side of the highway said the American vehicle crashed into the car at high speed and made no attempt to stop or slow down.

The tension among US soldiers is palpable. Some 375 US soldiers have been killed in action in Iraq since the March invasion. A guerilla attack is always a possibility.

US Army investigators arrived on the scene and took pictures of the corpses, which soldiers had covered with a rug and a cloth. Iraqis tried to see the faces of the dead because they had driven onto the highway from the neighbourhood.

But all they could see was the hand of one of the dead with a wedding ring on a finger.

An investigation by the military seemed like stalling to frustrated Iraqis, who could not understand why the Americans had ignored their requests for the identity cards of the deceased so their relatives could be notified. — MNA/Reuters

Nearly 300 million people suffering from asthma worldwide

BANGKOK, 17 Feb—An estimated 300 million people worldwide are suffering from asthma and the disease is blamed for one in every 250 deaths globally, according to a report issued at the Fourth Triennial World Asthma Meeting, which opened here Monday.

“Asthma prevalence appears to be increasing in most countries... It is likely that the prevalence of asthma will increase further as the countries increasingly adopt Western lifestyles and with greater urbanization,” said one of the report’s authors, Richard

Beasley of the Medical Research Institute of New Zealand. The report said with the projected increase in the proportion of the world’s population that is urban from 45 per cent to 59 per cent in 2025, it is estimated that there may be an additional 100 million people with asthma by then.

The report, Global Burden of Asthma, was developed for and published by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) programme. The GINA programme was initiated in 1989 with the US National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National

Institutes of Health (NIH) and the World Health Organization in an effort to raise public awareness to asthma. The programme also recommends asthma management guidelines to doctors.

Asthma is a chronic lung disease characterized by recurrent breathing problems and symptoms such as breathlessness, wheezing, chest tightness and coughing. The causes of asthma are not well understood and the rapid increase in asthma prevalence around the world is one of the biggest mysteries in modern medicine.

MNA/Xinhua



1,000 scientists urge halt to deep-sea bottom trawling.

INTERNET

Economic sanctions not conducive to flourishing of democracy

Aung Moe San

The policy of America and its western allies to impose economic sanctions on the nations for, what they say, the flourishing of democracy is against the events of world history. It is also against the development of human society. Because democracy never flourishes in a country whose economy is in a state of decline. History has never witnessed the building of a firmly rooted democracy in an undeveloped nation. The world nations always start the practice of democracy only after developing their economy, raising the literary and living standards and equitable sharing of the food, clothing and shelter rights. Another prerequisite is the public freedom, the rule of law and the effective responsive political institutions. America and its western allies are imposing sanctions on Myanmar, with the excuse that it was for the flourishing of democracy in the country soonest. But in reality, their excuse is just like a poison for Myanmar, as it drives the nation away from democracy.

Here, I would like to present Nicholas D. Kristof's article "Sanctions don't work" featured in the International Herald Tribune daily issued on 10 November 2003. It said, "The Bush administration has variously backed, threatened, acquiesced in or hinted at tough new sanctions against Cuba, Syria, North Korea and Burma. Democrats helped lead the fight for a new ban on imports from Burma. The United States imposed 85 new unilateral economic sanctions on foreign nations from 1996 to 2001. But sanctions, which cost US companies up to \$19 billion in 1995 alone, aren't a policy; they're a feel-good substitute for one. Usually they hurt just the people they are meant to help. Fortunately, the US Senate joined the House of Representatives last month in voting to ease restrictions on travel to Cuba. There is now some hope that the United States will dismantle the Cuba sanctions, which have hurt ordinary Cubans while helping Fidel Castro, giving him a scapegoat for his economic failures. "Republicans and Democrats alike voted to approve

tough new sanctions against Burma this year. The reality is that Western sanctions have already been failing in Burma for the last 14 years, as they have for more than 40 years in Cuba, as they did for a dozen years in Iraq. We should have learned from Iraq that arms embargoes and United Nations inspections can do some good, while economic sanctions kill children. The claim that sanctions killed 500,000 Iraqi children, a figure that originated in a UN Children's Fund report, was probably exaggerated, but no one doubts that UN sanctions contributed to child malnutrition and mortality in Iraq."

The articles also stated, "The State Department says in a new report that the July ban on Burmese imports has already led to 30,000 to 40,000 layoffs in Burma. Most of these are young women who have no other way of earning a living, and the State Department says that some are being forced, or duped, into prostitution. "We do believe that some of those young women have gone into the sex trade," said Richard Boucher, the State Department spokesman, although he defended sanctions and said that they would eventually make life better in Burma. So in the best-case scenario, the US sanctions are ousting 100,000 people from their jobs - while the generals keep theirs."

At a press conference of the US government held on 30 October 2003, a correspondent said, "According to the second biannual report of the US government on Myanmar, the economic sanctions have caused 30,000 to 40,000 layoffs in the garment industry and some of them are being forced, or duped, into prostitution." He also

asked whether such acts met the words of US President Bush who said that sex trafficking was the worst social problem; and that it must be eliminated. Richard Boucher, the State Department spokesman, replied to his question, saying that he would study the report thoroughly; that the imposing of the sanctions was a correct act; that the US understood that the sanctions had caused harm to the garment industry of Burma; and that the sanctions were targeted against the government. There are always interrelations between the Government and the people. The people will also suffer if the government that is continuously striving to build the nation, is hurt. Likewise, the government is also hurt, when the people are suffering. The report of the US government has already indicated the fact that the sanctions have harmed the people. Thus, it is clear that the US government's sanctions are not meant for public interest or for the democracy cause. Whoever tries to destroy the cause of Myanmar and the national unity, the entire national races will have to work for their own cause. They must also strive for the advancement and progress of the nation, with full Union Spirit. In doing so, they should accept and uphold the 57th Anniversary Union Day objectives which are:

- For all the national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
- To keep the Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people
- For all the national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence
- To prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development
- For all the national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme.

At the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course for university and college teachers held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, on 30 January 2004, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said: The result of the efforts for the existence of the bilateral friendship and the extension of relations between Myanmar and the neighbours and the regional countries is the further flourishing of amity, friendship, sympathy and goodwill for Myanmar.

Despite pressures from the west, the ASEAN nations are resolutely standing by Myanmar. At the Bali Summit, the ASEAN nations issued a declaration expressing support for the democracy process of Myanmar and saying that sanctions will not help the emergence of democracy in Myanmar. Japan also said that it would render assistance to the democracy process of Myanmar.

As Myanmar lies in the hub where Southeast Asia and South Asia meet, the development in the cooperation between Myanmar and the regional countries will benefit both. In this regard, I would like to say that at a time when Myanmar has been striving to build a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, laying down the seven-point future political programme and further consolidating the national unity, the economic sanctions of the US and its western allies are not conducive to democracy cause; they will have negative impact on the process instead.

(Translation: TMT) (Myanmar Alin, Kyemon: 17-2-004)

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

All this needs to be known

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

41st Myanmar Gems Emporium from 13 to 21 March

YANGON, 17 Feb—A meeting to review the sale of Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium held in October 2003 was held in conjunction with the first meeting of the Central Committee for Organizing the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium to be held in March at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here at 3.30 pm today.

Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint made a speech on the occasion. Next, the jade, gems and pearl sub-committees reported on the sale of gems and jade at the Mid-year the Myanmar Gems Emporium held in October 2003 and lots of gems and jade to be sold at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium to be held in March; the management sub-committee and security sub-committee reported on measures taken for the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium.

After that, date to hold the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium was set and confirmed from 13 to 21 March.

Next, Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and Central Committee members discussed matters related to successful holding of the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium and earning more foreign currency.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. — MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivers an address at the first meeting of the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Rahanda Ordination Hall near Kyaikin Village, Thanlyin Township. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt looks into tasks for all-round renovation of Kyaikkamawt Pagoda in Kyauktan. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Thayetkin laterite stairs in the precinct of Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagoda in Kyauktan Township. — MNA

Prime Minister urges historians,...

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existence of the laterite civilization with finds and firm evidence, as its history was once like a legend. He then inspected laterite Buddha images and utensils that were found in Kyaikin region, and excavated ruins of laterite buildings and the Rahanda ordination hall.

At Kyaikpadagyi Hsawdawshin Pagoda in Kyauktan, the Prime Minister and party paid obeisance to Buddha images. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko explained the all-round renovation of

the pagoda. The Prime Minister observed a laterite stair in the compound of Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagoda and a mound where the Archaeology Department will excavate an ancient ordination hall.

During the visit to Kyaikkamawt Pagoda, the Prime Minister and party inspected the pagoda all-round renovation task. They also visited the place where Barmeh Sayadaw practised vipassana.

In the afternoon, they visited Myanmar Maritime University construction project at Thanlyin-Kyauktan region develop-

ment zone in Thanlyin Township. The projects is being implemented by the Ministry of Transport.

At the project briefing hall, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than explained the academic programmes, staff organization and the university's building of seven fiber speed boats in cooperation with Japan-Myanmar Cooperation Association. The seven boats were displayed at Tokyo International Boat Show held in Japan. Of the

seven boats displayed under the title "Made in Myanmar" five were sold at the show. He also explained international cooperation programme, saying Maung Thet Naing, a second year student of ship-building science won RINA-Myanmar Shipyard Award for 2003 presented by Royal Institute of Naval Architects.

U Aung Htwe of Shwe Malar Construction Co Ltd reported on progress in construction of the three-storey main hall, the main lecture hall and three two-storey lecture halls and work to be done.

After giving instructions to officials, the Prime Minister viewed the com-

puterized navigation, and computerized engine controlling, and visited laboratories of the chemistry and physics departments.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt visited Yangon East University.

Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt explained the brief history of the university, academic matters, major subjects, the number of students, the IT room equipped with 158 computers, staff affairs and requirements.

The Prime Minister chose the site to build the four-storey main hall.

MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets faculty members of Yangon East University. — MNA

Convocation of Yangon Institute of Economics to be held

YANGON, 17 Feb — The convocation will be held for university students who passed their third year examinations in July and August 2003 at the Convocation Hall of Yangon University at 9 am on 7 March 2004.

At the convocation ceremony, degrees in BEcon (Economics), BPA, BDevS, BEcon (Statistics), BPS, BCom, BAct and BBA will be conferred. Graduated students are to submit pre-

scribed application forms together with two recent photos (2"x1.5") and an original of national registration card. Those who graduated before 2003 may apply for graduation absentia.

The rehearsal of the convocation will be staged at 8 am on 4 March. Application forms are to be submitted by 20 February, and further information can be inquired at Yangon Institute of Economics (Ywathagyi).

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Myanmar Maritime University Project being implemented in Thanlyin-Kyauktan Region Development Zone in Thanlyin Township. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Maritime University Project. (News on page 1) — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

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After having established 24 special development zones, the State has been constructing and opening universities and hospitals in every zone. In addition, agricultural and

livestock breeding tasks are being carried out for economic boom, and five rural development tasks are also being implemented. That is why officials concerned are to tour down to villages and



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents K 100,000 to Pyinsalu Station Hospital in Labutta Township. — MNA

supervise the tasks, public are also participate in the tasks, he added.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Pyinsalu Station Hospital and inspected wards and operation room. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated cash for the hospital through official.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also went to Pyinsalu Police Station where he inspected wards, solar-powered refrigerator

used in storing medicines and operation theatre, and comforted the patients. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 100,000 for the fund of hospital to member of hospital supervisory committee U Shwe. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to Pyinsalu Police Station and met with MPF members and their families.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed round the development of Pyinsalu region by car. — MNA

Entries invited for Armed Forces Day commemorative colour photo contest

YANGON, 17 Feb — The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Photo Contests Organizing Committee today announced that it will conduct a colour photo contest.

The two titles for the contests are "Developing and Pleasant Myanmar" and "Preserve Cultural Heritage". The contestants may send four 10" x 12" print photos for each contest.

Those who have won first to third prizes in the previous contests will be categorized into a separate group.

If an entry wins a prize, its negative is to be submitted. Data and captions are to be written on a separate sheet. If there is a model, his or her permission is required. An entry is not to have been published before in any publications and it must not be a prize-winning work at home or abroad. Digital camera

photos are not allowed.

First to third prizes will be presented in Yangon on 27 March 2004, and consolation prizes at the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Commemorative ceremonies to be held at respective commands.

The entries are to be sent to U Tun Min, Director of the Information and Public Relations Department, No 22-24, Pansodan Street, by 29 February. — MNA



Shwe Ingyin Housing Estate. (News on page 16) — MNA

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Lweliyan and Mohnyin bridges in Mogaung inaugurated

YANGON, 17 Feb — The opening of Lweliyan Bridge on Namti-Tanai Road in Mogaung Township, Kachin State, took place at the archway of the facility on 15 February morning.

It was attended by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, officials, departmental heads, members of social organizations and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge.

After formally unveiling the stone inscriptions of the bridge, the commander, together with the guests, walked along the 137.5-foot-long steel-beam bridge, which can withstand 30-ton loads.

In the afternoon, the commander and the minister attended the inauguration of Nantyin River-crossing

Mohnyin Bridge on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Mohnyin.

On the occasion, the minister and the commander extended greetings to the public and formally opened the bridge. The minister pressed the button to unveil the stone inscriptions of the bridge.

The 200-foot-long reinforced concrete bridge has a 26-foot-wide motorway and two 8-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on its either side. Its clearance area is 110 feet long and it can withstand 30-ton loads. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Lweliyan Bridge. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presses the button to unveil the stone inscriptions of Lweliyan Bridge on Namti-Tanai Road in Mogaung Township.

CONSTRUCTION

Prime Minister inspects...

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Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Kyaw and Managing Director of Golden Flower Construction U Aung Htwe formally opened the Yeikmon.

Managing Director U Aung Htwe reported on construction of the project. He said Golden Flower Co Ltd constructed five housing projects, namely—Shwe Malar, Shwe Sabai, Shwe Ponhnyet, Shwe Padauk and Shwe Tharaphi Yeikmons from 1997 to 2001. He said each apartment is 2,300x2,700 sq-ft and it was furnished with parquet, tiles and ceilings and central water supply.

The company provided K 15 million for maintenance and it also built offices for staff, installed PABX telephone system and central room for satellite TV. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the apartments.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presents gifts to diplomats and UN resident representatives.

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Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun open Mohnyin Bridge on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road. — CONSTRUCTION



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally unveils the stone inscriptions of Mohnyin Bridge on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road. — CONSTRUCTION

Minister attends Htidaw-hoisting ceremony of Yokhsinhla Pagoda in Thazi

YANGON, 17 Feb — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and wife, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading U Min Hla Aung, attended a Htidaw-hoisting and consecration ceremony of Yokhsinhla Pagoda in the compound of Phayagyi Kyaungtaik in Hlinetak model village in Thazi Township, Mandalay Division, on 14 February morning. Present on the occasion were world Buddhist missionary Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja

Bhaddanta Canda Siri (Hlinetak Sayadaw) and members of the Sangha Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Meiktila Station and military officers, officials and others.

The Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Members of the pagoda board of trustees accepted the Seinbudaw donated by Zawtika rice miller U Maung Maung and Daw Nan, the Ngetmyatnaw by U Min Hla Aung and K 300,000 by the minister and wife. Next, the Htidaw-hoisting ceremony was held.

emony was held.

On 15 February morning, the minister, together with North-West Command Deputy Commander Col Khin Maung Ohn and officials inspected the construction project of No 021 25-ton bran oil mill and No 222 50-ton rice mill being implemented by MAPT and gave necessary instructions to officials. The minister later went to Sagaing and met with officials and staff at divisional manager's office of MAPT and left instructions.

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Entries invited for colour photo competition

YANGON, 17 Feb—With a view to ensuring development of Myanmar Tourism, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism has already announced that it will hold the colour photo competition under the title of scenic Myanmar.

The size of entry photo must be from 12x12 inch to 12 x 18 inch. The entry must be own creation and must

not be prize winning work in any other competition.

There is no limitation for the number of the entry photo which is to be taken locally. Name, NRC No, address, brief biography and full caption of the entry are to be provided in a separate sheet of paper which is to be attached to the back of the entry.

Handsome prizes will be

given alongside consolidation prizes.

Entries are to be sent to Secretary of the Committee for Organizing the Colour Photo Competition U Kaung Htut (Deputy Director) of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, No 77/ 91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, not later than 27 February 2004.

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Diplomats and UN resident representatives visit Shan State Cultural Museum in Taunggyi. (News page 16)—MNA

Agricultural and regional development tasks inspected

YANGON, 17 Feb—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials inspected agricultural and regional development tasks in Hmawby, Htantabin and Taikkyi Townships this morning.

At the Yangon Division Vegetable Production and Livestock Breeding Special Zone near Nyaungnapin Village in Hmawby Township, Special Zone-1 in-charge Division Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Aung Hsan, Special Zone-2 in-charge Deputy Commissioner of Yangon North District General Administration Department U Thein Naing and Special Zone-3 in-charge Head of Division Settlement and Land Records Department

U Kyin Tun reported on land preparation, cultivation of vegetables, raising of chickens and layers, digging of fish ponds and breeding of fish.

Chairman of Special Zone Supervisory Committee Commissioner U Hla Soe reported on maintenance of roads in the zones and arrangements for cultivation of vegetables, officials concerned on irrigation, power supply, installation of telephone and other assistance and entrepreneurs on agriculture and livestock breeding. The commander then gave instructions. The commander and party inspected construction of briefing halls by Naing Group Construction and observation tower.

They inspected irrigation from Kalitaw Dam in the special zone-2, road

linking Wanetchaung Village in Hmawby Township and paving of 18-foot wide road linking Myochaung Bridge, Bawlekyun and Yaybawthaung Bridge.

The commander and party went to Myochaung Bridge and inspected cultivation of summer paddy in Bawlekyun and irrigation from river water pumping station. They inspected Gwaytanshe river water pumping project in Htantabin Township.

They also inspected in summer paddy cultivation, river water pumping projects and irrigation in Aigalaungkyun in Taikkyi Township and preventive measures for bank erosion, fish breeding in Aphyauk.

The commander met farmers and gave instructions on cultivation of triple cropping.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects tomato plantation of farmer U Hla Paik in Nyaungnapin special vegetable zone (1). — MNA

Anti-drug billboard erected in Myawady District

YANGON, 17 Feb — With a view to ensuring Myawady District to become a narcotic drugs free region, an educative billboard was put up in front of Bayintnaung Market in Myawady, Kayin State, yesterday morning. Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing delivered an address at the ceremony and Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Myawady District to Become Narcotic Drugs Free Region Member of the CCDAC Minister for Labour U Tin Winn formally unveiled the billboard.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, senior military officers, local authorities, officials, social organizations, teachers, students and local people totaling over 1,000. In his address, Minister Col Tin Hlaing said that the purpose of the ceremony was to secure participation of the entire people in the drugs elimination tasks for ensuring Myawady District to be a drugs free region. It is in accordance with instructions and directives of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt (now Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt) at the special meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs on 23 July 2002 for elimination of narcotic drugs in border areas.

Under the patronage of the CCDAC and Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association, Myawady District Anti-Narcotics Association was formed on 22 May 2003. It will carry out organizational tasks in cooperation with local non-governmental organizations. So far, a total of 10 educative billboards have been erected in crowded sites

in Myawady District. In a bid to establish narcotic drugs free region, priority was given to Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung Districts. In the process, remarkable success has been achieved in Tachilek thanks to organizational measures taken by anti-narcotics associations at different levels and NGOs, and hearty participation of local people. The minister called on social organizations and local people to take part in the tasks after receiving necessary assistance of regional administrative bodies and departments.

Myawady District is a border region where people illegally enter the region or migrate to the neighbouring country and narcotic drugs are smuggled. So emphasis is to be placed on prevention and control of trafficking narcotic drugs. In conclusion, he called for collective efforts to accomplish the project hand in hand with the Central Supervisory Committee, local administrative bodies and NGOs as peace has now been restored in Kayin State.

The ministers met with local authorities, service personnel, NGOs, townsmen and local people at Thauyngin Hall in Myawady on 15 February afternoon and dealt with harmonious participation in the State's seven-point policy programme, and tasks for ensuring peace and stability, regional development and elimination of drugs in the region.

Afterwards, they inspected rehabilitation centres, the office of the head of District Myanmar Police Force, and reception camp. The CCDAC chairman and party attended the opening of the office of Myawady District General Administration Department and formally opened it. The chairman presented K 2 million to the district ANA and K 200,000 to district organization for women's affairs. — MNA

လူတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သော

ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါကာကွယ်ရေး သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ ယခုအခါ အိမ်နီးချင်းနိုင်ငံများအပါအဝင် ကမ္ဘာ့နိုင်ငံအချို့၌ ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားလျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ဤရောဂါသည် ဗိုင်းရပ်စ်ပိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကြက်ငှက်များမှ တစ်ဆင့် လူများသို့ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ကာ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားခြင်းမရှိသေးသော်လည်း ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ဝင်ရောက်မလာနိုင်ရေးအတွက် ကာကွယ်ထားရန် အထူးလိုအပ်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။
- ၃။ ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါဖြစ်စေသော ဗိုင်းရပ်စ်ပိုးများသည် ဆောင်းဗိုင်းငှက်များ၊ ငှက်ရိုင်းများဖြစ်သော ရေဘဲ၊ ရေငှက်၊ စင်ရော်၊ ခို အစရှိသော ငှက်များတွင် ရောဂါလက္ခဏာမပြဘဲ ရှိနေနိုင်ပြီး ငှက်တို့၏ မစင်၊ အညစ်အကြေးမှတစ်ဆင့် မွေးမြူရေးကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ ငှက်များသို့ ကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။ မွေးမြူထားသော ကြက်ငှက်များသို့ ရောဂါကူးစက်ပါက အချိန်တိုအတွင်း ချက်ချင်း ကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ ငှက်များ ခြလုံးကျွတ် ရောဂါကူးစက် သေဆုံးသွားနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဤကဲ့သို့ ကြက်ငှက်များ ခြလုံးကျွတ်သေဆုံးမှု ဖြစ်ပွားပါက နီးစပ်ရာ မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ကုသရေးဦးစီးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး အကြောင်းကြားပြီး ညွှန်ကြားချက်အတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။
- ၄။ ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသော ကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ ငှက်များနှင့် အနီးကပ်ထိတွေ့နေသောသူများနှင့်ရောဂါကြောင့်သေဆုံးသွားသော ကြက်၊ ဘဲများကို ကိုင်တွယ်မိသူများထံသို့ အောက်ပါအတိုင်း ကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။
 - (က) ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါဖြစ်နေသော ကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ ငှက်များထံမှ ရောဂါပိုးတိုက်ရိုက်ကူးစက်ခြင်း
 - (ခ) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသော ကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ ငှက်တို့၏ မစင်များ၊ အညစ်အကြေးများကို လက်ဖြင့် ကိုင်တွယ်မိခြင်း
 - (ဂ) ရောဂါဖြင့် သေဆုံးသွားသော ကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ ငှက်များနှင့် ရောဂါပိုးပါရှိနေသော ကြက်ခြံထွက် ပစ္စည်းများကို ထိကိုင်ပြီး လက်မဆေးမီခြင်း စသည်တို့ကြောင့် ကူးစက်နိုင်ပါသည်။
 - ၅။ လူများအား ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ကူးစက်ရခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်
 - (က) ကြက်ခြံလုပ်သားများသည် သတ်မှတ်ထားသော ဝတ်စုံ၊ ခေါင်းစည်း၊ နှာခေါင်းစည်း၊ လက်အိတ်၊ လည်ရည်ဖိနပ်များ ဝတ်ဆင်ရန်
 - (ခ) မွေးမြူရေးခြံများအတွင်းသို့ မသက်ဆိုင်သူများ၊ ကလေးများ၊ လုံးဝ ဝင်ရောက်မှုမပြုရန်
 - (ဂ) ကြက်၊ ဘဲ၊ သယ်ဆောင်သူများ၊ ကြက်ကိုင်သူများ၊ ကြက်ခိုင်းလုပ်သားများ၊ ရောင်းသူများသည် ရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်သည့် လက်အိတ်၊ ဖိနပ်၊ အေပလွန် ခါးစည်းစသည် သတ်မှတ်ထားသော ဝတ်စုံများ ဝတ်ဆင်ရန်
 - (ဃ) ကြက်၊ ဘဲများကို မကိုင်တွယ်မီနှင့်ကိုင်တွယ်ပြီး လက်ကိုဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် စင်ကြယ်စွာဆေးကြောရန် လိုအပ်ပါသည်။
 - ၆။ ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားသောမွေးမြူရေးခြံနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိသည့် ကြက်ခြံလုပ်သားများနှင့် အနီးကပ် ထိတွေ့နေထိုင်သူများတွင် တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ ပေါ်ပေါက်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အကြောင်းကြားပြီး ညွှန်ကြားချက်အတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့်ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



CCDAC Chairman Minister Col Tin Hlaing delivers an address at the ceremony. — CCDAC

Written examination for junior reporter posts announced

YANGON, 17 Feb—The written examination for four posts of junior reporter with the New Light of Myanmar Daily of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be held at the New Light of Myanmar building, No 22/30, Strand Road, Botataung Township on 6 March 2004.

The candidates are to sit for English from 9 to 11 am and Myanmar general knowledge (internal/external) from 12 noon to 2 pm.

The candidates who have the right to sit for the examination are to contact the Manager (News Division) of NPE (Tel: 294621). — MNA

**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် ၈/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလ ၃ ရက်)
လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း**

၁။ လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာလျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလို့ရှိပါသည်-

စဉ်	ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
(က)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး (စီမံခန့်ခွဲရေး)	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့ရရှိသူ	၁၅ နေရာ
(ခ)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး (ဘဏ္ဍာရေး)	ဝါထိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ရရှိသူ(သို့မဟုတ်) တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှ ဘွဲ့ရရှိပြီး၊ စာရင်းကိုင်ဒီပလိုမာလက်မှတ်ရရှိသူ ဖြစ်ပါကအစိုးရဌာန တစ်ခုခု၌ လစာနှုန်း (၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၉၀၀) အဆင့်ဘဏ္ဍာရေးဆိုင်ရာ ရာထူးတစ်ခုခုတွင် အနည်းဆုံးလုပ်သက်(၅)နှစ်ရှိသူ၊ လက်ရှိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ဆဲဝန်ထမ်း ဖြစ်ရမည်။	၂၀ နေရာ
(ဂ)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး (ပစ္စည်းစီမံရေး)	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့ရရှိသူ	၈ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၉-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ဂ) လစာနှုန်း(၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၉၀၀) အဆင့်ဘဏ္ဍာရေးဆိုင်ရာ ရာထူးတစ်ခုခုတွင် အနည်းဆုံးလုပ်သက်(၅)နှစ် ရှိရန်လိုအပ်သော လျှောက်ထားသူများသည် သက်ဆိုင်ရာဌာနအကြီးအကဲ၏ ထောက်ခံချက်ကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ပူးတွဲတင်ပြရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၉-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/-ကို သီးခြားပေးသွင်းပြီး ရာထူးအလိုက် လျှောက်လွှာသုံးခြားတစ်စောင်စီ တင်သွင်းရမည်။
၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက် စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ နှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့ကကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်း ရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် ၈/၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက် ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၆။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့် မန္တလေးမြို့များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိပြောဆိုလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်း တိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နှစ်ပြုချက် ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၉-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၈။ ၂၄-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့နှင့် ၂၅-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေ စာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။
၂၂-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ပြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကိုထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့် မြို့နယ်အဆင့်ရှိ သာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မရှင်းများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ မြို့နယ် အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးများတွင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ လူကုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်း အမှတ် (၃၇၈၀၆၃)သို့ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

**Educational programmes on AIDS
to be introduced in Zimbabwe**

HARARE, 17 Feb — The Zimbabwe Religious Authority Board established recently to represent the interests of churches would this month introduce educational programmes on HIV and AIDS in various churches throughout the country, the *Sunday Mail* reported.

The programmes, to be coordinated by representatives from various church denominations, are meant to create AIDS awareness in various communities through educating church members.

The head of the organization's division responsible for health, David Mpunwa, was quoted as saying that church leaders had already been trained to conduct the programmes.

Mpunwa said the initiative came as a result of the need for the church to play an active role in the fight against the pandemic.

He said the proposed programmes were a result of increasing incidents of HIV infection, which did not spare even church members.

Mpunwa said the church

was influential in Zimbabwe and needed to take the opportunity to make a difference.

He added that some countries in the region had declared a Jihad (Holy War) against HIV/AIDS and Zimbabwe needed to take a cue from that.

The major thrust of the initiative is to bring a network of pastors to fight the pandemic.

There has not been much teaching on the subject in the church and there is need to promote its education.

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(က)	လက်ထောက်ဆော်ကွန်းထိန်း	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့ရရှိသူ	၁ နေရာ
(ခ)	စာကြည့်တိုက်မှူး	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့ရရှိပြီး၊ စာကြည့်တိုက်ပညာဒီပလိုမာရရှိသူ	၁ နေရာ
(ဂ)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး	မဟာသိပ္ပံ(ခ)တုဗေဒ သို့မဟုတ်(ကုန်ထုတ်ခါတုဗေဒ)	၁ နေရာ
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(ဆ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)	မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)	၁ နေရာ
(ဇ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (သမိုင်း)	မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (သမိုင်း)	၁ နေရာ
(ဈ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (သင်္ချာ)	မဟာသိပ္ပံဘွဲ့ (သင်္ချာ)	၁ နေရာ
(ည)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (ပထဝီ)	မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (ပထဝီ)	၁ နေရာ
(ဋ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (ဘောဂဗေဒ)	မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (ဘောဂဗေဒ)	၁ နေရာ
(ဌ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (စာရေးအင်ပညာ)	မဟာဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (စာရေးအင်ပညာ)	၁ နေရာ
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(ဎ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု)	စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုမဟာဘွဲ့	၁ နေရာ
(ဏ)	လက်ထောက်ကထိက (ကွန်ပျူတာ)	မဟာကွန်ပျူတာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်)မဟာကွန်ပျူတာနည်းပညာဘွဲ့	၁ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၉-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၉-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/-ကို သီးခြားပေးသွင်းပြီး ရာထူးအလိုက် လျှောက်လွှာသုံးခြားတစ်စောင်စီ တင်သွင်းရမည်။
၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက် စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ နှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့ကကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်း ရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် ၈/၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက် ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၆။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့် မန္တလေးမြို့များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိပြောဆိုလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်း တိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နှစ်ပြုချက် ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၉-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၈။ ၂၀-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့နှင့် ၂၁-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေ စာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။
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၉။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့် မြို့နယ်အဆင့်ရှိ သာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မရှင်းများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ မြို့နယ် အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးများတွင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ လူကုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်း အမှတ် (၃၇၈၀၆၃)သို့ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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Cholera has killed 141 in Zambia since November

LUSAKA, 17 Feb— An outbreak of cholera has killed 141 people in Zambia since last November, the Ministry of Health spokesman Victor Mukowka said here Monday.

He confirmed that the ministry has in a public notice on February 12 declared Lusaka and Northern provinces as cholera infected areas, banning any patients or suspected patients from leaving the infected area without the permission of health authorities.

The notice signed by Health Minister B Chitwalo also bans any unapproved public gathering of more than five persons, including funerals.

According to Mukowka, a total of 4,741 cases have been reported nationwide in Lusaka, Northern, Southern, Eastern, Copperbelt and other provinces.

However, he said, the cases have been going down recently, with only 80 patients currently being treated.

Copperbelt and Eastern provinces have been declared cholera free so far, he said.

To combat the disease, the Health Authority has opened cholera treatment centres in affected areas where patients are isolated and treated.

Community based health workers have been mobilized to ensure all patients and contacts are traced, and their homes thoroughly disinfected.

Health inspectors and environmental health staff have been mobilized to strengthen inspections of eating and drinking places, bars, restaurants and shops.

Clean water are delivered to affected areas, in addition to chlorination of wells.

Schools and markets were also closed to allow for cleanup. In Lusaka, the Armed Forces were also mobilized in cleaning up the city.

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OPEC could again reduce production in May

JAKARTA, 17 Feb— The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) could again reduce its production level in May, if the reduction of one million barrels per day (bpd) in April is inadequate to maintain the price level, an Indonesian minister said Monday.

"If the reduction in April is not enough, the organization will further reduce it in May," Mines and Energy Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro was quoted by state news agency Antara as saying.

OPEC still wants to maintain oil prices at 22 - 28 US dollars per barrel, he said.

Purnomo said OPEC will likely hold a meeting if it is forced to reduce again its production in May.

OPEC has been producing 27 million barrels per day for the past months, larger than its limit of 24.5 million.

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China shopping mallfire kills at least 51

BEIJING, 17 Feb— A fire in a shopping mall in northeastern China killed at least 51 people and injured more than 70, state television CCTV said on Sunday.

The blaze broke out on the second floor of the five-storey Zhongbai Commercial Plaza, which contained shops, a dancing hall and a bath house, at around 0320 GMT in the city of Jilin, China Central Television said.

An official at Jilin's fire fighting team told Reuters the death toll was still being updated.

"More than 30 died, but the final number is being compiled and verified.

The CCTV figure may not be accurate," he said. Jilin is about 590 miles from the capital Beijing.

Officials were investigating the cause of the fire, which has already been extinguished.

Fire fighters were searching for more victims.

The official Xinhua news agency had reported the fire took place in the northeastern city of Changchun.

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(1.)	30 KVA/40 KVA Generating Set	2 Nos
(2.)	Computer (With C.D Writer)	4 Nos
	- Pentium 4-2.4/2.66 GHz Processor	
	- 128 MB DDR RAM 40 GB Hard Disk	
	- AGP 32 MB 3D 15" SVGA Digital Color Monitor PS/2 Mouse, PS/2 Key Board	
	52xCD Rom Drive 800 W Multimedia Speaker	
(3.)	Printer (Colour)	4 Nos
(4.)	Flatbed Scanner	1 No
(5.)	Air Conditioner (Window Type) (1.5HP)	25 Nos
(6.)	Air Conditioner (Split Type) (1.5HP)	6 Nos
(7.)	Pallet Truck (Hydraulic Type)	3 Nos
(8.)	Type Writer (Myanmar) 18"	3 Nos

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Building collapses in Mumbai

NEW DELHI, 17 Feb— A portion of a building collapsed Sunday evening near Taj Hotel in Mumbai, southwestern India, trapping nine people, the Press Trust of India quoted fire brigade sources as saying.

Eight of the trapped people were rescued after the eastern portion of the four-storey building collapsed and the other was still suspected to be trapped beneath the debris. The building is situated next to the Regal Cinema on the road leading to Taj Hotel. The local fire service has sent fire tenders and men to remove the debris, they added.—MNA/Xinhua



Philippines seek to re-animate cartoon industry.
INTERNET

SPORTS

South Korea thrash Oman 5-0 in friendly

SEOUL, 17 Feb— South Korea beat Oman 5-0 in the southeastern city of Ulsan on Saturday, striker Ahn Jung-hwan scoring twice in a friendly warm-up before the start of the home side's World Cup qualifying campaign next week.

Oman, who had beaten South Korea 3-1 when the two sides last met in Muscat late last year, got off to the worst possible start when an attempted clearing header looped into their opponents' net within 10 minutes.

Striker Seol Ki-hyeon, who plays for Anderlecht, got a second for South Korea after stabbing the ball home from close range in the 25th minute after Oman's goalkeeper could only partially clear a powerful header from the edge of the box.

In blustery conditions in the Ulsan Munsu World Cup Stadium, Oman rarely threatened and Ahn made it 3-0 from the penalty spot late in the first half after he was brought down on the edge of the area.

South Korean coach Humberto Coelho used the second half to bring on a clutch of young players alongside veterans from the last World Cup campaign.—MNA/Reuters

Arsenal ignited by golden Reyes

LONDON, 17 Feb— Striker Jose Antonio Reyes scored twice to help Arsenal end Chelsea's FA Cup hopes for the fourth successive year with a 2-1 victory in a feisty fifth-round tie on Sunday.

Adrian Mutu put Chelsea ahead before halftime but Spaniard Reyes smashed in a spectacular equalizer, his first goal for the club, and grabbed the winner five minutes later to keep the Premier League leaders on course to win the Cup for the third year in a row.

"They gave us problems in the first half. In the second half, we pushed up more," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told reporters. "Our team play was good, our passing was good and we were mentally strong. The players wanted to win."

First Division Sheffield United beat Colchester of Division Two 1-0, striker Paul Peschisolido heading the winner for last season's semifinalists after 61 minutes.

Liverpool play Premier League rivals Portsmouth later on Sunday.

Romanian striker Mutu gave Chelsea a deserved lead after 40 minutes, taking advantage of a poor clearance by Arsenal goalkeeper Jens Lehmann to drill in a crisp left-foot shot from the edge of the penalty area. Chelsea would have led 2-0 at the interval if winger Jesper Gronkjaer's header had not been controversially ruled out for off-side.

The second half started quietly but the match was ignited after 56 minutes by the 20-year-old Reyes, starting in the absence of Arsenal's injured leading scorer Thierry

Henry.

Collecting the ball from a clearance just outside the Chelsea penalty area, he jinked inside before unleashing a stunning left-foot shot from 20 metres that flew into the top corner of the net.

Shortly afterwards, the player signed last month for around 17 million pounds (32.26 million US dollars) from Sevilla put Arsenal ahead.

Midfielder Patrick Vieira released him with a neat pass and Reyes produced a deft finish to beat Chelsea goalkeeper Neil Sullivan, who had just come on as a substitute for the injured Carlo Cudicini.

"There's a lot to work on but you can see there's talent there," Wenger said. "His work rate was absolutely outstanding today. The number of runs he made was fantastic."

The visitors never really threatened to get back into the game as Vieira and Sol Campbell led a typically miserly Arsenal defensive effort and Chelsea striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink became the seventh player booked as his team's hopes faded.

Manchester United, Millwall and Tranmere Rovers reached the last eight on Saturday, when Fulham drew 0-0 with West Ham United and Sunderland drew 1-1 with Birmingham City.

The quarterfinal draw takes place on Monday.—MNA/Reuters

Diouf gets extra game ban after appeal

TUNIS, 17 Feb— Senegal striker El Hadji Diouf's appeal against a three-match suspension given during the African Nations Cup has backfired after the Confederation of African Football (CAF) added an extra game to the ban.

The former African Player of the Year was banned by CAF on Monday for the opening matches of Senegal's World Cup qualifying campaign, which starts in June. His appeal was rejected at a meeting on Friday.

The Liverpool player was found guilty of violent conduct after the tournament's organizing committee reviewed a video of the tempestuous quarterfinal against Tunisia in Rades last weekend.

"The three-match penalty handed out to player El Hadji Diouf was increased to four matches for acts considered unacceptable and injurious to African football and the public," a CAF statement said on Saturday.

Diouf spent much of the match in a verbal battle with United Arab Emirates referee Ali Bujsaim and at the end of the 1-0 defeat had to be restrained from attacking him and members of the Tunisian bench.

It means he will not feature again for Senegal in a competitive match before October 10, when his country are to meet Liberia in Monrovia in Group One of the qualifiers for the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

The competition is combined with the qualifiers for the next Nations Cup, to be held in Egypt in 2006.

Three Senegalese officials who stormed on to the pitch after Tunisia's controversial

goal in the second half of the quarterfinal match were also banned on Monday.

Assistant coach Abdoulaye Sarr had his ban extended to 18 months as his appeal also failed and a one-year ban on another assist-



Emirati referee Ali Bujsaim (R) reprimands Senegal's El Hadji Diouf. Striker Diouf has had his international ban increased from three to four matches.—INTERNET

ant coach Amara Traore and team doctor Fallou Cisse was upheld.

"The actions of assistant coach Mr. Abdoulaye Sarr were considered unacceptable and his sanction increased to 18 months from participating in any CAF organized competitions," the statement added.

The Senegal Football Federation are also to pay 3,000 US dollars in costs for the appeal, CAF added.—MNA/Reuters

Okocha named best player of 2004 nations cup

RADES (Tunisia), 17 Feb— Nigerian captain Jay Jay Okocha has been named the best player of the 2004 African Nations Cup, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) said on Saturday.

The 30-year-old midfielder received his award at halftime of Saturday's African Nations Cup final between Morocco and Tunisia at Rades.

Okocha scored four goals and helped Nigeria to third place in the tournament.

After Friday's third place play-off win over Mali at Monastir, he described himself well satisfied with his performance and said he had enjoyed the event more than in 1994 when he was in the winning team

MNA/Reuters



Nigeria's inspirational skipper Austin 'Jay Jay' Okocha is to be named the top player at this year's African Nations Cup, a senior official of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) told AFP.—INTERNET

Injured Venus pulls out of Antwerp event

ANTWERP, 17 Feb— A knee injury has forced defending champion Venus Williams to pull out of the Antwerp Diamond Games event which starts on Monday.

"Venus aggravated her knee during (last month's) Australian Open... she re-aggravated her knee at last week's Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo," said a statement on the Antwerp tournament's web site on Sunday.

The withdrawal of third seed Williams means she must wait for the chance to win outright a gold and diamond racket worth a million euros (1.28 million US dollars).

The former world number one triumphed in Antwerp in 2002 and 2003 and WTA tournament rules say a player can keep the racket forever if she wins the trophy three times in five years.

The 23-year-old American had to forfeit her Pan Pacific Open quarter-final with compatriot Chanda Rubin on February 6.

Williams will be replaced by a lucky loser in Antwerp. Fifth seed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland takes the American's place in the draw and is due to face Israel's Anna Smashnova-Pistolessi in the first round.

Belgians Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters are the top two seeds.

Four-times Grand Slam champion Williams made her comeback at the Australian Open after taking nearly seven months off due to a tear in her abdomen.

MNA/Reuters



US tennis player Venus Williams pulled out of the Antwerp tournament which starts on Monday
INTERNET

Wenger says Campbell unfit for Portugal friendly

LONDON, 17 Feb— Arsenal defender Sol Campbell will not be fit to play in England's friendly away to Portugal on Wednesday, his manager Arsene Wenger said on Sunday.

Campbell, suffering a groin problem, played in Arsenal's 2-1 FA Cup victory over Chelsea on Sunday against Wenger's better judgement because the trophy meant so much to him, the Arsenal boss said.

"If a player like Sol is in the state he is in at the moment it is important that he does not

set off a chronic inflammation of his groin," Wenger said.

Wenger said he felt sorry for England manager Sven Goran Eriksson, who was expected to try out the defensive partnership of Campbell and Chelsea's John Terry against Portugal.

However, he said it was better that Campbell reached the end of the season and the European Championship in good condition rather than be risked in a friendly.

MNA/Reuters

Celtic close on title with record-equalling win

GLASGOW, 17 Feb— Celtic scored two late goals to beat Dundee United 2-1 on Saturday, closing on the Scottish Premier League title and equalling the 40-year-old British record for consecutive league wins.

The leaders trailed to Alan Archibald's 61st-minute opener but substitute Shaun Maloney equalized nine minutes from time and Chris Sutton converted a penalty to leave Celtic 13 points clear of Rangers, who were held to a 1-1 draw by Aberdeen.

It was Celtic's 70th unbeaten home match and equalled the record of 23 straight wins set by Scottish Second Division side Morton in 1963-64.

Stuart Duff brought down Stilian Petrov to concede the penalty for Sutton's winner,

and United's misery continued when striker Billy Dodds was sent off for a second yellow card in the dying minutes.

Champions Rangers' hopes of retaining the Scottish Premier League title continued to fade despite Frank de Boer's late goal salvaging a 1-1 draw at Aberdeen.

Alexander Diamond's second-minute goal put Aberdeen on course for their first win over Rangers since 1998 but defender De Boer found the net with a header to equalize three minutes from time. "The point is of little use to us but at least we started to get forward a little more in the second half," said Rangers manager Alex McLeish.

"It's the best Aberdeen have done against us here in the first half, but we had something to do with that and were absolutely inept in the first half. "It was shocking. You have to be ready to go from the start and there was too much apprehension in the side."

A combination of poor finishing and inspired saves from Rangers goalkeeper Stefan Klos denied the home side and De Boer made them pay when he claimed his first goal for Rangers from Paolo Vanoli's free kick. —MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3**18-2-2004 (Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission**

(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Sagging Pagoda-Stud-
ded Hills
9:06 **Headline News**
9:12 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
9:15 National News
9:20 Myaing Hay Wun
Elephant Camp
9:25 Taking Shelter at Man-
dalay Hill
9:30 National News
9:35 The Myanmar Turban-
Unique
9:40 Song "Flower Alike"
9:42 Yangon, the Capital
9:45 National News
9:50 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
III)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**18-2-2004 (Wednesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
15:36 Sagging Pagoda-Stud-
ded Hills
15:40 Headline News
15:42 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
15:45 National News
15:50 Myaing Hay Wun
Elephant Camp
15:55 Taking Shelter at Man-
dalay Hill
16:00 National News
16:05 The Myanmar Turban-
Unique
16:10 Song "Flower Alike"
16:12 Yangon, the Capital
16:15 National News
16:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
III)
16:25 Song of Myanmar

- Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
16:30 National News
16:35 Quality Rice Produc-
tion in Myanmar
16:40 Modern Embroidery
16:45 National News
16:50 Border Towns in
Northern Shan State
Performance of King
Brahminy Bird Dance
16:55 **National News**
17:00 National News
17:05 Traditional Folk Weav-
ing Works
17:10 Song "Beauty of
Wakema"
17:15 National News
17:20 A Day in the life of the
PaO Family
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Journey to Mogok
(The Ruby Land)
19:40 Headline News
19:42 How to Cook "The
Nga-paine Fish Curry"
19:45 National News
19:50 Scenic Ngwe Hsaung
Beach
19:55 The Rakhine Dance,
The Pride of Yoma
19:58 Tour In Myanmar
"Bagan, Poma"
20:00 National News
20:05 Innwa Ancient Capital
Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll be Wait-
ing For You"
20:15 National News
20:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
II)
20:25 Songs on Screen
"A Diamond-studded
Song"
20:30 National News
20:35 A New Tourist Desti-
nation "Myanmar"
20:40 Ah Lin Ga Kyaw Swa
Cartoonist U Ba Gyan
20:45 National News
20:50 Kayin Traditional
Weaving Industry
20:55 Myanmar Traditional
Marionette
21:00 National News
21:05 Kengtaung Waterfall
21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "To a Silvery
Seagull"
21:12 Historical Shwe Inpin
Monastery
21:15 National News

- 21:20 Pottery, A Home In-
dustry
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
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22:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Come visit
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**18-2-2004 (Wednesday) &
19-2-2004 (Thursday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
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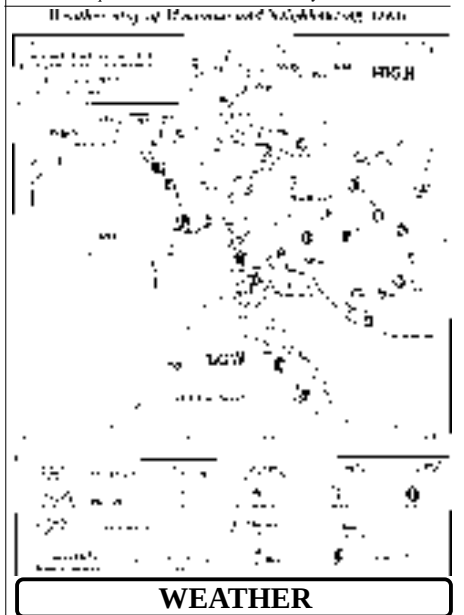
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01:15 National News
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01:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**19-2-2004 (Thursday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 Journey to Mogok
(The Ruby Land)
03:40 Headline News
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**WEATHER****Tuesday, 17 February, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally
fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C)
above normal in northern Shan State (3°C) to (4°C) below
normal in Kachin, Rakhine States, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and
Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Chin
State, Magway, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and about
normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 16-2-2004 was 35.5°C (96°F).
Minimum temperature on 17-2-2004 was 14.0°C (57°F).
Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 17-2-2004 was 66%.
Total sunshine hours on 16-2-2004 was (8.6) hours approx.
Rainfall on 17-2-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-
Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
3 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and nil at Kaba-Aye
and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon
(Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Northwest at (11:30) hours
MST on 16-2-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is partly
cloudy to cloudy in South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere
in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 18-2-
2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Mon State, Yangon
and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy
in Kachin, eastern Shan, Kayin States, Bago and Taninthayi
Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree
of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to
moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two
days:** Likelihood of light rain in southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for
18-2-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and
neighbouring area for 18-2-2004:** Generally fair weather.

"Earthquake report"

(Issued at 14:00 hours M.S.T Today)

An Earthquake of slight intensity (4.2) Richter Scale
with its epicentre inside of Myanmar about (10) miles South
of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at
(13) hrs 11 min (55) sec M.S.T on 17th February 2004.

**Wednesday, February 18****View today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. မြေမြေကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
8:15 am
6. အမိမိမိမိ
8:25 am
7. ကံတင်ဘီလင်း ရေလှေကစား
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. Learning English the

easy and happy way
for children and
beginners

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 am
3. Practice In Reading
4:45 am
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အေးသင်တန်းသို့ ပညာရေး
ရပ်ကြီးသံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
ဒုတိယပုဒ် (စာတုဒေအထူးပြု)
(စာတုဒေ)
5:15 pm
6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတပေး
5:25 pm
7. Songs of national races
5:35 pm
8. Classical song
5:45 pm
9. ဒါကတော့
5:55 pm
10. Musical programme
6:05 pm
11. Strong and healthy

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- 6:15 pm**
12. ရွှေသံခိုင်လုံ အာသိယအစဉ်
6:20 pm
13. Discovery
6:30 pm
14. Evening news
7:00 pm
15. Weather report
7:05 pm
16. Milo success in soccer
7:10 pm
17. ကြွယ်ဝတဲ့ တွဲကွေးရေဂါ
အကြောင်း သိစကားခရီး
7:30 pm
18. ပြည်ထောင်စုခံတော်မူခြင်း
ရင်းနှီးမြှုပ်နှံမှုရန် ချီဝန်တာ
"နိမ္မိတ" ပြည်ပစီးပွားရေး
တစ်ခွင်
8:00 pm
19. News
20. International news
21. Weather Report
22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ
"တုယုလီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
(ဆက်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
23. The next day's
programme

**Wednesday, February 18****Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/
Slogan
9.00 am Music
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
9.00 pm Variations on a tune
"From a distance
Batty Midler
Cliff Richard
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your
request
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Prime Minister inspects Shwe Ingyin Yeikmon Housing Estate

YANGON, 17 Feb—Chairman of City Housing Project Supervisory Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt arrived at Shwe Ingyin Yeikmon Housing Estate at the corner of Waizayanta Road and Thanthuma Road in Thingangyun Township on 15 February.

On arrival there, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, heads of departments, social organizations, Managing Director of Golden Flower Construction Co Ltd U Aung Htwe and officials. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected apartments at the Shwe Ingyin Yeikmon Housing Estate.

The opening ceremony of Shwe Ingyin Yeikmon Housing Estate was held at the corner of Waizayanta Road and Thanthuma Road in Thingangyun Township at 8 am on 15 February attended by Vice-Chairmen of City Housing Project Supervisory Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The Yeikmon was constructed by Shwe Marlar Construction under the supervision of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development of the Ministry of Construction.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, departmental officials, social organizations, construction entrepreneurs, managing director and members of the board of directors and guests.

The opening ceremony of the housing estate was held at the archway of the Yeikmon.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the houses of Shwe Ingyin Yeikmon Housing Estate in Thingangyun Township. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development works in Bogalay and Myaungmya

YANGON, 17 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials, on 15 February morning went to Eya Village in Bogalay Township, Pyapon District and inspected development of the village.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said rural development tasks are being carried out for narrowing the development gap between rural and urban areas by laying down the five rural development

School and five social organizations through officials.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the BEMS and inspected the construction of the school building.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Amatgyi Village in Pyinalan Village-tract in Labutta Township and inspected the development of the village and cordially greeted the local people.

In the afternoon, they arrived at Pyinsalu in Labutta Township and met with departmental officials and local people totalling about 400 at Pyinsalu Basic Education High School. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing made a speech.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said in order to build up a peaceful and developed nation, there need essential requirements such as the rule of law, economic development and human resource development.

It is required to produce intelligentsia and intellectuals for the development of the nation, he said.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets with departmental officials, members of social organizations, townselders and entrepreneurs. — MNA

Diplomats, UN resident representatives visit southern Shan State

YANGON, 17 Feb — A team of diplomats including Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of Singapore Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz to Myanmar and resident representatives of UN agencies arrived at Heho Airport by air from Yangon on 14 February.

The diplomatic team comprises Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and wife, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and officials of MOFA.

The diplomats were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Commander of Eastern Command Col Win Myint, Station Commander Brig-Gen Thuang Htaik and officials.

During the visit to Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda, they offered Shwethingan to Buddha images.

They then studied the weaving industry and silver-

ware industry of the Inlay Lake.

At Shwekyunhmyaw Hotel 1, they enjoyed the Inlay traditional boat race. The Dean and the Vice-Dean of diplomatic corps presented cash awards to the rowers.

In the afternoon, they visited sericulture and weaving industry at Inpawkhon village. In Taunggyi, they visited Shan State Cultural Museum.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife hosted dinner in honour of the team members at the command in the evening. At the dinner, Shan State cultural troupes entertained the guests with traditional songs and dances.

The next morning, they visited Shwephonepwin Pagoda, Sulamuni Pagoda

and Mwedaw Kekku Pagoda. The team members presented cash donations for the ancient pagodas in Kekku. In Pindaya, they visited Shwe Oomin Cave. The team arrived back here in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party were welcomed by departmental officials, members of village Peace and Development Council and social organizations, and local people.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party met with officials and social organizations at Eya Village SPDC Office.

tasks.

He also urged the local people to make efforts for development of the region and agriculture and farming work.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Maj-Gen Soe Naing donated cash to Eya Village Basic Education Middle School, Basic Education Primary



Diplomats and UN resident representatives receive a warm welcome at Heho Airport. — MNA