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State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulations to Algerian President

YANGON, 30 April— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Abdelaziz Bouteflika, on his re-election as the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers provisions to a Sayadaw at Kawa Township.— MNA

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 attends inauguration ceremony of Saddam Yadana Bridge, Thirizeya small bridges, Pylon Chantha Road and Garden in Neikban Village, Kawa Township

YANGON, 29 April— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by Tatmadaw helicopter this morning and arrived in Neikban Village, Kawa Township, Bago Division, at 8.15 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials.

Next, the Prime Minister attended the ceremony to put into use Saddam Yadana Bridge, Thirizeya small bridges, Pylon Chantha Road and the Garden held near Saddam Yadana Bridge in Neikban Village.

Also present on the occasion were State

Ovadaçariya Shwekyin Nikaya Upa Ukkatha Maha Nayaka Joint-Sasanabaing Bago Kyakhatwaing Monastery Padhanissariya Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotipala and members of the Sangha, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and

Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, social organizations, teachers, students and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened Saddam Yadana Bridge, Thirizeya small bridges, Pylon Chantha Road and the Garden.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone

inscription and sprinkled scented water on it. Next, the Prime Minister and party donated provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotipala and members of the Sangha. The Prime Minister performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the opening ceremony.

Next, the ceremony to mark the birthday of Kyakhatwaing Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Jotipala, aged 83 and vasa 63, was held in conjunction with the ceremony to share merits to build the bridges, the road and the garden at Uttara Maha Wihara Monastery in Neikban Village.

The Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party offered donations to the members of the Sangha.

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Newly opened Saddam Yadana Bridge in Neikban Village, Kawa Township.— MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Make earnest efforts for regional development

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on the development of rural areas where majority of the nation's population live. In accordance with his guidance, the five rural development tasks — ensuring good transport in rural areas, ensuring sufficient supply of safe drinking water, raising educational standard of rural areas, improving health standard of rural areas and development of agriculture and livestock farming — are being implemented.

In his meeting with district- and township-level departmental officials and members of social organizations in Kyaikto District, Mon State, on 17 April, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt stressed that the private sector must be organized and necessary assistance must be rendered so that Mon State can become the biggest rubber-growing region in the nation and that it is important to strive for the realization of the five rural development tasks.

It is also required for the township-level officials to distribute high-yield quality strains to local farmers and to provide necessary assistance including agricultural technology to them so that the targets set by the State for ensuring region-wise self-sufficiency and a good harvest of specific crops can be realized.

As township-level officials are mainly responsible for rural development, they are required to make field trips to villages in their respective township and attend to the needs of rural people. Only then will they be able to win the trust of people and organize and educate them for the improvement of their socio-economic life.

To be able to carry out all development work effectively, it is also necessary to enlist the cooperation of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar War Veterans Organization.

The people, on their part, are to exert energetic efforts to boost production of agriculture and livestock breeding in view of raising their respective living standards and increasing income.

Hence, departmental personnel concerned are to make earnest efforts for ensuring respective regional development through making collective endeavours.

Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 2004 from 19 to 23 May

YANGON, 29 April — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 2004 will be held from 19 to 23 May 2004 at the Yangon Trade Centre on Pazundaung Road here.

Various kinds of textiles, consumer goods, plastic wares, foodstuff, electric and electronic devices, stationery, computer and related accessories, perfumes, water pumps, car polish, lawn mowers, glues, engines, aluminium staircases, power generators, testers, etc will be put on display at the Trade Fair.

There will also be entertainment programmes.

MNA

TV retransmission station launched in Nayai

YANGON, 29 April — The TV retransmission station project situated in Nayai, Shan State (South), was completed on 23 April 2004.

Starting from that day, the station commenced to retransmit the programmes of Myanma TV. — MNA

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများစသည့်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

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Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein (Kyaw Saw Han) hands over cash donation of K 30,000 to MWJA Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha). — MNA

Cash and kind donated to MWJA

YANGON, 29 April — In hailing the Third Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Conference, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein (Kyaw Saw Han) donated K 30,000 to MWJA at a ceremony held at 11 am today at the head office of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road here. MWJA Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepted the cash donation and presented the certificate of honour. NPE Managing Director Col Soe Win, MWJA Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Tawantay) were also present on the occasion.

Similarly, a ceremony to donate cash and kind for the MWJA Conference was held at 1 pm today at the meeting hall of the MWJA. The donations were K 500,000 by Mingala Taungnyunt WJA Patron U Kyaw Nyunt (Kyaw Nyunt Yi) and Daw Wah Wah Kyaw; K 500,000 by writer Moe Htet Myint (Delta Region); K 300,000 by writer Maung Haymar (vocalist Alingar Wutyi) Maung Maung Aye; K 100,000 by Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation President Daw Mi Mi Khin; K 100,000 by U Win Swe and Dr Daw Yi Yi Hla of WYZ Co; K 100,000 by U Thein Tun of Tun Foundation; and 100 books worth K 200,000 by U Maung Maung Myint Aye of Lat Moe Swe Literary House. MWJA Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepted the donations and gave away certificates of honour. — MNA



DONATION FOR HOME FOR THE AGED: Maritime officers and their families of Neptune Co of Singapore donated K 800,000 to the Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Trustee Board member of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the cash donation. — (H)

Don't smoke

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

အပူဒဏ်ကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်

အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်လျှင် ဆေးရုံသို့အမြန်ပြုပါ။ဆေးရုံအရောက်နောက်ကျပါက အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးနိုင်သဖြင့် ဆေးရုံသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးပြသကြရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 29 April — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Names	Appointment
(a) Dr Than Myint	Rector Institute of Medicine (Magway) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(b) U Saw Kyaw Min	Rector University of West Yangon Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(c) U Soe Tint	Managing Director Inland Water Transport Ministry of Transport

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Names	Appointment
(a) Col Chit Shein	Chairman Officer on Special Duty Ministry of Labour
(b) Col Hsan Tun	Managing Director Officer on Special Duty Ministry of Finance & Revenue
	Social Security Board Ministry of Labour Myanma Economic Bank Ministry of Finance & Revenue

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To participate in a goodwill concert organized by the Myanmar-Korean Goodwill Association, famous vocalists Mr Chol Soung Kim, Ms Jeon Yu Na and Ms Park Young Mi of the Republic of Korea arrived Yangon by air on 29-4-2004. The Korean stars being welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Myanmar stars. — NLM

Myanmar secures 18 gold in XXII SEA Games instead of 16

YANGON, 29 April — According to the information dated 31 March 2004 sent to presidents of National Olympic Committees issued by the XXII South-East Asian Games Organizing Leading Committee, the first prizes winner of Vietnam in 500-m C1 Canoe Men's event and 1000-m C1 Canoe event used the prohibited drugs and thus, necessary action was taken against him under the rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee. Therefore, Aung Lin of Myanmar who won second prizes in the two events secured the first prizes. As such, it was approved that Myanmar bagged 18 gold in total in the XXII SEA Games instead of 16. — MNA

Annan says violence feeds resistance in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 29 April— Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday warned that military action in Iraq is feeding the ranks of the resistance and urged US authorities to do everything possible to seek a peaceful solution in Fallujah and Najaf.

As explosions and gunfire rocked Fallujah and US troops began expanding operations out of their base in the holy city of Najaf, Annan called for negotiations on the ground and a concerted international effort to stabilize Iraq.

"Violent military action by an occupying power against inhabitants of an occupied country will only make matters worse," he said. "It's definitely time, time now for those who prefer restraint and dialogue to make their voices heard."

Annan held a news conference a day after his top envoy for Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi, told the Security Council that many obstacles remain but he was confident power could be handed over to an Iraqi caretaker government by 30 June as planned despite escalating violence.

The secretary-general said he wanted to add his voice to Brahimi's "in appealing to all parties in Iraq to refrain from violence, to respect international humanitarian law, and to give this process of political transition a chance."

The assault against Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad,

began Tuesday after American troops killed 64 gunmen near the southern city of Najaf.

Annan said he had relayed an appeal from the community in Fallujah for the United Nations to intervene — which he said was impossible because of the lack of security — and had spoken to US authorities about "the need for caution, the need to do all that is possible to avoid a violent confrontation."

"The reason why I asked for caution is the more the occupation is seen as taking steps that harm the civilians and the population, the greater the ranks of the resistance grows," Annan said.

"I think everybody has said the struggle really should have been to win the hearts and minds of the people, and so it has to be an effort in that direction as well," he said. "It's a difficult situation. I'm not pretending it's very easy to do it, but I think one has to be very careful not to get it much worse." — *Internet*

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More US troops killed in April than in "major combat" in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 April— More US troops have been killed in action in Iraq in April than during the six weeks of "major combat" after US-led invasion, casualty figures showed.

When President George W Bush declared the end of major combat operations in Iraq on 1 May, 2003, the US death toll stood at 109. Combat deaths reported by military spokesmen in Baghdad during April climbed to at least 114 on Wednesday.

The Pentagon's official tally has not caught up yet because at least 13 deaths of servicemembers reported in April have not been officially categorized as either "killed in action" or "non hostile." Pentagon figures, however, show that at least 124 service members have died so far this month, all but a handful of them in combat.

At least 105 have been classified as killed in action and six as unrelated to combat, a defense official said. — *Internet*



US marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force call to Iraqi women and children to leave the building during a house-to-house search operation in a village near the town of Falluja on 28 April, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Last group of Spanish soldiers go home

MADRID, 29 April— The last group of Spanish soldiers who took part in the US-led occupation of Iraq returned home Wednesday from Kuwait, the Defence Ministry said.

The 260 soldiers were part of the Spanish-led contingent stationed in the south-central cities of Najaf and Diwaniya.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero announced Tuesday in Parliament that the entire 1,300-member contingent had left Iraq, leaving another group of 700-800 troops working on logistics related to the withdrawal — not trying to maintain peace in postwar Iraq.

Eleven Spaniards have died in Iraq since August.

On Thursday, Zapatero and Defence Minister Jose Bono will attend a ceremony marking the end of the Spanish mission. It will be held at Botoa air base in Talavera la Real in southwest Spain, Zapatero's office said.

The pullout was completed so quickly because the troop rotations in recent weeks

brought in logistics specialists rather than new troops for the coalition effort. Thus, the 1,300-member brigade was depleted gradually until the final 260 were left.

"The plan is that by 27 May there will be no Spanish personnel on Iraqi territory," Zapatero told Spanish lawmakers during a debate on his decision to withdraw the troops.

Relatives of the soldiers and the commander of the Spanish forces, Gen Fulgencio Coll, attended the homecoming ceremony at the military base in Talavera la Real outside Badajoz in southwest Spain, said Defence Ministry spokesman Gonzalo De Cea.

Zapatero announced the pullout April 18, a day after being sworn in as prime minister. His Socialist party won general elections March 14, defeating the conservative Popular Party of then-Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar. — *Internet*

India signs accord on Asian Highway Network

BEIJING, 29 April — India Tuesday signed an international agreement for completing a 140,000 kilometre-long Asian Highway Network which will significantly promote regional integration and cooperation.

Apart from India, countries like Pakistan, China, Iran, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Turkey and Vietnam signed the inter-governmental agreement at the ministerial segment of the 60th session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), which is currently meeting in Shanghai.

The highway will connect capitals, major ports, commercial centres and tourist sites of Asian nations. After its completion by 2010, vehicles from Tokyo can travel directly to Istanbul.

Even island countries like Japan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, will be linked through ferries to mainland countries.

"The signing of agreement on Asian highways is a landmark event," India's Commerce Secretary Dipak Chatterjee, who is leading the Indian delegation to the ESCAP session, said.

The highway will further facilitate border-crossing for people, vehicles and goods, and benefit to landlocked countries. The Bangkok-based UNESCAP has been negotiating routes and road specifications for the network since 1992. The new accord is the ESCAP's first inter-governmental agreement since its inception 57 years ago.

The highway network is a significant step in promoting regional integration and cooperation, officials said.

"It means that many landlocked countries like Mongolia and Kazakhstan can have access to the sea by joining the Asian Highway Network and more sub-regions can be connected together," chief of the Transport and Tourism Division of the ESCAP, Barry Cable said. — *MNA/PTI*

Australia and China to fast track free trade study

CANBERRA, 29 April — Australia and China will accelerate a study into a possible free trade deal so it can be completed before the original deadline of October 2005, Trade Minister Mark Vaile said on Wednesday.

But Vaile and his Chinese counterpart, Bo Xilai, did not put a new timeframe on when the study, which was agreed when Chinese President Hu Jintao visited Australia last October, would be finished.

"China has also asked that Australia move to recognize its market economy status, and we have agreed to further discuss

sions on this issue," Vaile said in a statement following a meeting with Bo in Beijing on Tuesday.

The Trade and Economic Framework signed in October agreed that negotiations on a free trade agreement could only begin once Australia recognized China as a full market economy.

MNA/Reuters

50 drug suspects rounded up in Manila

MANILA, 29 April — The Philippine police rounded up 50 suspected members of a drug syndicate in a pre-dawn raid Wednesday in Quezon, Metro Manila.

Operatives of the Anti-Illegal Drugs Operation Task Force of the Central Police District said the suspects, including three women and a rogue policeman, were members of a notorious drug gang.

They said three of the suspects were arrested on the strength of warrants issued by a Quezon regional trial court, while the 47 others were taken in for questioning.

Illegal drugs, ammonium nitrate and explosives reportedly were seized from the suspects.

Officials said they had received information that the syndicate also has links with the Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group, reportedly providing the Abu members with a hideout, food and firearms.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army military vehicles patrol at the entrance of Fallujah, Iraq, 37 miles, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad, on 28 April, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Spokesman says three coalition soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 April—Three soldiers from the US-led coalition force in Iraq died on Wednesday, one killed in action and two of wounds sustained in attacks, US military spokesman Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt said.

He told a news conference one soldier was killed near Swairah, south of Baghdad, and another died of his wounds.

A third died in northern Iraq of wounds sustained earlier, Kimmitt said, without specifying the nationalities of any of the soldiers.

He said medics were operating on a third soldier hit in the Swairah attack, but did not say how badly he was wounded.

The Ukraine Defence Ministry reported one Ukrainian soldier was killed and two wounded when "bandits" attacked a patrol near the town of Kut on Wednesday. — *Internet*

722 US soldiers killed since the beginning of war in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 April—722 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 521 died as a result of hostile action and 201 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 582 US soldiers have died — 410 as a result of hostile action and 172 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

— A soldier died Wednesday from injuries received a day earlier in a grenade attack west of Mosul, Iraq. — *Internet*



US Army soldiers man a checkpoint in the centre of Baghdad, Iraq on 28 April, 2004.
INTERNET



Assad defends anti-US attacks in Iraq

BEIRUT, 29 April—Syrian President Bashar Assad described armed attacks against US-led troops in neighbouring Iraq as legitimate "resistance" against foreign occupation.

His remarks, aired Wednesday on the Qatar-based pan-Arab al-Jazeera satellite station, are likely to strain already tense US-Syrian relations.

Assad, whose country strongly opposed the US-led war on Iraq, said anti-American resistance was widespread in Iraq, where most people opposed the US occupation.

"The public reaction (in Iraq to the US occupation) ... gives legitimacy to the resistance," Assad said, adding that Iraqi opposition stems from the killing of Iraqi civilians by American-led soldiers.

Al-Jazeera did not say when the interview was conducted, but it was apparently before Tuesday's terrorist attack in Damascus, Syria, since Assad was not asked about it. Four gunmen detonated a bomb placed under a car before firing bullets and grenades at Syrian security forces, an Interior Ministry official told the state-controlled SANA news agency.

The government said two attackers, a policeman and a civilian were killed. Assad also compared militant Palestinian factions fighting Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands to the Iraqi guerrillas seeking to end the US-led occupation of Iraq.

"Is it logical that all these hundreds of thousands and millions (of people) who are resisting occupations in different forms ... are all al-Qaida ... or all supporters of the Saddam Hussein regime, as they (US forces) say?" Assad asked in the interview, monitored by *The Associated Press* in Lebanon.

Internet

CPPCC chairman holds talks with Namibian guests

BEIJING, 29 April — Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), met here Tuesday with a delegation from the National Council of Namibia.

In meeting with M Mensah-Williams, Vice-Chairwoman of the National Council of Namibia and delegation head, Jia said China and Namibia scored smooth growth in bilateral ties during the past 14 years after the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

China attaches importance to its ties with Namibia and is willing to explore new ways and means for expanding bilateral cooperation so as to bring bilateral relations up to a new high, he said.

CPPCC National Committee also hoped to enhance exchanges and cooperation with Namibian National Council and made its contribution to state-to-state cooperative relations, he said.

Mensah-Williams thanked China's support to Namibia during the country's struggle for independence and after it gained independence. She spoke highly the relations between CPPCC and Namibian National Council and wished to further such ties through the visit.

The delegation is in China for a one-week visit at the invitation of the CPPCC National Committee.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese farmers' average cash income increases

BEIJING, 29 April — Chinese rural people's average cash income in the first quarter reached 834 yuan (100.5 US dollars), up 9.2 per cent year on year, according to statistics released by the National Statistics Bureau on Tuesday.

In the first three months, thanks to the sharp decrease in agricultural taxes, farmers paid 4.5 yuan per capita in taxes and fees, down 36.3 per cent year on year, the statistics showed.

The Chinese Government this year has taken various measures to increase farmers' income and spur rice production. Besides lowering agricultural taxes, it liberalized purchasing prices for grain, and set minimum purchasing prices for some varieties of rice.

The Chinese Government also allocated 10 billion yuan (1.21 billion US dollars) in subsidies earlier this year from its grain risk fund to the country's grain farmers in 13 major grain-producing provinces and regions. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Blair faces tough questions on support for US tactics in Iraq

LONDON, 29 April — British Prime Minister Tony Blair was put on the spot Wednesday in Parliament by opposition parties questioning his support for US tactics in Iraq.

Hours before, the US military launched new airstrikes on some positions in the Iraqi city of Fallujah, a stronghold of Iraqi guerrillas.

The US attack amounted to the "murder or mutilation of hundreds of women and children", the opposition Conservative Party member of Parliament Peter Tapsell asserted during a Prime Minister question and answer session at the House of Commons.

"Does the Prime Minister support the murder or mutilation of hundreds of women and children in Fallujah as an appropriate response to the savage murder of four American contractors?" Tapsell questioned. Blair, defended the US tactics saying US troops had every right to take action against former regime loyalists and terrorists in the city.

"There is a situation in Fallujah where we have a large number of very well-armed former regime elements, and probably some outside terrorists as well...and it is right that the American forces try to make sure that order is restored to that city," Blair told the lawmakers.

Charles Kennedy, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats, also pressed Blair on the issue, asking

why the Prime Minister failed to use his influence on the US to find alternatives to the policy of "overwhelming" use of force to deal with violence in Iraq.

Earlier, Blair received criticism from 52 former diplomats over his support for US Mideast policy. In a letter jointly signed by the diplomats, including ambassadors, high commissioners and governors, Blair was urged on Monday to start influencing America's

"doomed" policy in the Middle East or stop backing it.

The diplomats expressed their concern over the loss of lives during the US-led war against Iraq.

They also attacked US President George W. Bush for endorsing Israel's plan to retain some settlements in the West Bank and criticized Blair's public support for the policy which they believe is "one-sided and illegal" and will "cost yet more Israeli and Palestinian blood". — *MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi guerrilla reads an anti-American statement to others in the center of Fallujah, Iraq on 27 April, 2004.
INTERNET

EU weapon sales embargo to China is "out of time"

BEIJING, 29 April — Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Qian said here Tuesday that the European Union (EU) weapon sales embargo to China is "out of time".

Kong said at the ministry's regular Press briefing that the weapon embargo is a product of Cold War mentality and should be abolished at an early date.

He said China-EU relations have developed very fast in recent years and the two sides have decided to establish a comprehensive strategic partnership, which means that China and EU will improve political trust and economic cooperation and enhance coordination and cooperation in international affairs as well as in all other aspects.

Under such circumstances, the Chinese side thinks it is not appropriate and out of time to retain such an embargo, Kong said.

"For the sake of further promoting China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership, we think it's better to abolish the embargo at an early date," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Donated blood

Zapatero says Berlin, Madrid, Paris and Washington in talks on Iraq resolution

BERLIN, 29 April—France, Germany, Spain and the United States are in “intense negotiations” on a new UN resolution on Iraq, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said in Berlin.

The new Spanish leader was speaking at a press conference following talks with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

“We are in intense negotiations with Germany, France and the United States” on a new UN resolution on Iraq, he said.

But he said the initiative is not limited to the four countries, and that other states can also join in.

Spanish Foreign Minister

Miguel Angel Moratinos said in Berlin earlier Wednesday that the negotiations were “in early stages”.

Schroeder said that Germany, Spain and France have shown “great cooperation” during the talks, adding that it is “important now” to support the UN envoy to Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi.

Brahimi said Tuesday that Iraqis should choose the members of a new government by the end of May in

order to take over power from the US-led occupation in June.

Zapatero is to travel to Paris on Thursday for talks with French President Jacques Chirac that will include Iraq.

Spain had been at loggerheads over Iraq with the two EU heavyweights during the administration of Zapatero’s conservative predecessor Jose Maria Aznar.

But since coming to power

in an election last month Zapatero has ordered Spanish troops to be pulled out of the country.

Defence ministry officials said in Madrid earlier Wednesday that Spain removed its last combat troops from Iraq and the only Spanish soldiers still there are those tasked with organizing the withdrawal ordered by the new Socialist government.

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Poll finds public doubts on Iraq rising

WASHINGTON, 29 April—Public doubts are growing about Iraq and President Bush’s handling of the war nearly a year after he declared an end to major combat, according to a poll released Wednesday.

Americans are evenly split on whether taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do, the CBS News-New York Times poll found.

Less than half, 47 percent, said taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do,

and about the same number, 46 percent, said the United States should have stayed out of the country. Only a month ago, 58 percent said the military action was right, and 37 percent said it was not. The increase in doubts comes as US troops have been involved in deadly fighting against insurgents in two Iraqi cities.

Four in 10 in the poll, 41 percent, say they approve of Bush’s handling of the war, and about the same number, 40 percent approve of his handling of foreign policy. The president still gets relatively strong support for his handling of the campaign against terrorism, 60 percent.

Only a third, 32 percent, say Iraq was a threat that required immediate military action, down from 42 percent who said that a month ago.

Most Republicans say military action in Iraq was the right thing to do, while most Democrats say it was not. Independents are evenly split on the question. — Internet

Two Ukrainian soldiers killed in Iraq

KIEV, 29 April—Two Ukrainian soldiers were killed Wednesday in an attack in Iraq as opposition parties continued to urge the former Soviet republic to consider pulling back its troops from Iraq.

The Defence Ministry said one soldier died at the scene and the other in hospital after their armoured convoy came under rocket-propelled grenade and machine-gun fire during a routine patrol about 60 km west of the city of Kut.

A third soldier wounded in the attack was not in life-threatening danger after operation, said the ministry.

Six Ukrainian soldiers have died and 16 wounded since Ukraine sent 1,650 troops to Iraq last August, a move designed to improve ties with the United States which accused it of selling illegal arms to the former Saddam Hussein regime. The Communist Party demanded a special parliament session be held to consider withdrawing troops from Iraq, saying those in support of sending troops must be responsible for the deaths.

Internet



Ukrainian soldiers take shelter behind a military vehicle in Iraq. A Ukrainian soldier was killed and two others injured in an ambush in southeastern Iraq recently. — INTERNET

India, Britain set joint defence sub group induction of “Hawk115Y”

NEW DELHI, 29 April — To expedite and monitor the induction of British Aerospace Hawk 115Y trainers for the Indian Air Force, India and Britain on Wednesday announced setting up of a joint defence sub group.

“The sub group would also monitor the sale, production under licence at the Bangalore-based Hindustan Aeronautics and the training programme of the pilots”, an official spokesman said here on Wednesday at the conclusion of the eighth meeting of the Indo-British defence consultative group.

India recently signed the 70 billion rupees deal for purchase of 66 Hawk trainers, which are to be delivered in four years’ time. While, 24 Hawks are to be brought in fly away conditions, the rest 32 are to be manufactured under licence in India.

The meeting, which was chaired on the British side by Kevin Tebbit, Undersecretary for Defence, and Indian Defence Secretary Ajay Prasad, also agreed to set up three more sub-groups on military exchanges, to expand joint collaboration in manufacture of futuristic weapons systems and on defence research and technology.

“Britain has shown interest in backroom IT management in defence from the Indian side and also expressed a desire to raise the level of interaction to cover areas like strategic and global security issues”, the spokesman said.

MNA/PTI



US Army soldiers detain an Iraqi woman and her son as they search the area in the centre of Baghdad, Iraq on 28 April, 2004. — INTERNET

Indonesia to hold energy seminar in Russia

JAKARTA, 29 April — The Indonesian Embassy to Russia plans to hold a seminar in September on the oil and gas industry to forge a bilateral investment cooperation, reports said Wednesday.

Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yusgiantoro, who will attend the seminar, is scheduled to meet with Russian energy officials as well as businessmen in the sector.

The seminar is part of a series of events organized by Indonesia’s Russian mission to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The Jakarta Post newspaper reported.

Energy experts and officials are to discuss the future of the two countries’ oil and gas industry at the seminar.

Indonesian Ambassador to Russia Susanto

Pudjomartono said the Russian Government welcomed Purnomo’s planned visit, both in his capacity as President of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and as Indonesia’s energy minister.

Purnomo’s agenda includes visits to a number of oil and gas projects in the country, including an oil refinery project in Siberia.

The minister said that, as one of the largest oil and gas producers, Russia played an important role in the world’s energy market. With huge oil and gas reserves, Russia

could easily increase production and cause a surplus in the market and lower oil and gas prices.

He added that the Russian oil and gas industry would make the energy market more competitive, which the government must anticipate, as Indonesia relied heavily on its revenue from oil and gas export.

In 2003, Russian oil reserves stood at 60 billion barrels, second only to Saudi Arabia. Daily production averages between 8.7 to 8.8 billion barrels per day.

MNA/Xinhua

Shandong to use water more efficiently with recycling tech

JINAN, 29 April — East China’s Shandong Province, which is suffering from an insufficient supply of water, will try to make use of water recycling technology to raise the efficiency of water consumption.

A power plant under the Qilu Petrochemical Company based in Zibo City, Shandong, plans to start as of May 1 a water recycling project on a trial basis, which is expected to reclaim 40 million cubic metres of industrial and domestic sewage a year, company sources say.

In most Chinese cities, sewage is now discharged without reclamation. The sewage recycling technology is able to prevent limited water resources from being wasted and ease the water dearth in urban areas, industry experts say. The Shandong Hengli Environmental Protection Tech-

nology Co. Ltd. will support the water reclamation project with a 40,000-ton water treatment agent facility. Meanwhile, Zibo City will invite specialists from Qinghua University in Beijing to appraise the water recycling technology to be used in the city.

MNA/Xinhua

More Bulgarian troops requesting to leave Iraq

SOFIA, 29 April — Some 20 to 25 Bulgarian troops serving in Iraq have asked to go home after repeated attacks on their 450-strong light infantry battalion in the southern holy city of Kerbala, the Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.

Ten to 15 more soldiers have requested to be relieved from the unit, which is based in the centre of the tense city, than at the beginning of April, said ministry spokeswoman Rumiana Strugarova.

She would not give exact figures, saying some of the requests were not yet official. But she added the estimates did not include eight soldiers suffering from combat stress who returned to Sofia on Monday.

"Eight have already returned. Now we have more requests. There are around 20 or

25 in total," she said.

The battalion has sustained repeated machine-gun, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar attacks from Shiite militants since radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr launched a revolt against the US-led occupation in Iraq earlier this month.

The unit's death toll rose to six last week when a soldier was shot and killed in an ambush, adding fuel to an already intense debate in the Balkan state over the battalion's safety. — *MNA/Reuters*

Iranian court orders US to pay \$600m

TEHRAN, 29 April — An Iranian court has ruled the United States should pay **600 million US dollars in compensation for supplying ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein with chemical weapons**, the official IRNA news agency said on Wednesday.

IRNA said the money in the case, brought by Iranian war veterans and disabled, should be paid to survivors of attacks on the town of Sardasht which borders Iraq.

Iraqi gas attacks killed thousands of Iranians and Iraqi Kurds in the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq War. Hundreds of thousands died on both sides and Iran has thou-

sands disabled by chemical arms.

No further details were available and Iranian officials were unavailable for any immediate comment.

"The court has ordered the American Government to pay the money for furnishing Saddam with chemical weapons to attack Iran," IRNA reported.

The United States and

Iran have been at odds since 1979 when more than 50 Americans were held hostage by Iranian student militants at the US Embassy in Tehran for 444 days after the Islamic Revolution.

The verdict was submitted to the Swiss Embassy which has covered US interests in Iran since Washington cut ties with Tehran in 1980. — *MNA/Reuters*

OPEC provides Zambia with \$6m loan to construct cancer clinic

LUSAKA, 29 April — The Oil Producing and Exporting-Countries (OPEC) has provided Zambia a loan of six million US dollars for the construction of a Cancer Treatment Clinic at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in Lusaka, *Zambia News Agency* reported here.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Head for Dosimetry and Medical Radiation Physics Section Ren Shortt said in an interview here that the six-million-US-dollar loan was meant for the construction and equipment purchase of the centre. Shortt disclosed that the IAEA has provided extra fund to train Zambian doctors and other staff in specific fields of cancer treatment.

Four medical doctors from Zambia are already training in South Africa.

And UTH Managing Director, Tackson Lambart said the construction of the cancer treatment clinic would save the Zambian Government from spending huge sums of money to send cancer patients to South Africa and Zimbabwe for specialized cancer treatment. — *MNA/Xinhua*

WHO calls for updated regulations to fight disease

MANILA, 29 April — The World Health Organization (WHO) needs more powerful tools to fight the threat of emerging diseases such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and avian influenza, WHO official said Wednesday.

Most of the powers at WHO's disposal have become increasingly outdated, he said, leaving the global community at threat from pandemics and other health crises. Shigeru Omi, WHO's Regional Director for the Western Pacific, said in a statement.

"The International Health Regulations (IHR) comprise the only internationally binding legislation on the reporting of epidemic diseases, but the need for updated regulations has been

recognized for many years," Omi said, addressing a consultation at WHO's regional headquarters in Manila on proposed amendments to the IHR. The IHR are the legal framework that governs WHO's work on the international spread of disease.

Omi stressed the need to empower WHO to face the health challenges of the 21st Century, noting that the present regulations are more than 30 years old.

"These regulations relate to an era when infectious

diseases were on the decline," he said. Since then, the level of risk has risen significantly, driven by the "trinity" of organism, host and environmental factors. SARS and avian influenza are the most recent results of this process.

Representatives from ministries of health and other sectors in the Western Pacific Region are meeting here on April 28-30 in the first of a series of regional consultations designed to redraft the IHR.

MNA/Xinhua

Study finds HIV loses proteins during transmission

NEW DELHI, 29 April — In a finding that may help in developing an effective vaccine against the killer virus, a study has said the dreaded HIV appears to lose proteins during transmission from one person to another, becoming more vulnerable to attack of antibodies.

Scientists analysed HIV after it was transmitted from one partner to the other in eight couples and found that in six cases, transmitted viruses had distinctive surface proteins as compared to others, a report in the journal *Science* said.

The study was conducted by a team of scientists from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, among over 100 couples in Zambia.

Each person infected with HIV harbours a swarm of slightly different versions of the virus. But when HIV passes from a mother to child or between sexual partners, only one of those strains is transmitted, the report said. — *MNA/PTI*

Macedonian PM wins presidential race

TIRANA, 29 April — Macedonian Prime Minister Branko Crvenkovski won the presidential elections Wednesday, the central electoral commission said early Thursday.

As the candidate of the Social Democratic Alliance of Macedonia, Crvenkovski gained 62 per cent of the 99 per cent votes counted in the second round of the presidential elections. His opposition rival Sasko Kedev, the VMRO-DPMNE party's candidate, received 37 per cent.

The turnout was 53 per cent. It met the requirement of the Macedonian Constitution that only when more than 50 percent of the registered voters cast their ballots will the second round election be valid.

The presidential elections were organized after former President Boris Trajkovski died tragically in a plane crash on February 26. It is the third one since Macedonia's independence from the former Yugoslavia.

MNA/Xinhua

**Don't
smoke**



US soldiers stand guard at the entrance of Fallujah on the highway linking Amman to Baghdad on 28 April, 2004. The road reopened after 20 days of closure due to battles between US troops and insurgents in the restive city of Fallujah. — *INTERNET*

Italy hostages in Iraq in good condition

VATICAN CITY, 29 April — Three Italians being held hostage in Iraq are in good condition, the country's top Catholic leader was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Emanuele III Dally, the patriarch of the Catholic Church's Chaldean rite in Iraq, told SIR, the news agency of the Italian Bishops Conference, that the Iraqi Church was

involved in efforts to win freedom for the three men.

"They are well and in the end, I think they will be freed," he said by telephone from Baghdad. Salvatore Steffio, Umberto

Cupertino and Maurizio Agliana were captured two weeks ago outside Baghdad, where they were working for a private US security firm.

Internet



Iraqi Sunnis hold up a poster advertising a purported reward of US \$15 million for the heads of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, right, coalition forces commander Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez, center, or military spokesman Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt in Fallujah, Iraq, 37 miles, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad, on 28 April, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Honouring the MMCWA Conference

Yuwady Khin Oo

The 14th Annual Conference of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was successfully held on a grand scale in Yangon from 24 to 26 April.

Wearing the uniform of padauk flower (yellow colour), the MMCWA members are helping the nation to reach the golden age. They are always active, with bright ideas for the nation.

In his opening address delivered at the conference, Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said, "As the MMCWA has been energetically striving to raise the health standard of the people and for all-round progress of the social standard of women and children, the Government has been supporting the association to continuously run its activities with speed and efficiency.

"The task of caring, protecting and promoting women and children, the majority of the nation's population, plays a vital role in the national development drive, and in addition, it is the most basic social development undertaking. The task also amounts to laying down a firm future for the nation and the race, and in other words, it is a noble public care undertaking full of national essence.

"In this regard, the Government has enacted a specific law to form the MMCWA, a non-governmental organization, carrying out the social development projects covering maternal and child health care services, with loving kindness, sympathy and goodwill.

"As it is a time when the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is playing a leading role, I believe that all the members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Associations at different levels will work in harmony and unison under the banner of the MAAF."

The MMCWA has been carrying out a wide array of tasks in various parts of the nation.

In the health sector, it is receiving technical assistance of the Health Ministry, running delivery rooms for safety of mothers and babies, child nutri-care services, leprosy and tuberculosis elimination campaigns, malaria control and treatment project, reproductive health care educative project, older persons care project, pre-primary schools, three-R courses, savings and credit businesses and family income generation project and preventing mental retardation resulting from iodine deficiency, providing stipends to children of the poor, and conducting

surgical operation on cleft lips and palate cases free of charge. The MMCWA is also running a diagnostic centre.

It is carrying out numerous projects to render assistance for the well-rounded national development task. It is providing stipends to over one million school children.

After the opening ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party viewed the documentary photos, video tapes and magazines recording the operations of the association.

President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe formally opened a market festival hailing the conference by cutting the ribbon. The participants and guests applauded as the hydrogen-filled balloons rose up high into the sky.

Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committees of states and divisions opened booths at the festival. Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan girls in the traditional costumes looked so beautiful and elegant.

At the dinner honouring the delegates to the conference, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe said. "As the MMCWA is a social organization not all its members are intellectuals and intelligentsia. The association has accepted necessary technical and technological assistance from the respective ministries. Its functions are mostly related to those of the Health Ministry, Education Ministry, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry and Information Ministry.

"In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Maternal and Child Welfare Associations at different levels are implementing the five rural development tasks in cooperation with the ministry concerned. It is occasionally cooperating with NGOs in the nation and those from abroad. The partner associations are rendering assistance in the sectors they are interested in, and for many years, the MMCWA has been receiving assistance provided with goodwill from them.

"Prizes will be presented to state/division associations outstanding in their functions and compiling papers to enhance the qualification of the MMCWA." She also extended New Year's greetings to all the people of Myanmar.

After the opening ceremony, discussions of the delegates continued for three days, and the conference successfully concluded on 26 April. The MMCWA will have to work for the successful implementation of the seven-point future political programme.

In his concluding address, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe said, "The association members should not be complacent with the present achievements, and I would like to urge them to continue to strive in harmony to achieve greater success in the future."

Hailing the conference, I write this article, urging all the members of the state/division MCWAs to always energetically carry out the public welfare services with heart and soul with public cooperation.

(Translation: TMT)

UN peacekeepers likely to remain in Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, 29 April — A UN peacekeeping mission is likely to remain in Cyprus despite the defeat of a UN plan to reunify the island before its May 1 entry into the European Union, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Wednesday.

While a final decision on keeping the force alive was up to the UN Security Council, "I do expect the UN presence to continue in some form," Annan told a news conference.

In twin referendums held last Saturday, the Mediterranean island's Turkish Cypriot north voted in favour of the UN plan, but the Greek Cypriot south rejected it, killing the initiative.

That means only the internationally recognized Cyprus Government in the south will enter the European Union on May 1, leaving behind the north, which is recognized only by Turkey.

A UN force has been in Cyprus since 1964 and monitors a ceasefire between the two sectors. It currently numbers 1,348 soldiers, 47 civilian police and about 150 staff, and has had few incidents of violence to cope with in recent years. Greece and Cyprus together pay for nearly half the cost of the mission, which this year is about 46 million US dollars. But the "no" vote in the south has prompted some diplomats to question why the mission should continue.

Annan said he remained convinced the unification plan he helped draft was "the only realistic basis for reunifying the island" and he hoped the Greek Cypriots would have another chance to "judge it on its true merits."

"I salute the Turkish Cypriots for their courageous vote in favour of the proposals. We must all do our best to see that they are not penalized for the way the vote went in the other part of the island," he added.

MNA/Reuters

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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



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- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင်၊ သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပွပျော့ချောင်းချည် ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ချွေးထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိ ရေနွံဓာတ်ဆားဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည်သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နှိုင်းနိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါအစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သတ်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လယ်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖု၊ ယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party receive Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotipala at the Sayadaw's birthday ceremony.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveils stone inscriptions of Saddam Yadana Bridge in Neikban Village, Kawa Township.— MNA



Prime Minister attends inauguration...

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After the Sayadaw had delivered a sermon, the Prime Minister and party and wellwishers shared merits gained.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a set of TV, VCR and exercise books for Neikban Village Basic Education Middle and Primary Schools to School head U Than Shwe.

Later, the Prime Minister cordially conversed on agricultural education and health conditions of the region with local authorities, departmental officials and local people.

After attending to the education, health, agriculture and transport needs of Neikban Village and surrounding villages, the Prime Minister gave instructions saying that as the Government has laid down five rural development tasks for ensuring development of the rural areas and uplift of living standard of rural people and is fulfilling their re-

quirements, local people and township officials are to strive in unison with diligence for development of the region.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed ancient Uttara Maha Wihara Monastery built in 1290 Myanmar Era.

The monastery is 120 feet long and 100 feet wide with four main staircases and one 120 feet long corridor. In addition, the monastery consists of 133 pillars and it is 76 years old.

Neikban Village, where a white elephant emerged, stood as a historic and magnificent one with pagoda, public resthouse, ordination hall, monastery, prayer hall and lake in the period of King Bodaw who built Amarapura Palace.

In responses to the request of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotipala who was born in Neikban Village, Saddam Yadana Bridge, Thirizeya small bridges, Pylon Chantha Road and the Garden were opened by the people in cooperation with

the Government.

The Saddam Yadana Bridge is of concrete piles at the lower structure and of iron frame at the upper structure.

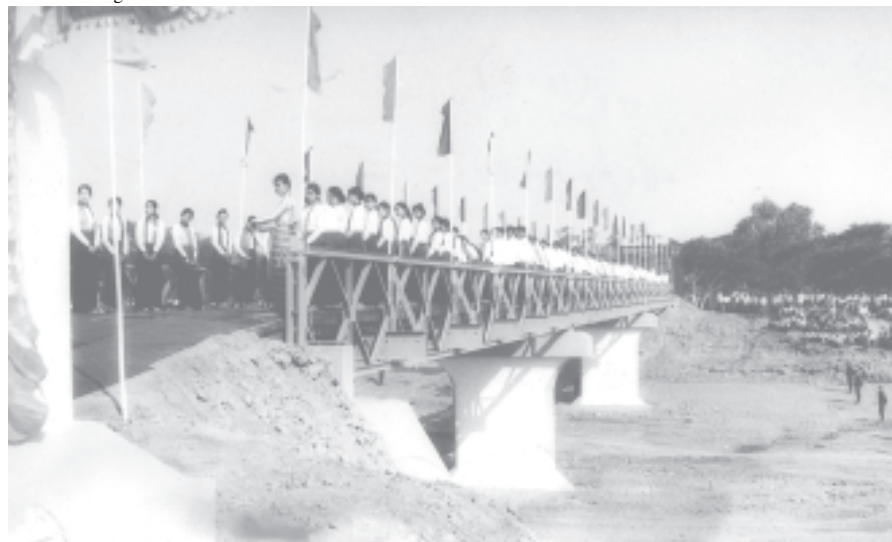
The Bridge is 200 feet long and has a 12-foot-wide motor way on it.

The Pylon Chantha Road is four miles long linking Neikban Village and Bago-Thanatpin-Kayan-Thongwa Road and Thirizeya small bridges are located on the road.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back here later in the morning. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially meets with local people at opening ceremony of Saddam Yadana Bridge in Neikban Village.— MNA



Saddan Yadana Bridge seen at the opening ceremony in Neikban Village, Kawa Township.— MNA

L&F Minister receives guest

YANGON, 29 April —Minister for Livestock & Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein received Honorary Myanmar Consul-General to Busan of the Republic of Korea Mr Won Bae Dahn at his office at 5 pm today.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, the head of Office of the Ministry and officials. — MNA

မိုးဘေးရှောင်
မလောင်ခင်တာ။

157 fires broke out in March

YANGON, 29 April — A total of 157 fires broke out in the entire nation in March, with a total loss of property valued at some K 94.72 million.

Now, the hot season has set in all over the country and

the weather is getting hotter, and so it may result in more outbreaks of fires. Respective heads of State and Division and Township Fire Services Departments are thus reminded to take fire preventive measures. — MNA

Government building industrial...

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there by Brig-Gen Soe Nwe of Bhamo Station and officials. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the durability of 325 feet long Mole Bridge after leaving the village. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also looked into the construction of Kalataung road near Tonkhon village by car.

Later, they arrived at Dotphonyan, Momauk Township, Bhamo District, in the afternoon. Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental officials and local people. On the occasion, officials concerned reported on the area, location,

climate, land use, education, health, transportation, agriculture, livestock breeding and rural development of the region.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said to ensure the speedy development all over the nation, measures are being taken wherever necessary by establishing development zones. Bhamo is one of the designated development zones. He continued that it is necessary for departmental staff to work hard for development of the regions in which they are assigned duties. He also spoke of the need of local authorities to make field trips down to grass-roots level and solve the shortcomings there.

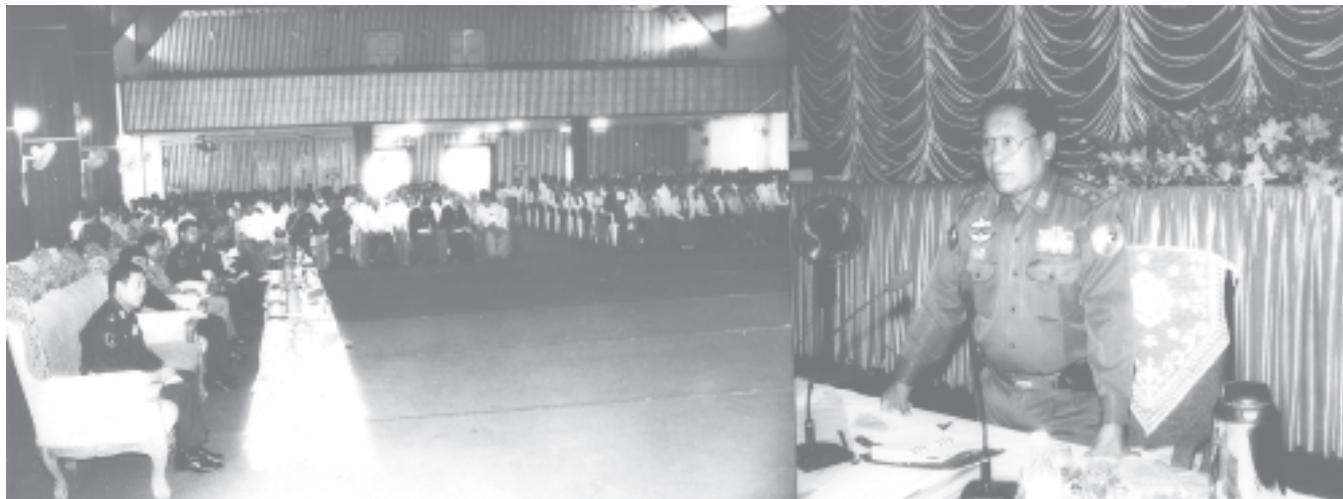
Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to the rural

health centre in the village and inspected the health centre. He also oversaw the basic education high school there and fulfilled the requirements.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into the plot chosen for construction of the people's hospital and basic education high school and gave instructions to officials. Lt-Gen Ye Myint also visited Dotphonyan Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandhama. He paid homage to the Sayadaw and donated cash.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also inspected Dotphonyan police station, where he cordially met with members of the police station and their families and gave instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint left the village and stopped over at Myothit for the night. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint delivers an address in meeting with local authorities, departmental personnel and officials of social organizations in Myitkyina Town Hall. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the place for building Datphonyan Hospital and BEHS.— MNA

54 persons exchange arms for peace in February, March

YANGON, 29 April— The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is striving for national reconsolidation and making concerted efforts for equitable development of all the regions of the country. Therefore, armed groups realizing correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the Government and understanding their destructive acts exchanged arms for peace at the embrace of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people individually and in groups in February and March, 2004.

Pvt Aik Kway and Pvt Aik Kham of SURA armed group bringing together with them one M-22, one carbine, two magazines and 15 rounds of ammunition and Pvt Aik Kam with one M-21 and five rounds of ammunition exchanged arms for peace in Triangle Region Command area; Cpl Aik Swam of No 241 Battalion of No 759 Brigade of SURA armed group with one M-22, one magazine and 28 rounds of ammunition in Eastern Command area; Ko Naing (a) Nadi of ALP armed group with one AK-47, two magazines and 35 rounds of ammunition in Western Command area; Pvt Tang Kein, Ing Ok and Tang Cei Oh of CNA armed group of North-West Command area; Commanding Officer Aye Htwe of BCP armed group of Southern Command area; Pvt Saw Ka Phaw and Cha Hnaw of KNU armed group with one carbine, one M-22, one M-79 launcher, two magazines, 40 rounds of ammunition and five grenades and 2nd-Lt Aung Myint, L/Cpl Ah Palaing, Pvt Aung Khaing and Aung Myint of split Mon armed group with two AK-47s, one revolver, two magazines and 40 rounds of ammunition, Platoon Commander Ha Lel with

one revolver, one round of ammunition, one grenade and one walkie-talkie in South-East Command area; Pvt Saw Mar Tin and wife Ma Aye Cho of Organizing Company of KNU armed group with one M-16, five magazines, 90 rounds of ammunition and three mines, Pvt Myo Lwin of Administrative group with one grenade, Pvt Saw Baw Win, Saw Satar Dae, Saw Darbar, Saw Aw Moo, Saw Kar The and U Tar Pun of Infantry Company of No 4 Brigade, Capt Dae Dae, 2nd-Lt Saw Htoo Htoo and Saw Khwa Khwa, Sgt Kei Lin and Saw Lin Chit, Pvt Nyan Tin, Saw Dah and Kyaw Win of No 4 Brigade Headquarters with one M-16, one AK-47, two magazines and 42 rounds of ammunition, Pvt Than Win, Saw Aye and Saw Aye Myint with one AK-47, one magazine and 14 rounds of ammunition, WOII Saw Ka The and Saw Ka Paw and Sgt Char Khwee, Pvt Maung Maung and Saw Le Sar of No 10 Battalion of No 4 Brigade with three M-16s, one MA-3, one AK-47, 13 magazines, 140 rounds of ammunition and eight mines, Pvt Soe Htaik and wife Ma Thuza Aye, daughter Ma Cho Lwin Htoo, Pvt Myit Lay Aung and wife Ma Win Kyi, son Soe Naing Win and mother Daw Hla of NDA armed group, local villager U Than Win and wife Ma Nu Aye, son Maung Tun, sister Ma Nu Yi and nephew Ma Aye Aye, local villager U Tun Aung with one M-1, 10 rounds of ammunition and two grenades in Coastal Region Command area. Officials of respective military camps welcomed 54 persons who exchanged arms for peace and fulfilled their requirements. There are more persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.

MNA

Basic and advanced maritime course for new generation youths opened

YANGON, 29 April — Jointly-organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) and Office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the new generation youth for basic and advanced maritime course No 1/2004 (Mawlamyine camp) was opened at Yamanya hall of Mon State Peace and Development Council on 26 April afternoon, attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of Mawrawady Naval Region Command Commodore Maung Win, Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung and departmental personnel, social organizations, guests and trainees.

Under the programme, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Commodore Maung Win made speeches on the occasion and the ceremony came to a close.

Altogether 70 trainees are attending the five-week basic and advanced maritime course. — MNA

**The best time to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.**

UAE, US to enter crucial round of free trade talks

ABU DHABI, 29 April — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States will soon enter a crucial round of negotiations to finalize a landmark free trade deal, the English daily *Gulf News* reported Wednesday.

The two sides reached agreement to resume talks on the deal at a meeting in Washington on Tuesday between a high-level UAE delegation and US commerce officials as part of the first meeting of the newly-created UAE-US Business Council.

"The talks we have just held with the US officials were very encouraging, this will prompt us to head for negotiations on the planned free trade zone," said Mohammed Khalfan bin Kharbush, Minister of State for Financial and Industrial Affairs, who is heading the UAE team.

A statement by the Ministry of Finance and Industry quoted US officials as saying the talks were fruitful and the outcome would accelerate the free trade negotiations.

It gave no date for those negotiations but ministry sources said they expected them to begin in 2004 at senior official levels before they enter ministerial levels.

The statement said such a free trade agreement became possible after the two sides signed the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) on March 15 to promote trade and investment, and create a business council to work for its implementation.

Experts said signing a free trade zone agreement would benefit both countries as it means removal of Customs barriers for UAE exports to the United States and an influx of investment, including industrial technology needed for the country's economic diversification drive.

For the United States, it means opening up of the UAE economic and services sectors to American companies and greater access to regional markets, they said.

Figures showed that the UAE has remained the second largest US trade partner in the region, with their two-way trade standing at around 4.63 billion US dollars in 2003. The balance has remained largely in favour of the United States, with the UAE imports of US products and services exceeding 3.5 billion dollars in 2003.

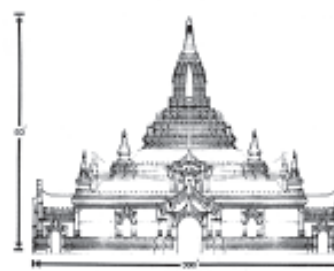
The UAE exports to the United States, mostly crude oil, stood at around 1.1 billion dollars, leaving a trade gap of nearly 2.4 billion dollars in 2003.

Nearly 500 US companies are operating in the UAE, controlling about 45 per cent of the oil and gas equipment market while they also control a 28-per-cent share of the medical equipment market. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Philippine GDP growth foreseen at 5% in next two years

MANILA, 29 April — The gross domestic product (GDP) growth of the Philippines would improve slightly from last year's 4.5 per cent to 5 per cent in 2004 and 2005 due mainly to continued strong consumer spending, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said here Wednesday.

Brisk growth in the rest of Asia, particularly China, and an improved global demand for electronics, which account for about 70 per cent of the Philippines' total exports, will also contribute to the expected GDP growth in the next two years, the Manila-based

ADB said in its flagship annual report, *Asian Development Outlook 2004*.

However, the key variable to monitor during 2004-2005 is the fiscal situation in the country, where the budget deficit has increased fourfold since 1998 while the deficit-to-

GDP ratio has risen from 1.9 per cent to 4.6 per cent, the report warned.

It remains "very difficult" for the government to keep the budget deficit equivalent to 4.2 per cent of GDP this year, given election spending and a low tax revenue target for the year, it said. Last year's economic growth was primarily driven by private consumption, which rose by 5.1 per cent, the fastest rate since 1990, and contributed four percentage points to overall GDP growth, the report said.

Spurring the private consumption growth is the continued rapid expansion in remittances from the country's seven million overseas workers. Remittances increased by 6.3 per cent to 7.6 billion US dollars in 2003, accounting for 7.5 per cent of GDP.

The report forecast a 5.5-per-cent expansion in private consumption for 2004.

For the economy to move to a more rapid growth, it said, the government will have to address problems of poor investment climate, lack of capacity of the economy to generate jobs, and a high rate of population growth, as well as the chronic budget deficit and consequent debt burden. The country's unemployment stood at 11.4 per cent in 2003 while the population growth rate, at 2.3 per cent per year, is among the highest in Asia.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

UMFCCI officials leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 29 April — A 57-member delegation of Myanmar businessmen led by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry (UMFCCI) General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing left here by air on 27 April morning for Malaysia. UMFCCI President U Win Myint and party saw the delegation off at the Yangon International Airport. — *MNA*



The delegation being seen off at the Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI President U Win Myint and party. — UMFCCI

Indian space scientist says Theme-oriented satellites needed

NEW DELHI, 29 April — India should work in the direction of building theme-oriented satellites, each of them designed to meet particular requirements such as education and health, noted space scientist and former chairman of Indian Space Research Organization Dr K Kasturirangan said.

"India has already introduced this concept through the missions of *Edusat* — specifically designed to cater to educational needs, *Cartosat* — designed to serve the cartographic needs and so on," Kasturirangan said.

Edusat or *GSAT-1*, a satellite exclusive to education, perhaps first anywhere in the world, is under development and planned to be launched later this year, he said delivering a lecture "Space — A Vision for the Next 25 Years" here last evening.

Detailed studies need to be mounted for defining future thematic mission satellites that would serve specific application areas such as water, agriculture, forest fire and disaster management, he said.

Kasturirangan said two specific theme-missions could be conceptualized in near future — a satellite system for health related application and a satellite system for disaster related applications.

For *Healthsat*, the system would include ability of a remote hospital to access

multiple-specialists in different locations for medical advisory services and search and lock to a specialist anywhere in the country, thus improving the probability of accessing a doctor at any time, he said.

Another aspect would be to look at specific automatic bandwidth allocation based on the needs of the diagnostic service to be provided, Kasturirangan said.

He said use of satellites in health care is likely to result in "any-time-health (ATH)" service through "health kiosks". — *MNA/PTI*

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်းနှင့် စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမေ ပြည့်ဝခြင်းကို ဆိုသည်။

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- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) မြင်အန္တရာယ်မှကွယ်ရန် မြင်ထောင့်ပြောင်းပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကိုသုံးပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ မြေ လေ သဘာဝတရားကို ကျင့်သုံး နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှု ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Scientists say glaciers feeding Indian rivers may be wiped out

NEW DELHI, 29 April — Glaciers feeding the Ganga, Yamuna, Indus and the Brahmaputra rivers may be wiped out in 40 years, impacting the economic, cultural and spiritual life of India, scientists have warned.

The warning bells were sounded in the first report on melting glaciers and their impact by Sagarmatha — the Snow and Glacier Aspects of Water Resources Management in the Himalaya — presented in New Delhi on late Tuesday, according to an Indo-Asian News Service report on Wednesday.

Sagarmatha, commissioned by Britain's Department for International Development (DFID), gives a decade-by-decade analysis for Indian rivers over the next 100 years.

The study warns that global warming will result in increased glacial waters in the next 40 years and then the shortfall of the precious

resource will begin.

It urges timely water management activities.

According to the study, the upper Indus over the first few decades will have plus 14-per-cent to plus 90-per-cent increase, after which there will be a drastic fall to as low as 30-90 per cent below the baseline level by a decade.

The Kaligandaki Basin in the east, however, contrasts in behaviour. The decadal mean flow shows an increase throughout the next 100 years; the most extreme temperature scenario attaining a peak mean flow of between plus 30 per cent and plus 90 per cent.

For the Ganga, near its headwaters in Uttarkashi, the flow is predicted to peak at plus 25 to plus 33 per cent of baseline level within the first two decades and then recede to as low as minus 50 per cent of the baseline by the sixth decade.

MNA/Xinhua

Angola hosts meeting on exploiting hydric resources

LUANDA, 29 April — Experts from Angola, Botswana and Namibia began to gather in Luanda, capital of Angola, since Tuesday to discuss matters of common interest on hydric resources in Okavango Basin.

For three days, the experts attending the 9th Meeting of the Tripartite Permanent Commission, will assess the pace of the trilateral project about the studies on the Okavango Basin and the extent of implementation of the guidelines which came out of the previous meeting.

The commission created by the governments of Angola, Botswana and Namibia, on September 15, 1994, in Windhoek, aims to establish agreements on the way these states should share the hydric resources in the Okavango Basin.

The basin has rivers which start in Angola (Kuito and Cubango) and end up in Botswana (passing through Namibia).

Angola, in charge of the Coordination Unit for the studies on the basin, has the pleasure to host the first meeting in times of peace,

stressing that everything is ready for the setting up of the unit which will be headquartered in Menongue in southern Kuando Kubango Province, according to the spokesman of the meeting, Gomes da Silva.

He explained that for many years, Angola did not do much about matters connected with international basins due to the war which swept the country, and their geographical location difficult to get to, which is why Angola would only give technical and juridical support to the tripartite agreement.

The meeting is attended by representatives from non-governmental organizations, the United States Agency for International Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. —MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်စက်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုတင်သို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရောင်းအညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ် နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါ နံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြား နိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြိုမဲကြေးနန်းနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း တပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၅၅/၂၅၁၂၅၆)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်း ပေါင်းစုထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

(ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၆)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်း ခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများ ဖြစ်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပုံများ၊ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိရစ်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိတဲ့ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြွ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုပ်ဖြစ်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရခြင်း ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေး ဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Iranian road accidents claim 70 lives a day

TEHERAN, 29 April — Some 100,000 Iranians died in road accidents in the last five years with the rate of road deaths rising to 70 a day in the last year, the official IRNA news agency reported late on Tuesday.

Citing figures supplied by the national Coroner's Office, IRNA said road accidents were now responsible for nearly 40 per cent of all deaths in the country of 66 million people.

Experts blame outdated and poorly maintained vehicles, poor roads and erratic and dangerous driving techniques for the high rate of road accidents, thought to

be among the highest in the world.

IRNA said road deaths rose nearly 18 per cent in the year to March 2004 to reach 25,722, meaning that more than 70 people were killed each day.

The Coroner's Office said 99,863 people died on Iran's roads in the five years to March 2003.

MNA/Reuters

EU urges MERCOSUR to improve proposal on free trade accord

BRASILIA, 29 April — The Agriculture Commissioner of the European Union (EU) Franz Fischler on

Tuesday branded the offers of the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) for the free trade negotiations

between the two blocs as "very poor" and urged this South American association to improve its proposal.

"It was really a very poor proposal, with no new element in the areas of higher interest to us, like services and governmental purchases," Fischler told Brazilian Press.

Representatives of the EU and MERCOSUR met last week in Argentine capital Buenos Aires to evaluate the offers that will be presented in the next round of free trade negotiations, scheduled for May 3 to 7 in Brussels.

Fischler also denied that the EU tabled during the Buenos Aires meeting a "generic" proposal, as MERCOSUR claimed, and added the European offer was "the most ambitious in its history".

"We must show our

society that we will win something in return. We cannot make a great offer and return home with empty hands," Fischler added.

For his part, the Brazilian negotiator's coordinator, Regis Arslanian, voiced surprise over Fischler's remarks and said better offers were presented during the Buenos Aires meeting, on which European envoys requested explanations and made suggestions.

Arslanian warned MERCOSUR "will not change its decision to negotiate transparency criteria in the rules for public purchases," a field of great consequence to the European bloc. MERCOSUR groups Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay, with Chile and Bolivia as associated nations.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 43,000 people killed in US highway accidents in 2003

WASHINGTON, 29 April — A total of 43,220 people were killed in highway accidents in the United States in 2003, a slight rise of 0.9 per cent from 42,815 in the previous year, preliminary estimates released on Wednesday showed.

Deaths involving motorcycles rose by 11 per cent to 3,592, while passenger car fatalities declined by 778, according to figures released by the Department of Transportation's National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

SUV (sports utility vehicle) fatalities increased by 456, 55 per cent of which were rollover crashes, the highway traffic safety agency said. It blamed the increase partially on increases in SUV sales.

Pedestrian deaths declined 2.8 per cent from 4,808 in 2002 to 4,672 in 2003, and fatalities from large truck crashes increased slightly from 4,897 in 2002 to 4,942 in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်နှင့်

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်မှု

ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီပိုးကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အမြဲဖြစ်ပွားသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း [ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်]။
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တံတွေးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ချောင်းဆိုးလျှင်၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုဝါးပတ်၍ အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသည့်ခြင်း ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သောတီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက် (၁၁) ရက် (၁၁) မီးငြိမ်း ဆွမ်း၊ ဆွမ်းဟင်း နှင့် ပစ္စည်းလေးပါးကို သံဃာတော် (၃၀၅၈)ပါးတို့အား လှူဒါန်းသည့်

အလှူတော်မင်္ဂလာ အောင်မြင်သည့်အတွက် ကျေးဇူးတင်လွှာ

ရန်ကုန်/ပဲခူး/ပဲခူးကုန်းမြို့နေ ဦးငွေသိမ်း + ဒေါ်စမ်းမြင့် (သိပ် ပီဒီယို၊ ဗီဒီဒီ၊ ဓာတ်ပုံရိုက်ကူးရေး) မိသားစုတို့က သံသရာဝင်ဆင်းရဲအပေါင်းမှ ကင်းလွတ်ရာအမှန် မြတ်နိုးဗွာန်ကို အာရုံပြုလျက် ဘုရားအမှူးရှိသော သံဃာတော်အရှင်သုမြတ် (၃၀၅၈) ပါးတို့အား (၁၇-၄-၀၄) မြန်မာနှစ်ဆန်း (၁) ရက်နေ့မှ (၂၇-၄-၀၄) ကဆုန်လဆန်း(၉)ရက်နေ့အထိ တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက် (၁၁)ရက် (၁၁)လီ (၁၁)မီးငြိမ်း ဆွမ်း၊ ဆွမ်းဟင်းနှင့် ပစ္စည်းလေးပါး လောင်းလှူပွဲကျင်းပသော ပဲခူးကုန်းမြို့ အိမ်ဂေဟာသို့

လှူပို့စစ်စစ်အားဝန်ကြီးဌာန ဝန်ကြီး ဗိုလ်ချုပ်တင်ထွတ်၏ ဇနီး ဒေါ်တင်တင်ညွန့် မိသားစု၊

ပဲခူးတိုင်း အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ အဖွဲ့ဝင် (၁) ဦးချစ်မောင်၊ အဖွဲ့ဝင် (၂) ခု၊ ကြီးသိန်းကြည်၊ ပဲခူးခရိုင် အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ ဥက္ကဋ္ဌ ဒုတိယဗိုလ်မှူးကြီးအောင်မင်းနှင့် ကဝ၊ သနပ်ပင်၊ ပဲခူးမြို့နယ်များမှ ဖြန့်နယ်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ ဥက္ကဋ္ဌများ၊ ဗိုလ်မှူးမြင့်စိုး (ပဲခူး)၊ သီရိသုဓမ္မသီရိ ဒေါ်လှကြည် (ရွှေဒေါင်းပုံ) မိသားစု၊ မြင်းကျားဆေးပေါ့လိပ်လုပ်ငန်း ပဲခူးမြို့၊ ပဲခူးခရိုင် ဆောက်လုပ်ရေးအင်ဂျင်နီယာမှူး ဦးသန်းနိုင်အောင်၏ ဇနီး ဒေါ်ခင်ဝင်းဆင့် မိသားစု၊ ဒေါ်ခင်စောနွဲ့ (အထက်တန်းပြ အ-ထ-က ၆ - ဗိုလ်တထောင်)၊ SUPREME ZONE TRADING ကုမ္ပဏီလီမိတက် မန်နေဂျင်းဒါရိုက်တာ ဦးတင်ငွေနှင့်ဇနီး ဒေါ်ထွေးထွေးဝင်း၊

ဒေါ်သန်းညွန့် (သာကောတ)၊ ဦးအေးထွန်းနှင့်ဇနီးဒေါ်မာမာစိန် မိသားစု (တောင်ဥက္ကလာပ)၊ ဒေါ်ယုယုမာ (သက်စုမေ အလှပြိုင်ရေး - တောင်ဥက္ကလာပ) ဦးအေးမောင်ဝင်းနှင့်

ဇနီးဒေါ်ချောစုစုအေး (LUCKY PALACE JEWELLERY) မိသားစုတို့မှ ကိုယ်တိုင်လာရောက်၍ ဝတ္ထုပစ္စည်းများ လာရောက်လှူဒါန်းသည့်ကိုလည်းကောင်း၊ ပဲခူးတိုင်း မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ တိုင်းမန်နေဂျာ ဦးလှ၊ ပဲခူးတိုင်း လျှပ်စစ်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ ဦးသန်းဝင်း၊ ကျောက်တံခါးမြို့နယ် အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ ဥက္ကဋ္ဌ

ဦးစော်ဝင်းနှင့် ဇနီးမိသားစု၊ ဖြန့်နယ်ပြည်သူ့ရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူး ဦးသန်းလွင်နှင့် ဇနီး ဒေါ်ခင်အုန်းမြင့် မိသားစု၊ ဆွေမျိုးသားချင်းများ၊ ဦးရင် + ဒေါ်မြင့်သန်းမိသားစု (ပဲခူးကုန်းမြို့)၊

ဝန်ကြီးဌာနအသီးသီးမှ ဌာနဆိုင်ရာများ၊ အဘက်ဘက်မှ ပိုင်းစနစ်ကျဆောင်ရွက်ပေးကြသူများအားလည်းကောင်း၊ ဓမ္မမိတ်ဆွေများအားလည်းကောင်း၊ တောကျွန်းအင်းမြို့

မန္တိမာရုံတောရတနာသင်တိုက်သို့ လှူဒါန်းသော ပဒေသာပင်တွင် ပါဝင်ဒါနပြုကြသော ရန်ကုန်/ပဲခူး/ပဲခူးကုန်းမြို့မှ အလှူရှင်ဓမ္မမိတ်ဆွေများအား အထူးကျေးဇူးတင်ရှိပါသည်။

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		65 x 65 x 6mm	50 Tons (Approx.)
		75 x 65 x 8mm	
		100 x 75 x 7mm	
		125 x 75 x 8mm	

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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Assistant General Manager (Store), Myanmar Shipyards, Sinmalike, Kamayut, Yangon, starting from 17th May, 2004 during the office hours.

3. For further detail please call 536521
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Store Department, Myanmar Shipyards,
Sinmalike, Kamayut, Yangon.

Actor Robert Downey Jr ends 12-year marriage

LOS ANGELES, 29 April — Actor Robert Downey Jr and his estranged wife, actress-model Deborah Falconer, have officially ended their 12-year marriage, his spokesman said on Tuesday.

The couple, who have been separated for eight years, filed divorce papers this week in Los Angeles

County Superior Court, publicist Alan Nierob said.

"This is more or less just a formality," he told Reuters.

Downey, 39, and Falconer were wed in 1992 after a 42-day courtship. Their 10-year-old son, Indio, will continue to live with his mother, but Downey "remains very involved in the

upbringing of his son," Nierob said. Downey, who earned an Oscar nomination for his role in the 1992 film "Chaplin", recently became engaged to film producer Susan Levin. The two met while working together on last year's psychological thriller "Gothika".—MNA/Reuters

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 3rd May (Monday) Full Moon of Kason 2004, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of
Myanmar

US announces \$350m for hydrogen fuel technology

WASHINGTON, 29 April—The Energy Department of the United States announced Tuesday 350 million US dollars in grants to over 130 research institutions and companies to develop hydrogen-fuelled cars.

The Big Three automakers — General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler — and Shell Oil Products and foreign automakers are chosen for the research projects, according to Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

The projects, which are worth 575 million US dollars with private funding, are aimed at removing some of the obstacles to bringing the cleaner-burning technology from the laboratory to the road.

Abraham said that the projects will address problems such as how to store hydrogen and how to make hydrogen fuel cells that are durable and affordable.

Hydrogen does not create any pollution or greenhouse gases. But unlike oil or coal, hydrogen must be produced, as there are no natural stores of it waiting to be pumped or dug out of the ground.

The grants represent nearly one-third of the 1.2 billion US dollars that President George W. Bush has pledged for hydrogen research. Most of the money will be distributed over five years. —MNA/Xinhua

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Thrifty Rent-A-Car System, Inc., of 5310 East 31st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135 United States of America is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademark:

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used in respect of —

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SMBs in N America to see largest growth in "IT" spending

LOS ANGELES, 29 April — Small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in North America plan to increase their IT spending for 2004 by 6.6 per cent over 2003, compared with a 1.7-per-cent increase among larger companies, according to a study released Tuesday.

The study, by US high-tech market research firm Forrester Research, found that overall, SMBs are more optimistic about the future than their enterprise counterparts are, with 81 per cent describing their current business climate as being at least moderately strong and 78 per cent expecting more improvement by the end of the year.

MNA/Xinhua

TRADE MARK CAUTION

Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., a company incorporated in Japan, of 1-1, Doshomachi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan, is the Owner of the following Trade Marks:-

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Reg. No. 1688/2004

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P.O. Box 60, Yangon

Dated: 30 April, 2004.

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မြန်မာအသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

ပြည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ မြန်မာအသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား၊ MRTV-4တွင် ရုပ်သံကျွမ်းကျင်(၂) (လစာနှုန်း၊ ကျပ် ၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၉၀၀)ရာထူး(၅၀)နေရာ လစ်လပ်နေပါ၍ သတ်မှတ်အရည်အချင်းနှင့် ပြည့်မီသူများ လျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

- (က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
- (ခ) (၁၅-၅-၀၅)ရက်နေ့တွင် အသက် (၃၀)နှစ်၊ ဝန်ထမ်း ဖြစ်ပါက အသက် (၃၅)နှစ်ထက်မကျော်ရမည်၊
- (ဂ) ဘွဲ့ရပြီးသူဖြစ်ရမည်၊
- (ဃ) အအေးခန်းတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်နိုင်သူဖြစ်ရမည်၊
- (င) အနည်းဆုံး လုပ်သက်တစ်ဆက်တည်း (၅)နှစ် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို အောက်ပါစာရင်းစာတမ်းများ ပူးတွဲလျက် မြန်မာအသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား၊ ပြည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်သို့ (၁၅-၅-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်-

- (က) ပညာအရည်အချင်း အောင်လက်မှတ်မီတ္တူ၊
- (ခ) အသက်အထောက်အထားအတွက် အခြေခံပညာ အထက်တန်း အောင်လက်မှတ်မီတ္တူ (သို့မဟုတ်) ချီင်လုံ သော အထောက်အထား တစ်ရပ်ရပ်တင်ပြနိုင်ရမည်၊
- (ဂ) သက်ဆိုင်ရာမြို့နယ်ရုံးမှ လျှောက်လွှာပို့ရက် မတိုင်မီ(၆)လအတွင်း ရရှိထားသည့် ပြစ်မှုကင်းရှင်းကြောင်း ထောက်ခံချက်မူရင်း၊
- (ဃ) လိုင်စင်စာတိပ့် (၂)ပုံ (ဓာတ်ပုံနောက်ကျောတွင် အမည်နှင့်အမျိုးသားမှတ်ပုံတင်အမှတ်ရေးသားရန်)၊
- (င) မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမား ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးရုံးမှ ရရှိသည့် အလုပ်သမား မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသည့် အလစာ ပုံစံ(၂) ဓာတ်ပုံမီတ္တူ (၁)စောင်၊
- (စ) ဝင်ကြေးငွေကျပ် ၁၅၀/- ဝေးသွင်းသည့် ချလန်မူရင်း (သို့မဟုတ်) ဓာတ်တိုငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order) ပြောစာမူရင်း၊

၄။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မိမိတို့၏လျှောက်လွှာများကို တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ရာ ဌာနအဖွဲ့အစည်းများမှ တစ်ဆင့် (၁၅-၅-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ မြန်မာအသံနှင့် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသို့ ပေးပို့ရမည်။ (ကြိုတင်မီတ္တူတိုက်ရိုက် ပေးပို့ရမည်)

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Britain to review pre-Web era cybercrime law

LONDON, 29 April— Britain is to update its lone cybercrime law, a 1990 pre-Web relic widely regarded as inadequate to deal with growing computer criminality.

Organized gangs around the world are honing their hacking, spamming and virus-writing skills while thinly stretched police resources are struggling to cope.

The legal update will be closely watched by other countries, many of whose own laws against cybercrime are considered insufficient to fight what has become one of the fastest growing global crime waves.

A group of parliamentarians will hold a public debate on Thursday to explore ways to bring the Computer Misuse Act, or CMA, into the Internet era.

Working with the Britain's Home Office, the aim is to have a new cybercrime bill introduced in the next six months, MP Brian White told Reuters.

"Organized crime is getting into this area of criminality in a really big way, and they are way ahead of government," White said. "We need to address this in Internet time."

Police say cybercrime costs Britain industry hun-

dreds of millions, and perhaps billions, of pounds annually. Globally, the figure is staggering, law enforcement officials say.

"Serious and organized crime groups, and potentially terrorists, are moving into cyberspace simply because it's easier to hide there," said Simon Moores, a computer crime expert who works with the British Government.

The need for an updated law is most evident to prosecutors and police. The Home Office said there were just 14 convictions under the CMA in 2002, the last year statistics were tallied.

White added that police resources is the primary culprit behind the low number of convictions. He said just 240 British police officers are trained in basic computer forensics and yet the number of cyber-investigations, ranging from child pornography rings to hacking crimes, is on the rise.

Even so, Britain is considered one of the tougher legal regimes for prosecuting cybercrimes in Western Europe. — MNA/Reuters

Total lunar eclipse over Asia on 4 May

NEW DELHI, 29 April— A total lunar eclipse lasting for 76 minutes will occur shortly after midnight of Tuesday, 4 May, according to astronomers.

This will be a sky show reserved primarily for those living in the Eastern Hemisphere. North America will miss out on the entire show, as the moon will be below the horizon during midday and afternoon hours.

This will be the third such event within a span of less than a year, the two previous lunar eclipses having occurred during 2003 on 15-16 May and 8 November.

The eclipse will begin at 23:21 hours (Indian Time) Tuesday and end at 04:40 hours Wednesday. The total eclipse, during which the moon will be totally invisible, will last for 76 minutes beginning 01:22 hours, Wednesday.

The very best region for viewing this eclipse will fall over across western Asia, much of the Indian Ocean and the eastern two-thirds of Africa. The entire eclipse will be visible from this region, astronomers say.

The opening stages of this eclipse will be visible at, or just before moonset, from much of central and eastern Asia (except northeast Siberia), most of Indonesia and Australia. Across the eastern third of Australia (where the calendar will read 5 May) the moon will set while still in total eclipse.

The next total lunar eclipse will occur on the night of 28-29 October and will favour most of the Americas, as well as western portions of Europe and Africa — MNA/PTI

Step-brother of Princess Diana dies in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 29 April—

The step-brother of Britain's late Princess Diana has died after an apparent overdose of sleeping pills in Cambodia, where he has been since early this month, police said on Wednesday.

Adam Shand Kydd, 49,

arrived in the impoverished Southeast Asian nation as a tourist on April 2 and was paying 1,300 US dollars per month rent for a luxury home in the capital, Phnom Penh.

He was found dead on Monday evening after his maid contacted the police.

"We think he could have died from overuse of sleeping pills," Prak Nhat, an autopsy police official, told Reuters. "No one killed him."

Shand Kydd had been complaining about headaches for days and had told his maid he was having problems sleeping, police said.

His body was handed over to the British Embassy in Phnom Penh on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Cholera hits parts of Uganda

KAMPALA, April 29 — Cholera has broken out in eight of the 56 districts in Uganda.

The districts, including Kampala, capital of the country, have continued to report significant number of cholera cases since the beginning of this year, the Ugandan Health Ministry said here Tuesday.

"As the rains increase, there is a likelihood of an upsurge of diarrhoeic diseases such as cholera in several parts of the country," it said. So far seven people are sick while two have been reported dead, said the ministry in a statement.

It called for strict personal and community hygiene and urged people to wash hands with soap before preparing, serving and eating food. — MNA/Xinhua

Mars rovers complete missions, head for extra credit

LOS ANGELES, 29 April — Two robot-geologists have successfully completed the assignment they were sent to do on Mars and have been sent exploring for extra credit, scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said on Wednesday.

The twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, are in good condition after enduring more than three months of extreme temperature swings and dust storms on the Red Planet, mission manager Matt Wallace said.

Scientists at the Pasadena, California, laboratory were surprised to find that the vehicles' solar-powered batteries were degrading faster than expected due to use and dust accumulation, he said.

The six-wheeled vehicles were designed for 90-day missions but the JPL team expects them to operate twice as long. The golf cart-sized rovers captured the world's attention with their dramatic landings in January on opposite sides of Mars, and with their discovery of geologic evidence that salt water once covered parts of the barren planet.

Opportunity completed its 90th martian day, or sol, on

Monday — a landmark achieved by Spirit on 5 April. NASA has approved funding to extend the missions through September.

During the primary mission, Opportunity drove more than a half-mile, snapped nearly 12,500 images with its onboard cameras and used its instrument arm to drill into five rocks.

The rover, now roaming on a flat gray expanse near Mars' equator known as Meridiani Planum, spent most of its primary mission studying a rocky outcrop in the small crater where it landed.

Opportunity has since climbed out of the crater and is headed for another small crater nicknamed Endurance about 246 feet away where scientists have spotted some "tantalizing" rocks, science team member Scott McClennan said.

MNA/Reuters

Russia says "Soyuz" gas leak no danger for landing

MOSCOW, 29 April — A minor gas leak detected on the Russian Soyuz craft, which is docked on the International Space Station, does not endanger the return to Earth on Friday of three astronauts, Russian space officials said on Wednesday.

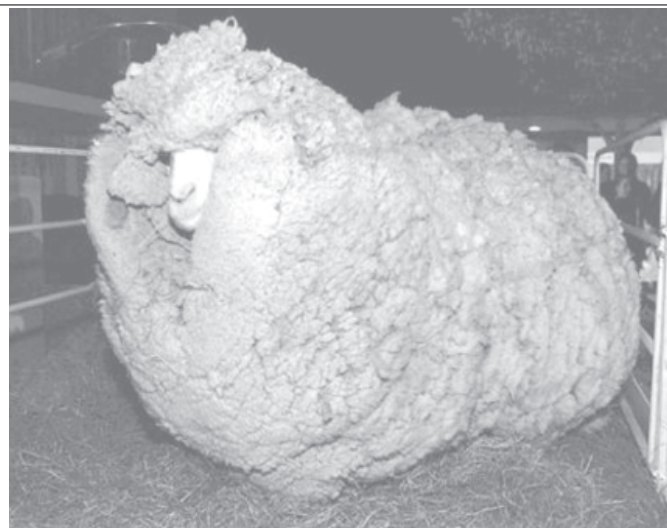
A mission control spokesman said the leak of helium, used to pump pressurized fuel into the engine of the rocket, had been discovered several months ago.

"This is not an unusual thing to happen, and has not affected successful landings in the past," Valery Lyndin said.

The Soyuz, which has been in orbit for six months acting as an emergency escape vessel, is to carry US astronaut Michael Foale, Russian cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri, and Dutchman Andre Kuipers back to Earth.

"There is no danger. This will not affect preparations for their return. We will not need to make any repairs," Lyndin said.

The three-seat Soyuz crafts remain the only means of delivering crews to and from the ISS after US shuttle Columbia broke up on re-entry in February 2003. — MNA/Reuters



Shrek the 9-year-old merino wether is photographed before he has his fleece shorn at the Golden Gate Lodge in Cromwell, New Zealand, on 28 April, 2004. Shrek's fleece is believed to be 6 years old after the animal was found on the Bendigo Station hilltops during a muster on 15 April. — INTERNET

SPORTS

France coach Santini expresses interest in Spurs job

LONDON, 29 April—French national coach Jacques Santini said on Tuesday he was interested in managing English Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur.

Santini, who had a perfect record steering holders France to the European championship finals in Portugal starting on June 12, said he would be open to discussion if approached by Spurs.

"If Tottenham contact me and they want to talk then I will listen," Santini was quoted as saying in the London Evening Standard.

"I have always thought that one day I might manage abroad and the Tottenham job would interest me if they wanted me to go there."

Spurs have been without a manager since they sacked former midfield favourite Glenn Hoddle in September. Director of football David Pleat has been acting manager since then but the club have said they will unveil a new manager before the start of next season.

Santini, who steered Olympique Lyon to their first French league title in the 2001-02 season, took charge of France later in 2002 after their World Cup failure under Roger Lemerre.

MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Independiente Zurita, left, fights for the ball against Brazil's Sao Caetano Triguinho, during a Libertadores de America Cup soccer game at the Anacleto Campanella Stadium in Sao Caetano do Sul, Brazil, on 28 April, 2004. The match ended tied 2-2 and Sao Caetano won 5-3 in the penalty kicks and advanced to next round.—INTERNET

Singh wins weather-hit Houston Open

HOUSTON (Texas), 29 April — World number two Vijay Singh earned his second PGA Tour title of the season on Monday by winning the Houston Open by two strokes.

The Fijian, who also won the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February, shot a four-under-par 68 in the weather-delayed final round to finish on 11-under 277.

Scott Hoch took second place with a final-round 67 that left him on 279.

John Huston, who had been tied with Singh for the lead after the completion of the third round on Monday morning, carded a 71 and placed third on 280.

Stephen Ames of Trinidad and Tobago and Dudley Hart shared fourth place on 282. Australia's Geoff Ogilvy took 10th place on 284, his best showing on tour this season.

After three days of persistent rain, the sun finally broke through at Redstone Golf Club on Monday.

Singh, who had completed 12 holes in third round on Sunday before play was stopped, parred his way in to complete 54 holes on seven-under 209.

The Fijian got off to a great start in the final round with birdies on the first and third holes and then added another at the 11th.

As Singh continued his steady play, the challengers drifted away, leaving Hoch to mount the biggest challenge, pulling within one shot when he birdied the par-5 15th hole.

Then Singh, playing two groups behind Hoch, also birdied the 15th after hitting his drive in the rough.

Hoch failed to gain further ground when he found the rough with his drive on the par-

four 17th and struggled to make par.

On the 18th Hoch failed to get his approach shot close to the hole and settled for par again.

Singh parred the final three holes for the victory, which was worth 900,000 US dollars. — MNA/Reuters

Chelsea appeal against Desailly ban

LONDON, 29 April — Chelsea have appealed against captain Marcel Desailly's three-match ban for elbowing Monaco's Fernando Morientes during their Champions League semifinal last Tuesday.

The appeal will be heard by European soccer's governing body UEFA on Friday and the result known before Chelsea's home leg with Monaco on May 5, the club said on their web site.

The 35-year-old France captain's ban was based on video evidence as referee Urs Meier did not see the incident, during the match which Monaco won 3-1.

The London side said another Chelsea defender, Robert Huth, also faced a ban after the English FA requested video footage of a clash between the young German and striker Alan Shearer towards the end of a Premier League game last Sunday.

If Huth is found guilty any suspension would be served in domestic games only, the club said.

MNA/Reuters

Trapattoni leaves Euro 2004 door open for Baggio

GENOA (Italy), 29 April — Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni refused on Tuesday to rule out the possibility that former world player of the year Roberto Baggio could yet make the Italian squad for Euro 2004 in June.

Trapattoni told a news conference on Tuesday that Baggio's call-up, a month before he is due to retire from the game, was an "act of recognition" for his achievements.

However, when pressed about Baggio's future, the Italy coach said: "The future is in the hands of God. Roberto knows this is a long story that has been going on for two and a half to three years," said Trapattoni.

"I have always left the door open and today he is here which is significant in itself."

The Italy coach did, however, remind his audience that there was a squad of players who had led Italy to qualification for the finals which start in Portugal on June 12.

"In life you can never say never," said Trapattoni. "But (the decision) won't be on the basis of the media because if I listened to the media there would be 30 players in the squad and 10 million different formations."

Baggio, who has scored 27 goals in 55 Italy appearances, said he was proud to return to the Italy side at such a late stage in his career and he was clearly pleased at Trapattoni's words. "I am very happy and I want to thank the boss and the Federation for giving me this chance," he said. "It is a great moment. If there is something else, well... but I want to enjoy this moment."

"Never say never means a lot to me even if I know I mustn't kid myself," said the former Juventus forward. — MNA/Reuters

Maradona says thanks, wishes Argentina luck in friendly

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 29 April—Diego Maradona, in his first public statement after 10 days in intensive care with heart and breathing problems, on Tuesday thanked fans for their support and wished Argentina luck in their friendly against Morocco.

In a letter read out to journalists and fans who have held a constant vigil outside the Buenos Aires hospital, Maradona gave his "huge thanks for the constant support and affection" of his fans.

The former World Cup winner added a "good luck" to Argentina, who play Morocco in Casablanca on Wednesday.

The 43-year-old, who can tolerate liquids and some foods, is now breathing without the aid of an artificial respirator and continues to be stable, the Suizo-Argentina clinic in Buenos Aires said in a statement.

La Nacion newspaper reported that Maradona managed to crack some jokes, telling his youngest daughter he planned to eat out at night.

However, he remains in intensive care and still requires another drip for a lung infection.

Maradona, who has put on so much weight he is scarcely recognizable from his playing days, was taken to hospital on April 18 with a swollen heart and breathing difficulties. Doctors later said he also had pneumonia.

Hundreds of fans have kept a vigil outside the hospital, some carrying pictures of their hero with get well messages and others praying.

MNA/Reuters

Besiktas chairman to quit next month

ISTANBUL, 29 April—Besiktas chairman Serdar Bilgili will quit next month after being abused by fans at a derby match with Istanbul rivals Fenerbahce on Sunday.

Champions Besiktas, playing at home, lost 3-1 to Fenerbahce, virtually ending their chances of retaining the league title and leaving them with only a slim chance of reaching the Champions League next season.

Bilgili told a news conference on Monday he had decided to call an extraordinary general meeting within a month and would not put his name forward as a candidate for the chairmanship.

Bilgili said the abuse at Sunday's game came from parts of the stands where club congress members were sitting.

Inzaghi doubtful for Euro 2004

ROME, 29 April—AC Milan's Filippo Inzaghi could miss Euro 2004 after deciding to undergo an operation on a knee injury, his club's official web site said on Wednesday.

"I'm very disappointed, but it's the only solution. Together with Milan's doctors we've decided to operate as soon as possible," Inzaghi said.

Inzaghi has suffered a series of injuries this season that have limited him to just three goals in 14 league appearances. Milan's doctors said they expect his recovery to take about 20 days.

MNA/Xinhua

"The situation in the stands at the match hurt me inside. We are divided against one another," he said.

"I sit in the Besiktas chairman's seat and will not allow insults directed towards that seat... Hence I decided to call an extraordinary general meeting within a month."

"I will not be a candidate. My decision is final," he said.

With three games left

Besiktas are third in the league, eight points behind Fenerbahce and six points behind Trabzonspor. The top two are guaranteed Champions League places.

Before the winter break in December, Besiktas were nine points clear at the top. Besiktas won the league title last season under Romanian coach Mircea Lucescu.

MNA/Reuters



El Salvador's Ronal Oswaldo Cerritos (11) fights for the ball with Colombia's Juan Carlos Ramirez during their soccer match at RFK Stadium in Washington on 28 April, 2004. Colombia defeated El Salvador 2-0. —INTERNET

MRTV-3

**30-4-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Health Care For Maternal and Child
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Mann Ma - Yway
- 9:25 Sandaw chain
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Myanmar Tigers
- 9:40 Song "Gaze Upon"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Myanmar Traditional Art Silversmith
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**30-4-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 15:36 Health Care For Maternal and Child
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Mann Ma - Yway
- 15:55 Sandaw chain
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Myanmar Tigers

- 16:10 Song "Gaze Upon"
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 Myanmar Traditional Art Silversmith
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Myanmar Musical Instruments (Brass gong) (Maung Saing)
- 16:40 Myanmar Profile
"Myanmar answer to Skin-care"
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Making of Traditional Lacquerware
- 16:55 San-Thit-Hla-Pa
- 16:58 Let's meet at the cafe!
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Progressing Cultivation in Northern Shan State
- 17:10 Song "We'll Miss You Ngapali"
- 17:12 Pantings point out Myanmar Genuine Spirit and Splendid Scenery
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (V) (Wang Mung Camps 2 to 4)
- 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 "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 19:36 Lawka Nanda Sanctuary Garden
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Novitiation Ceremony
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Off-shore Fishing Boat Construction
- 19:55 Royal Rose

- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlatabaw)
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Commencement of Dry Summer"
- 20:12 Oboe: Myanma Musical Instrument
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Let us preserve the Watershed Areas
- 20:25 Song "Welcome to Treasure Land"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Myanmar Traditional Pickled Tea
- 20:40 Interview with an Ornamental Fish Breeder
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Lacquerware made from Porcelain and glaze
- 20:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 20:58 A Prospective Industry in Shan North
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Song "Dream of Ngwe Saung"
- 21:10 Prospective Ostrich Farming
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (IV) (Ziadam Village- Wang Mung Camps 1&2)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Health Care For Maternal and Child
- 21:40 National News**
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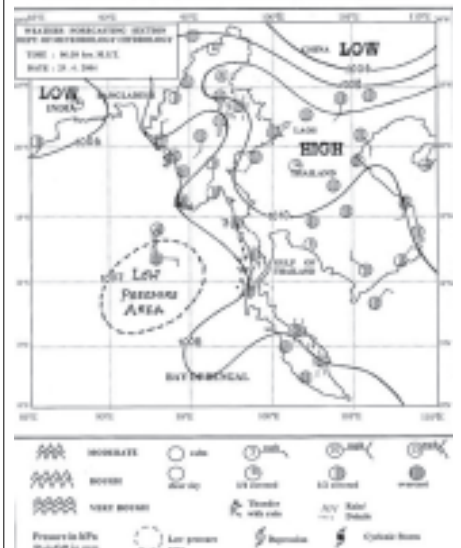
**30-4-2004 (Thursday) &
1-5-2004 (Saturday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 23:36 Health Care For Maternal and Child
- 23:40 National News**
- 23:42 Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
- 23:45 National News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 29 April, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan, Kayah States, Mandalay and Taninthayi divisions, isolated in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Kayah State, upper Sagaing division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in eastern Shan State and Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant day temperature was (41°C) in Magway. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was (2.64) inches in Hinzada.

Maximum temperature on 28-4-2004 was 38.0°C (100°F). Minimum temperature on 29-4-2004 was 22.0°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-4-2004 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 28-4-2004 was (7.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 29-4-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 5 mm (0.20 inch) at Yangon Airport and 12 mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 3 mm (0.12 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 32 mph from East at (13:50) hours MST on 28-4-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed in the Southeast Bay and adjoining south Andaman Sea. Weather is partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-4-2004: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Rakhine, Kachin, northern Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-4-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon/evening. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-4-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

New Rainfall Record

The amount of rainfall 67 mm (2.64 inches) observed at (09:30) hrs MST today at Hinzada is the new maximum (24) hours rainfall record of the station for the month of April during the last (37) years.



**Friday, April 30
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
- 7:50 am**
5. လှိုင်လှိုင်ပိုင်နိုင်စိတ်ပေါ်ပေါ်
- 8:00 am**
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:20 am**
8. ရွှေစံချောင်းရေလှေသင်္ဘော

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. English for Everday Use
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ဟောပြောချက်
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ
-တက္ကသိုလ် (ဘာသာရေးအထူးပြုအား)
(ဘာသာရေး)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးကတော့
- 5:40 pm**
8. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားပွဲအစောဆုံးအစောဆုံး
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းနီ
- 5:50 pm**
9. Musical programme

- 6:05 pm**
10. ကပ်တင်ကြွေးတော့
- 6:15 pm**
11. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းထွဲ
"နီရိုမယ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 7:30 pm**
15. Songs of Yesteryears
- 7:40 pm**
16. နီရိုမယ်-နီရိုမယ်
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးကတော့
လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးကတော့
"အသံသွေးစာကြွေစာ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးကတော့
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းနီ
19. The next day's programme



- Friday, April 30
Tune in today:**
- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: I love rock 'n' roll (Britney Spears)
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: Around the world (ATC)
- 8:50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: Love is a fire (Human Nature)
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: As long as you love me (B.S.B)
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch Time Music - Lover man (Rick Divo)
- Love is all (Marc Anthony)
- Bye now (Atomic Kitten)
- Angel of your heart (Bardot)
- 9:00 pm** World of music Songs From "Phillipine"
- 9:15 pm** Article/Music
- 9:25 pm** Music At your request
- I'll never fall in love again (Carpenters)
- On and on and on (Abba)
- You should be dancing (Bee Gees)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of the bridge on the road in Waingmaw (Myothit).— MNA

Government building industrialized nation based on agriculture

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development measures in Kachin State

YANGON, 29 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence met with local authorities, departmental personnel and members of social organizations in Myitkyina, Kachin State, on 26 April.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe explained the development undertakings of Kachin State. Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Myoh and officials presented requirements.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint at-

tended to the needs, saying that the Government, on its part, is implementing major projects. In addition to designating Bhamo and Mohnyin as development zones, it has built the Bala Min Htin Bridge and other infrastructures in Kachin State. It is building an industrialized nation based on agriculture. Kachin State should grow monsoon paddy as well as summer paddy for food sufficiency, and also winter crops, edible crops, perennial crops and crops that grow well in the region.

As regional development requires transport development, Myitkyina- Putao Road, Myitkyina-

Mogaung-Mohnyin-Shwebo Road, Phakant-Mogaung Road, and Myitkyina-Bhamo-NgaO-Mandalay Road have been built and upgraded with greater momentum.

The Government is also carrying out the border area development tasks. Development zones have been set up in the required regions in the states and divisions. Moreover, it is implementing the five rural development tasks.

As the departmental personnel are practically implementing the development projects, they should cooperate with the people and do their job with goodwill.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint left

Myitkyina by car to inspect the road and the bridges in Waingmaw-Myothit section of Bhamo-Myitkyina Road. At the Jutmin Bridge Project near Thagara Ward in Waingmaw, he inspected the progress in implementing it.

In Waingmaw, he heard a report on progress in upgrading the Bhamo-Myitkyina Road presented by officials of Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions, speaking of the

need to upgrade the road till cutting the travelling time between two destinations, Mandalay and Myitkyina, to 12 hours.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the Aungmye-1 bridge construction project, where they inspected the construction works.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also looked into the construction of the bridge No 3 between the mileposts 454 and 455.

He also inspected the maintenance work being carried

at Maliyan Bridge, which was constructed on 1 February 1999, completed on 14 May and commissioned into service on 15 August the same year, and gave instructions on efforts to ensure the durability of the bridge.

At Kandawyin village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversaw the construction of gravel road and gave instructions.

On arrival at Lajayan village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were welcomed (See page 9)

Upgrading tasks of archery, football grounds inspected

YANGON, 29 April — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint arrived archery ground of Myanmar Archery Federation on Kyaikkasan Grounds this morning and inspected upgrading tasks of the ground and practising of archers. He heard reports on upgrading tasks of archery ground and condition of training presented by President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin

Shwe, Vice-President U Tint Hsan and officials concerned.

Next, the minister looked into reception room, office room of the federation, meeting hall, hostel, mess, kitchen room, lecture hall, common room and store room of sports gears.

After he had heard reports presented by officials concerned, he attended to the requirements.

After inspecting practice session of archers, the

minister met them and encouraged them to do their best with strong determination, discipline and training to uplift prestige of the State.

Afterwards, the minister inspected building of new football ground and heard reports on tasks being carried out presented by officials concerned and gave instructions on timely completion of the football ground meeting the set standards.

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Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha being welcomed back at the airport.— MNA

NPED Minister and party arrive back

YANGON, 29 April—The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arrived back here by air this evening after attending the 60th Annual Meeting of the United Nations Asia and Pacific Economic and Social Commission (ESCAP) held in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China.

Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Resident Coordinator of UN agencies and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Charles James Petrie and Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren.

Members of the delegation Director-General U Nyunt Aye of Directorate of Trade, Director Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department, Director U Hsaung Tin of Central Statistical Organization and Director Daw Le Le Thein of Planning Department also arrived back on the same flight.

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Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint meets with archers at Kyaikkasan Grounds. — SPED