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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Basic Education High School at Pauktaw in Rakhine State, which was hit by the storm. — MNA

Prime Minister inspects development of townships in Rakhine State, relief measures for storm victims

YANGON, 8 June— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments and officials, arrived in Sittway by air on 7 June.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, military and civilian officials and social organizations.

The Prime Minister

and party and commander arrived in Pauktaw Township where they were welcomed by local authorities, departmental personnel, social organizations and local people.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Basic Education High School in Pauktaw Township where they were welcomed by members of School Board of Trustees, Headmistress Daw Ohn Tin, teachers and students.

The Prime Minister inspected the storm-hit school buildings and computer rooms and fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister met members of Township Peace and Development

Council, departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders at the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department.

Member-2 of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Police Commander of Rakhine State Police Col Win Kyi reported on conditions of houses, hospitals, schools, religious structures and departments damaged by the strong winds on 19 May, loss of cattle and relief measures including health care services and supply of drinking water.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Zaw Hla also reported on education, health, roads and jetties and requirements.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements on relief, education, health and construction of jetties, communication and roads for regional development. He said houses, departments, prawn breeding farms, hospitals and schools were destroyed, cattle were also lost due to the strong winds hit on 19 May in Pauktaw Township.

He said natural disasters usually occurred when the weather changed and people lost their property. The government made arrangements for providing assistance to those who faced natural disaster.

National people living in other states and divisions of the Union also provided assistance to them, he said.

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

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The three-storey building of the Government Technological College being built in Sittway, Rakhine State. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 9 June, 2004

Towards successful implementation of national education plan

At a time when the world is changing rapidly, the Union of Myanmar is taking appropriate measures by studying the international situation with national vigilance so that it can keep abreast of other nations in the world.

The Government is also taking systematic measures for development of science and technology, strong national economy, turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia for national development and preservation and promotion of national character, traditional cultural and social norms.

The special four-year national education promotion plan and the long-term national education plan being carried out in the education sector are parts of the strategic plan for national education reforms. One of the national aspirations in carrying out the educational reforms is for the emergence of a peaceful, developed and modern nation. And these reforms have begun to take shape.

Now, e-Education has been launched by upgrading the curricula in the basic and the higher education sector and by establishing modern laboratories, science practical rooms, libraries, learning centres and resource centres. Teachers, on their part, should strive unitedly with national awareness for nurturing highly-qualified human resources, for higher national education standard and for the emergence of a constant-learning society.

Education is the name of the game for the development of a nation. Development of a nation is measured by the education, health and social standards of its people and education is an index of the dignity of a nation and its people.

We would like to call on all those responsible, parents and teachers to strive for national development, for strong national economy, for the nation's existence as a sovereign state, for development of science and technologies and for turning out highly-qualified technicians by trying to implement the national educational plan successfully.

Basic fire-fighting course opened

YANGON, 8 June — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the basic fire-fighting course No 1/2004 of the Ministry of Health was opened at the meeting hall of the Health Department (Head Office) on Theinbyu Road here this morning, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said with the application of electrical appliances more and more at departments and hospitals, there may occur problems leading to the outbreak of fire. Fire may break out on account of careless use of them. For this reason, the course is conducted. He urged departmental officials concerned to disseminate what they will have to learn at the course to their subordinates. The course was attended by directors-general of the Ministry of Health, deputy directors-general, rectors, directors, deputy directors, medical superintendents, deputy medical superintendents, members of the auxiliary fire brigades of departments, medical universities and hospitals. — MNA

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World Blood Donor Day (14-6-2004)

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Blood, a gift for life. Thank you

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People's Desire

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



The Internet room for children at the Natural History Museum to widen their scope of knowledge.

Yangon

Zoological ...

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The Yangon Zoological Gardens is the biggest one in Myanmar. There are 62 species of mammals, 66 species of birds and 19 species of reptiles. Besides, there are 192 species of trees and small trees, 19 species of palms and pseudo palms, 23 species of bamboo and grass, 87 species of shrubs and climbers and 24 species of seasonal flowers.

The Zoological Gardens is designed to ease the stressful minds of the public in their urban life once they visit there. Surrounded by hillocks, the gardens is also decorated with big and small trees to make the visitors feel as if they were in the woods.

Moreover, birds, fish and tortoises can be viewed at natural lakes in the garden. Monkeys and other rare species can also be seen there. As some of wildlife are rare in Myanmar, measures are taken to import, reproduce, exchange, gather and maintain rare species to increase their number.

Now, efforts are being made to turn Yangon City into a modernized one. To upgrade the Yangon Zoological Gardens and to make it look as natural as possible, tasks for the extension of buildings and roads, supply of electricity and water and the renovation of the Natural History Museum are being carried out. Officials of the Yangon Zoological Gardens are working hard to arouse the public awareness to the love of wildlife during and after their visit to the zoo.

(Translation: AMS)



A giant dinosaur figure in front of the Natural History Museum.



Green and pleasant scene in the Zoological gardens is the natural beauty in the heart of Yangon.

POEM:

Alert as we are for benefit of National Cause

* Famous and noble our future
As a reflection of which we must build
Brethren of same blood,
Fellow Union citizens
Helpful and united, gathered together
Look for concurrence, seek solution
New and refreshing Nyaungnapin Camp
Clearly pleasant in that place
Myanmar blood-brothers
Will benefit much
— National Convention
— Alert as we are
— For benefit of National Cause
We are making it a reality.

Yan Naing Oo (Trs)

Film entertainments to NC delegates

YANGON, 8 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee organizes entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention starting at 7 pm daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Thamee Shin" (Mother of daughters) directed by Khin Maung Oo & Soe Thein Htut and starred by Yan Aung, Dway, Khin Than Nu and Myo Thanda Tun. — MNA

820 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 June—As of Monday, 7 June, 820 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 603 died as a result of hostile action and 217 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Poland, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush

declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 682 US soldiers have died — 494 as a result of hostile action and 188 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Monday.

Internet



US soldiers wait on a bridge inspecting a plume of black smoke on the outskirts of Fallujah, on 7 June, 2004.—INTERNET

US contractors in Iraq face dangerous, ambiguous tasks

WALNUT CREEK, 7 June— Thomas RoseHaley brought a souvenir home from work last week: an armour plate with a deep gouge carved by a bullet fired at him during an ambush in the desert.

A few weeks earlier, his close friend and co-worker, Michael Price of Concord, Calif, was killed on the job. RoseHaley's wife, caring for their new baby, wanted him home. The ambush cinched it. "This was just too hard on my family," he said on his first day back after four months in Iraq. "Mike going down was what did most of the damage."

RoseHaley, 28, called it quits for reasons he can touch. He took the job for reasons he can spend.

The former Navy Seal was among thousands of private security contractors pulling in well over \$10,000 a month, often tax free, for jobs in Iraq that until recently went largely unnoticed amid daily

reports of insurgent attacks and G.I. deaths.

But lately, their work in Iraq with the military, government agencies or private contractors has drawn intense scrutiny, both for the peril they face and what critics call a troubling lack of clear, enforceable rules or hiring standards.

The deaths of four American security contractors in a March ambush, Price's death in a roadside bomb attack and others, have brought home the dangers for an estimated 20,000 private security workers now spread across a country beset by violence.

Meanwhile, the role of contractors in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, and the legal obstacles to prosecuting them

for reported abuses - military laws don't apply - have raised sharp concerns over an unequaled reliance on private security in a war zone.

The parallel work of battle and reconstruction has swelled demand for former military personnel and law enforcement officers to fill roles that a downsized military no longer can or wants to do.

Contractors are protecting key leaders, escorting convoys, guarding military installations or oil pipelines, training Iraqi forces, interrogating prisoners. Far from simple guard duty, some have become entangled in firefighting, pressed into the work of war.

Internet

Chinese Vice-Premier calls on whole society to save energy

BEIJING, 7 June— Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan Sunday appealed to the whole society to develop and spread energy-saving technologies and enhance the awareness of energy conservation, saying that China's electricity strain has not been relieved.

When inspecting an energy-saving products showcase booth in Beijing, Zeng carefully asked about the market prospect of energy-saving products and watched a performance played by children on energy conservation.

He said China has 1.3 billion people. If one citizen saves one kilowatt-hour of electricity every day, the country will reduce 200 million tons of coal consumption for

one year. Therefore, great efforts should be made to encourage every citizen and every family to use electricity-saving products.

Recently, students from 10 Beijing's primary schools made a proposal, calling for students nationwide to save electricity. Zeng wrote back to the students, hoping in his letter that primary school students all over the country could respond to the call to save energy from childhood. — MNA/Xinhua

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60% believe Iraq war spending 'a waste'

LONDON, 8 June—Sixty per cent of people think Government spending on the war on Iraq was "a waste of money", and should have been spent on overseas aid, a new poll shows. The survey shows that most Britons would have preferred the billions spent on invading and occupying Iraq to be channelled towards helping the world's poor.

Women were particularly angry about the use of taxpayers' money to invade Iraq. Two-thirds of women believe the money set aside for Iraq should have been spent on aid, according to the YouGov poll. The Government has reserved £3.8bn for the Iraq war but some estimate the war and occupation could cost the British taxpayer up to £6bn.

The poll comes as world leaders gathered today at the G8 meeting of leading industrialised nations in the state of Georgia, in the United States.

The YouGov poll also shows that Tony Blair's foreign and domestic policies are unpopular with majority of Britons. Fifty-seven per cent of people disapprove of the Government's international policies while 51 per cent disapprove of his domestic agenda.

The poll, commissioned by the charities Oxfam, ActionAid, Christian Aid, DATA and Save the Children, could not come at a worst time for the Prime Minister as he fights to defend his stance on Iraq ahead of this week's elections. He acknowledged on Sunday that Iraq would prove to be a "problem" for Labour in this week's European, local and London elections.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said Iraq was a cloud over the election campaign. The YouGov poll, which involved interviews of over 2000 adults throughout the UK, found that disapproval of Labour's policy on Iraq could seriously affect turnout.

It found that an increased commitment to overseas aid would persuade more young people not to stay at home. One-in-six 18- to 29-year-olds would be more likely to vote in a general election if it would benefit people in poor countries.

Charities campaigning on aid issues yesterday said Mr Blair's decision to spend money on a military invasion rather than help poor nations showed a skewed set of priorities. "This isn't just aid agencies complaining. It's what voters want," said Justin Forsyth, Oxfam's director of policy and campaigns.

Aid agencies said that cash could have lifted 2.7 million people in the third world out of poverty permanently. And Britain's aid budget would have doubled if the amount reserved for the Iraq war had been earmarked for development.

According to Oxfam, the amount the UK set aside for the war could have been used to set up 860,00 schools or 5.8 million water wells in the third world.

Although Mr Blair has personally pledged to do more to help Africa, the debt relief delivered by rich countries to Africa is less than 1 per cent of the amount that the coalition spent on the Iraq war. The cost of buying five stealth bombers, around \$1bn (£550m) each, could get all the world's 100 million children not in school into education. "For the money the British Government has committed to the Iraq war we could have doubled aid," said Matt Phillips of Save the Children.—Internet

Thailand hosts ASEAN cosmetic conferences

BANGKOK, 7 June— Eighty delegates from member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are arriving in Bangkok to discuss cosmetic codes, the Thai News Agency reported Sunday.

The Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), which oversees the quality standard of cosmetic products in Thailand, will host the Second ASEAN Cosmetics Committee Conference, and the First ASEAN Cosmetics Scientific Body in Bangkok between June 7-9.

The two conferences will

follow up on several projects that are currently underway.

These include the project to promote good manufacturing practice (GMP) for cosmetics led by Malaysia, surveillance steps for product and cosmetic safety assessment and the setting up of a Technical Committee for ASEAN cosmetics, led

by Singapore and Thailand respectively. The three projects are intended to lay down the infrastructure necessary for ASEAN members under the Cosmetics Regulation Amendment Agreement and to help the region a step closer to an ASEAN Cosmetics Regulation by 2008, the agency said. —MNA/Xinhua



US troops secure the scene of an attack on an airport highway in southern Baghdad on 5, June 2004. The United States and Britain pressed UN Security Council members to pass swiftly a resolution on Iraq future but rejected a proposal by France to give Iraq more control over US troops. —INTERNET

Military families protest Iraq services

WASHINGTON, 7 June—More than two dozen people, wearing yellow ribbons and pictures of relatives in the Army Reserves, took their discontent to the top Monday to protest their loved ones' extended deployments in the Iraq war zone.

They said they were satisfied with results of the session, even though Lt Gen James Helmly, chief of the Army Reserves, gave them no assurances that the 94th Military Police Company will be brought home by the Fourth of July.

"They've been deployed for a very long time. They're tired, and they feel like they've done their part," said

Bob Wennerstrand of Norwood, Mass, whose son, Derek, 20, left home soon after his high school graduation and has been gone for 1 1/2 years. "We asked the general to look into it, and the general has agreed to do that."

Army Reserve spokesman Al Schilf said specialized companies like the 94th, which provides combat sup-

port and escorts convoys, were kept in Iraq longer because of their particular expertise.

Helmly told the families he is going to Iraq soon and will visit the unit to check on its service time. He also told them, however, that he "can't guarantee their return dates; this is war."

Family members came off their bus at the Pentagon on

Monday loaded with lists of other military police units that have served and come home and talk of active duty soldiers who served one-year missions and left Iraq.

Members of the 94th have had their military missions extended twice. Should they return home in October, as currently scheduled, they will have served 685 days, just short of two years.

They came achingly close to going home at Easter. Michael Lee already had mailed his personal belongings to his wife in Reading, Mass. The company's equipment was loaded, and the reservists were 10 hours from boarding a plane, when the order came to wait.

During the long, 10-hour bus ride from Tewksbury, Mass., family members made the photo buttons they wore into the meetings. Some carried 8-by-10-inch photos of their soldiers. Some wore patriotic pins.—Internet

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A US Army soldier carries part of a weapon after an attack in Mosul, on 5 June, 2004. An American soldier was killed in Baghdad and three wounded in attacks that also left two civilian vehicles of a type favoured by foreigners blazing on the main airport road.—INTERNET

Western media forfeits moral ground in reports

KUALALUMPUR, 8 June—The Western media have forfeited their moral ground in their reports on the recent events, Malaysian Information Minister Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said on Monday.

"With the recent turn of events, the media in the West have in effect forfeited their high moral ground, as they have allowed themselves to be used by those in authority to further their political or other agendas," the minister said while opening the 12th general assembly of the Organization of Asia-Pacific News Agencies (OANA) here.

Some 100 delegates from 27 news agencies of 24 countries are attending the two-day OANA assembly.

"Those who manage the media should be mindful of what those responsibilities are," he said while referring to the negative aspect of the Western media's coverage of developing countries generally and Palestinian and Iraqi issues in particular.

Abdul Kadir said that at the same time it is also vital for developing nations to express their views and defend themselves when negative reporting occurred, which they found hard to rectify most times.

"We are literally at the mercy of such journalists, as negative news that goes out is

seldom countered effectively, much like trying to collect the feathers from a bag scattered from the top of the building," he said.

Meanwhile, the Asia-Pacific nations now need a code of journalistic ethics more suited to its own environment, Abdul Kadir said.

They should highlight those characteristics that will serve the region better in pursuing the profession, he said.

As such, he said, OANA members need to draw up common guidelines for efficient and effective dissemination of news and information so that "we can all get a clearer and more realistic picture of what is happening in the region".

He said many countries in the region, at some time or other, would have faced fractious or divisive issues but dealt with them successfully in their own way. Citing Malaysia as an example, he said the country's multicultural society too had its own share of problems between communities but managed to resolve them amicably without much public debate in the media.—MNA/Xinhua

India, Pakistan pledge to carry on peace process

NEW DELHI, 7 June—The foreign ministers of India and Pakistan spoke on Sunday and vowed to carry on their peace dialogue process, an Indian Foreign Ministry official said.

Indian External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh told his Pakistani counterpart, Khursheed Mehmood Kasuri, that contacts between the South Asian neighbours would be intensified and "both sides had vested interests in promoting good bilateral relations".

It was the second telephone conversation between the two in the past three days. After their last call on Thursday the two countries agreed to keep in close touch and avoid publicizing differences ahead of peace talks this month.

The official quoted Singh as saying "we hold the Pakistani leadership in the highest esteem" and "the future of Indo-Pakistani relations does not lie in the past".—MNA/Reuters



Protesters chant 'Fire Rumsfeld' as US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld speaks about prisoner abuse in Iraq at the Senate Armed Services hearing at Capitol Hill on 7 May. The protesters were escorted by Capitol Hill police out of the room and the hearing continued.—INTERNET

Another Puerto Rican soldier killed in Iraq

ARECIBO, 7 June—Sgt Melvin Mora Lopez, a 28 year-old native of Arecibo, was killed on Sunday in Iraq, joining the ranks of Puerto Rican casualties of the United States' War on Terror.

Jose Pagan, local US Army spokesman, said Lopez was killed when a mortar exploded near him.

"The incident occurred during a surprise

attack on Camp Cooke, where the Sgt Mora Lopez was stationed," said Pagan in a prepared statement.

Camp Cooke, which was established in the former Al Taji Air Base, is 27 km northwest of Baghdad.

This is the 16th Puerto Rican soldier killed in the United States' war on terror.

Internet

Five British soldiers quizzed over Iraqi death

LONDON, 7 June—Five British paratroopers have been questioned over the death of a 17-year-old boy in Iraq earlier this year, according to the Mail on Sunday newspaper.

Military police also want to interview three other members of the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment who have since left the unit, it added. The alleged killing is believed to have happened in southern Iraq when the eight paratroopers were patrolling in two vehicles, the paper said.

The unidentified boy was alleged to have been attacked when the unit stopped

several Iraqis in a car. whether the latest allegation was new or whether the boy's case was among others already being probed.

Last month, human rights group Amnesty International accused British soldiers of killing several civilians, and lawyers for 12 Iraqi families who allege their relatives were unlawfully killed have begun a High Court action in London.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodia ready for Emerald Triangle tourism project

SIEMREAP (Cambodia), 8 June—Cambodia supports and is ready for the tourism development of a three-country Emerald Triangle project which includes Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, an official said on Monday.

"This triangle area has a lot of potential in tourism including cultural, historical and natural tourism," Thong Khon, Cambodia's secretary of state of the Ministry of Tourism, told reporters Monday. "We are trying to make this project successful."

"Three governments from Cambodia, Laos and Thailand support the project," Thong Khon said at the 41st Meeting of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) Commission for East Asia and the Pacific. "Our plan is until 2020."

Cambodia will need to improve road infrastructure and clear the mines as priorities, Khon said. "Mines are gradually being cleared and Anlong Veng area (near the border of Cambodia and Thailand) is already

cleared," he said.

Khon said the project will cover three of Cambodia's provinces like Preah Vihear, Oddar Meanchey and Stung Treng.

The 41st WTO meeting will discuss some concerns and activities in tourism-related sectors in East Asia and the Pacific, as well as to formulate the regional project for the Emerald Triangle for Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.

Moreover, the Project of Heritage Necklace, which focuses on cooperation among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, will also be on the agenda.

Representatives from more than 20 countries and regions and some organizations attended Monday's meeting.—MNA/Xinhua

US casualties in multiple Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 7 June—A US soldier was killed and two more wounded in a roadside bomb attack on their vehicle south of Baghdad while a US base comes under intense mortar fire.

Quoting a US military source, Aljazeera's correspondent in Baghdad said the ambush took place near al-Iskandariya on Monday morning.

A US spokesperson was not able to provide the names of those injured, but confirmed that other US occu-

pation units in Baghdad had also come under attack.

Iraqi resistance fighters also launched a mortar attack on the presidential palace in the Adhamiyya district - a building used by US forces as military headquarters.

US military authorities

would not comment on casualties or provide details.

Earlier on Monday, a roadside bomb wounded three civilian security contractors working in northern Iraq for the London-based firm Global Risk Strategies, the US military said.

The firm has about 1100 mercenaries on the ground in Iraq - mainly armed former Nepalese and Fijian soldiers.

The incident is the second attack against armed contractors in as many days in Mosul, a major city in northern Iraq.

The British Foreign Office said that a British mercenary was killed and three colleagues were wounded in a drive-by shooting Saturday in Mosul.

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Attack on US convoy kills civilian driver in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 June — A roadside bomb attack on a US military convoy northeast of Baghdad on Saturday killed a civilian contract driver and wounded an American soldier, the US military said on Sunday.

It said the attack happened in Haditha, 125 miles northwest of Baghdad. A US military statement said the wounded soldier was from the 13th Corps Support Command. It did not give the nationality of the contractor who was killed.

The military also said the death toll from a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad on Saturday had risen — two soldiers were killed and two wounded. Initially the Army said one soldier had been killed. — MNA/Reuters



US soldiers and an Iraqi Civil defence Corps officer guard the area following a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) attack on an army recruitment centre in the city of Mosul, on 6 June 2004.—INTERNET

Oil official shot dead by gunmen in southern Iraq

NASIRIYA, 6 June—

The director of oil distribution in the southern Iraqi province of Dhiqar, Ali Jamail, was shot dead by gunmen in Nasiriyah on Sunday, the deputy governor of the region said.

"Ali Jamail was driving to his office when unknown men fired at his car, killing him at 9:00 am in Nasiriyah", a city 375 kilometres south of Baghdad administered by Dhiqar, the official, Adnan Chraifi, told AFP.

Internet

Singapore says sea piracy could cripple world trade

SINGAPORE, 7 June — Attacks on ships by sea pirates in Southeast Asia are resembling military operations — growing bolder, more violent and fuelling fears of an attack that would cripple world trade, Singapore said on Sunday.

As the United States considers plans for a Regional Maritime Security Initiative to tighten surveillance of Southeast Asia's busy Malacca Strait, through which a third of world trade passes, Singapore said the risk of a devastating attack was growing.

"We have been alarmed not only by the increase in the number of pirate attacks in the sea lanes of communication in this part of the world, but also in the nature of the piracy attacks," said Singapore's Coordinating Minister for Security, Tony Tan.

"In previous years when you had a piracy attack, what it meant is that you have a

sampan or a boat coming up to a cargo ship, pirates throwing up some ropes, scrambling on board, ransacking the ship for valuables, stealing money and then running away," he told an Asian security forum.

"But the last piracy attack that took place in the Straits of Malacca showed a different pattern," he added.

The pirates were well-armed, operating sophisticated weapons and commanding high-speed boats. "They conducted the operation almost with military precision," Tan said.

"Instead of just ransacking the ship for valuables, they took command of the ship, and steered the ship for

about an hour, and then eventually left with the captain in their captivity," he said.

"To all of us, this is reminiscent of the pattern by which terrorists mount an attack."

The International Maritime Bureau says one-third of the 445 cases of recorded pirate attacks last year happened in Indonesian waters, including the Malacca Strait linking trading and oil centres in the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

More than 50,000 commercial vessels travel the 500-mile channel between the Indonesian island of Sumatra and the Malaysian Peninsula to Singapore each year. — MNA/Reuters

France says Iraq resolution still needs adjusting

PARIS, 8 June— France believes negotiations on a UN Security Council resolution on Iraq are heading towards a conclusion, but the draft still needs a number of adjustments, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said on Monday.

"We are on the way to closing this subject. There are still a number of important points regarding the sovereignty of the Iraqi people to which France is very attached. There are still a number of

points to finalize," Raffarin told LCI television.

He said France had received the backing of Germany and Russia, two other heavyweight countries with which it lined up last year to

oppose the US-led war in Iraq.

"There is a consensus emerging around France's positions. That is why the resolution is evolving in the right direction," Raffarin said.

MNA/Reuters

China tightens trade ties with new EU members

BEIJING, 8 June— With ten new member states and a total population of 455 million, the European Union, already China's second largest trade partner before the expansion, is attracting more and more Chinese businesses.

Figures from the Chinese Customs showed that the trade volume between China and the ten new EU members registered a 50.2-per-cent increase in 2003 on a year-on-year basis to 7.65 billion US dollars and the figure rose by 49 per cent in the first four months this year to 3.29 billion US dollars.

"We will encourage Chi-

nese enterprises to increase investment and set up factories in the Central and east European nations so as to improve bilateral economic and trade ties with the area," an official from the Ministry of Commerce said.

Meanwhile, experts said Chinese President Hu Jintao's upcoming visits to Poland, Hungary and Roma-

nia will certainly push forward the bilateral trade co-operation between China and those countries.

The latest EU expansion, which took place on 1 May, 2004, admitted ten new members — Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. — MNA/Xinhua

Libya wants Western compassion in "AIDS plot" case

TALLOIRES (France), 7 June — Western countries criticizing Libya for sentencing five Bulgarian nurses to death should show compassion for the 426 children they were convicted of infecting with the deadly HIV virus, Libya said on Sunday.

Speaking at a symposium in the Lake Annecy resort town of Talloires in eastern France, Libyan Prime Minister Shokri Ghanem denied he was offering a deal to ease the death sentence by firing squad, which he said was handed down last month after a fair trial by a court in Benghazi.

"I'm not suggesting a deal, but a show of compassion so the families of the victims at least will feel that people are sharing with them the suffering inflicted on them," Ghanem told journalists.

He declined to elaborate on how this could be done and what effect it could have.

Tripoli, which has been seeking closer ties to the West and has promised a quick solution to the issue, was under strong pressure from families of the children infected by blood contaminated with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, he said.

The European Union, the United States and the human rights group Amnesty International have joined Bulgaria in denouncing the sentence as unacceptable.

The Bulgarian nurses dispute is a hurdle to Libya joining an EU economic partner-

ship with Mediterranean region countries, which could bring Tripoli more trade and aid.

The five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor were detained in 1999 and charged with "uncontrollable murder aimed at destabilizing the country and deliberately starting an epidemic".

In 2001, Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi said the children were infected as part of an experiment ordered by the US or Israeli intelligence services.

EU aspirant Bulgaria has slammed the trial as unfair, saying there was no hard evidence except for confessions from two nurses held without council for a year before being indicted.

The nurses and doctor pleaded not guilty, insisting the epidemic that Tripoli says has killed more than 40 children since 1999 started before they went to work in Benghazi.

Ghanem, an economic reformer who has spearheaded Libya's opening to the outside world, criticized his country's critics for not accepting the court ruling as valid.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqis pick through the rubble of destroyed police station in the Sadr City district of Baghdad, on 7 June, 2004.—INTERNET

Inspectors say Iraq weapons sites destroyed

UNITED NATIONS, 7 June — A number of sites in Iraq known to have contained equipment and material that could have been used to produce banned weapons and long-range missiles have been either cleaned out or destroyed, UN weapons inspectors said Monday.

The inspectors' report said they didn't know whether the items, which had been monitored by the United Nations, were at the sites during the US-led war

in Iraq.

UN inspectors were pulled from Iraq just before the war began in March 2003 and the United States has refused to allow them to return, instead

deploying its own teams to search for weapons of mass destruction.

"It is possible that some of the materials may have been removed from Iraq by looters of sites and sold as scrap," the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission said in its quarterly report to the UN Security Council.

UNMOVIC said its experts and a team from the International Atomic Energy Agency, which was responsible for dismantling Iraq's nuclear programme, were jointly investigating items from Iraq that were discovered in a scrap yard in the Dutch port of Rotterdam.

Through photographs taken during an initial IAEA investigation, UNMOVIC said it discovered that SA-2 engines used in Iraq's Al Samoud 2 banned missile programme were among the scrap.

Commission experts examined one missile engine at the site and discovered from the serial number that it had been tagged by UN inspectors in the past and had

not been declared as having been fired.

Representatives at the scrapyard indicated that between five and a dozen similar engines had been seen there in January and February, and that more could have passed through the yard unnoticed, the report said.

Company staff said other items made of stainless steel and other corrosion-resistant metal alloys bearing the inscription "Iraq" or "Baghdad" had been observed in shipments delivered from the Middle East since November 2003, it said.

Internet



Members of the Zengakuren group protest during a demonstration against US troops in Iraq near the US Embassy in Tokyo, on 5 June, 2004. Some protesters denounced the US military occupation of Iraq.—INTERNET

Saudi Arabia says no troops until Iraq has legitimate govt

JEDDAH (Saudi Arabia), 7 June — Saudi Arabia said on Sunday Iraq must have what he called a legitimate and independent government before Arab countries would consider sending forces.

The new Iraqi interim government, which the United Nations helped form, is set to take over from US-led occupation authorities on June 30 and hold office until national elections due in January.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said he welcomed the interim government and hoped it would "respond to the aspirations of the Iraqi people for forming of a legitimate government...and regaining complete Iraqi sovereignty".

"For Arab states to be capable of sending forces to Iraq there must be a request from a legitimate and independent Iraqi government," Saud told a news confer-

ence.

"The request cannot come from a government which does not have full sovereignty," he said.

Iraqi officials have said they want Arab troops to replace US-led forces. The Arab League has said there was a possible role for Arab forces only once foreign occupiers left.

Washington has said its troops will remain in Iraq after June 30 to help combat guerrilla attacks.

Saud said Riyadh would establish diplomatic ties with Baghdad once security returned to Iraq. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese scientist suggests to set up policy on climate change

BEIJING, 7 June — One of China's leading meteorologists suggested here Sunday that the country need to set up a uniform policy on climate change, in order to coordinate diplomatic, economic and social measures for ensuring the country's sustained development.

Qin Dahe, chief of China Meteorological Administration, who attended the 12th conference of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) academicians, said that the global warming brought about unbearable, irreversible and sustained effect to the Chinese economic and social development.

However, he said, there is still no plan to draft any strategy or policy fighting the global warming trends.

"We need to comprehensively study the effects from climate change and take appropriate measures accordingly," said Qin, who is also a CAS academician, adding that a national policy is desperately required.

He appealed to the country to invest more funds into long term research on climate change. Meanwhile, he said a nationwide observation network on climate system would be useful.

The China Climate Observation System (CCOS)

might help the Chinese garner more specific data of the globe.

The existing climate observation network is only for weather forecast while the CCOS surveys physical, chemical and biological changes and human activities which could result in climate change.

Emission of greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide primarily caused the global warming in the past half century.

MNA/Xinhua

G-8 summit aims to bridge gap on Iraq debt

OTTAWA, 7 June — Leaders of the Group of Eight nations want to decide how much of Iraq's estimated 120-billion-US-dollar debt should be forgiven when they meet next week, Canadian Finance Minister Ralph Goodale said on Saturday.

"There is a view — at least on the part of some European countries — that something in the order of 60 to 65 per cent would be appropriate. There are some other countries, including the United States, that would argue for a substantially higher number in the 90 to 95 per cent range," Goodale told Reuters.

"They'll discuss it. Whether it'll be ripe for conclusion remains to be determined," Goodale added.

Iraqi Finance Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi said this week he expects up to 90 per cent of the debt to be

forgiven. Ottawa favours a higher, rather than lower, percentage of debt forgiveness.

The International Monetary Fund said last month an analysis of Iraq's debt had been given to Paris Club members, which will help creditors to decide how much could be written off.

"Our Canadian view would be that something toward the higher end of the range would be most appropriate and we could also argue very strongly that this does need to be accomplished under the auspices of the Paris Club," Goodale said.

The IMF analysis painted different scenarios for dealing with the war-shattered country's

debt, and it is due to be discussed at a meeting of creditors in this month.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn has said at least two-thirds of Iraq's debt would have to be forgiven to rebuild the country properly.

"We're not publicly putting a figure on it. We're trying to be helpful in the (G-8) discussion here," Goodale added.

The Group of Seven economic powers agreed last year to reach a deal on forgiving Iraqi debt by the end of 2004.

The G-7 and Russia hold the bulk of the debt Iraq owes the Paris Club, which includes 19 of the world's wealthiest nations.

MNA/Reuters

China to open 14 ports to boost South-East Asian cooperation

BEIJING, 7 June — China plans to open 14 border ports between 2006-2010 to further boost the economic co-operation among Southeast Asian countries.

Southwestern province of Yunnan bordering Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia aims to become a major thoroughfare for commodities transportation among members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Xinhua news agency reported.

The new ports include three air ports in Lijiang, Diqing and Dali, one rail port in the east railway station of Kunming and 10 land ports along its 4,060 kilometres border line.

MNA/PTI



13 Iraqis killed, 10 wounded in blast south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 7 June — Thirteen Iraqis were killed and 10 wounded when guerrillas blew up the front of a police station in al-Musayyib, 50 kilometres south of Baghdad, early Sunday, Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel reported.

A group of guerrillas attacked the police station at 4:20 am (0020 GMT) with small arms fire and explosives that partly demolished the building, the channel said.

The guerrillas disguised as policemen entered the building in the town of Musayyib and killed the victims before planting explosives in the police station, the channel quoted witnesses as saying.

Guerrillas have regularly targeted the Iraqi police who are seen by some as collaborators with the occupiers.

Also on Sunday, a car bomb blew up at the gate of an Iraqi security force base just north of Baghdad, killing six Iraqis and wounding at least 20 others. — MNA/Xinhua



A militiaman with rocket propelled grenade heads in a sack slung over his shoulder and his automatic rifle in his hand makes his way down a street in the town of Kufa on 6 June 2004. Five civilians were killed in Kufa as the top Shiite cleric in the twin city of Najaf gave a cautious welcome to the newly-appointed interim executive.—INTERNET

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

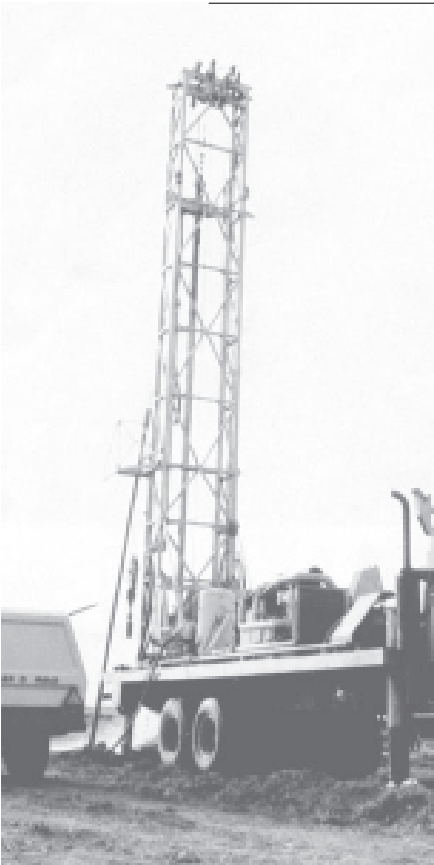


Padagyi Model Village Primary School in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division. — MNA



*Phayachaung Bridge linking Myoma Ward and Phayachaung Village in Bogalay Township, Ayeyawady Division.
TIN SOE (Myanma Alin)*

Border and rural area developments



*Drilling machines at work to get potable water for local people in Kantha village, Budalin Township, Sagaing Division.
PBANRDA*



*People's Hospital in
Myainggying region,
Kayin State.
PBANRDA*



*A dispensary built in
Parsinkyaw village in
Kokang region,
Shan State(North).
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RFA, a rumour factory

Kyaw Win

The entire national peoples of the Union of Myanmar have been longing for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation for many years since they themselves had encountered the bitter experience throughout the course of Myanmar history.

People of national races born in Myanmar had suffered various kinds of troubles in servitude that lasted over one hundred years. Despite the restoration of independence, the colonialists sow seeds of discord among national brethren. In consequence of it, there surfaced upheavals caused by the multi-coloured insurgents across the country, leaving the people in grief.

Throughout the successive ages, measures for national development had been proved ineffective on account of the lack of stability and security.

The unrest in 1988 broke out due to instigation of political hypocrites who wanted to seize power in short cut. A multitude of aboveground and underground destructive elements within and without the country also fomented the unrest in various ways. With the circumstances getting uncontrollable, the country was in a mess. All the people were in a state of panic in the absence of the rule of law and security.

To alleviate public suffering and erase social problems with which the people were faced, the leadership of the Tatmadaw assumed the responsibility of the State on 18 September 1988. Keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes: "non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty" and making a guiding star the four political objectives, the four economic objectives and the four social objectives, the Tatmadaw took effective measures and realized them practically. Thanks to these efforts, incredible success gained within a span of 15 or 16 years can be witnessed in various aspects such as national stability, rule of law, education, health, economy, social advancement and culture. Apart from the emergence of smooth and secured transport system, irrigation facilities, factories, schools, roads and bridges, and new markets are now mushrooming not only in the plains but also in the hill regions throughout the country.

Feeling disgruntled at such achievements, the aboveground and underground destructive elements inside and outside the country, the colonialists and their subordinates turned a blind eye to them and aired fabricated news out of shame and disgrace in collaboration with some foreign news agencies. Apparent are these acts when listening to them.

Media are responsible to collect the news of global reach and broadcast them as they are. It is of especial importance to broadcast the news taking into account the history of the reporter concerned. Any news agency that fails to do so will no doubt be regarded as a news agency

engaged in fabricating news and lying to the peoples of the world.

In Myanmar, now is the time when the Government, political parties, delegate groups of national races, and delegate groups of the people from all walks of life are gathering at the National Convention and coordinating as to the establishment of a peaceful, developed and modern democratic nation.

When listening to the news about Myanmar aired by some foreign news agencies such as the BBC, the VOA and the RFA, it can be found that they are constantly spreading rumours about Myanmar. Their invented news reports are intentionally designed to deceive the peoples of the world, and Myanmar nationals living in foreign countries for various reasons.

On the morning of 29 April 2004, the US-based RFA news agency aired a fabricated news about Dalla, where I live. It aired blatantly an article of U Htein Lin, a columnist of the RFA.

The news said that Dalla had not yet made progress although it was one of the townships nearest to Yangon City. U Htein Lin did not seem to know the fact that the development condition of Dalla at the present Tatmadaw Government has been much different from it was before 1988 when the Tatmadaw assumed the responsibility of the State. The columnist himself would know best where he got such news and how he created them. Let alone to put the blame on the reporter, why did the RFA broadcast the news without scrutinizing whether the news authentic or not? Columnist U Htein Lin lied to the RFA, which in turn did the same thing to the peoples of the world. It was crystal clear that the liar hand in glove with the cheater deceived all its audience all over the world.

To reveal the objective condition of Dalla, this article is written. It is true that Dalla was not developed much before 1988. At that time, it had no characteristics of a town when it came to education, health, social, transport and regional development sectors. Dalla was divided into 17 wards. As houses were constructed in an improper order, there were no specific lanes, which were in such conditions that even bicycles and tricycles could not use, not to mention cars. The township was packed with monasteries and schools surrounded by dwellings. Dalla-Twenty motor road was the only tarred road in the township. The light of electricity was dim and twinkling. Autotelephone lines were unheard of then. What was worse, there was not a single graveyard designated for the deceased. Following are the brief account of how developed Dalla has been at the time of the present Tatmadaw Government.

(To be continued)
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World Population Day poster, essay competitions to be held

YANGON, 8 June — The Ministry of Immigration and Population in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund will hold poster and essay competitions to commemorate World Population Day 2004.

The chosen title for the poster is "Statistical Girl" in English Version and "Pyinnya-kyan-ma Hkwint-lan-tha Pyae-son-hla-pa Mein-kha-lay-bawa Sa-yin-in-hnint Nhoon-so-pya" in Myanmar Version.

The poster competition will be categorized into five levels. The age group for the first level will be between 6 and 8; the second level, between 9 and 12; the third level, between 13 and 15; the fourth level, between 16 and 18 and the fifth level, between 19 and above. The competitions from the first to fourth levels will be held at designated venues in the cities of States and Divisions on 12 June under the supervision of State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments. Only 15" x 20" drawing papers to be issued by the Population Department are to be used in the competitions. Those wishing to participate in the competitions from the first to fourth levels are to contact the offices of State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments concerned for enrollment not later than 9 June. The fifth level is designated as an open invitational competition. Entrants can use any sort of 18"x 24"—drawing papers and should send their works either to State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments concerned by 14 June or to the Population Department (Head Office, Yangon) by 27 June. Participants from Yangon Division are to send their entries to the Population Department (Head Office) not later than 27 June. Prizes for the competitions from the first to fourth levels are K 50,000 for the first prize, K 40,000 for second prize, K 30,000 for the third prize, and K 20,000 each for two consolation prizes. Prizes for the fifth level are K 75,000 for the first prize, K 50,000 for the second, K 40,000 for the third and K 30,000 each for two consolation prizes.

Detailed information about the competition can be obtained at State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments, and the participants from Yangon Division can obtain detailed information about the competitions either at National Registration Department or Population Department in Yangon Division.

Similar essay (Myanmar Version) competition in commemoration of World Population Day 2004 will also be held under the title "Pyinnya-kyan-ma Hkwint-lan-tha Pyae-son-hla-pa Mein-kha-lay-bawa Sa-yin-in-hnint Nhoon-so-pya." The essay will be classified into two levels — high school level (8th, 9th, 10th grades) and middle school level — (5th, 6th, 7th grades) — held in major towns of States and Divisions from 9 to 11 am on 13 June. Prizes for both levels will be K 30,000 for the first prize, K 25,000 for the second, K 20,000 for the third and K10,000 each for two consolation prizes. First, second and third winners at central level, will be presented prizes at the ceremony of World Population Day to be held in Yangon and consolation prizes of essay will be sent through respective State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments to winners. — MNA

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

မိုးဦးကျွန်း မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော
ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးအော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးဦးကျွန်းရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ
ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများအပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့်
ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့်
သံကောင် တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ၊

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ မြစ်ဖျားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ-

(က) မိုးဦးကျွန်းပြုစု၍ လှိုင်းလှိုင်းပေါ်လာသည့် အချိန်တစ်ပါးသော
သရက်သီး၊ ပိစ့်သီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဗောက်သီး၊ မင်းပွတ်သီး၊
စသည်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်၊ ကမ်းမဲ့
မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း၊

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအမှန်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း၊

(ဂ) မိုးရာသီရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေကန်ခြံ၊ ရေမြောင်း၊
ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်သိပ်ပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း၊

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရှိန်မြင့်၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း၊

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း၊

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညာသည့်ပညာနှင့်အလေ့အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း၊

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ
ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှန်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို
စည်၊ ကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ၊ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ရရှိလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအသောက်များကို
ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်သမျှ လုပ်ငန်းများ
ကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ပိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်း
ပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက မိုးရာသီဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက်
ပြသစစ်ဆေးကုသခွင့်ယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects No 1 Jetty in Sittway. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets with local authorities, departmental personnel and townselders in Pauktaw. —MNA

Prime Minister inspects development of ...

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Similarly, at the central level, the groups led by the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Minister and the deputy minister toured the areas affected by the storm and provided necessary assistance to the victims. The Prime Minister led a team comprising the regional head and ministers visited Rakhine State to give comfort and encouragement to the victims, who are the nationalities.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by wellwishers from Yangon, and they are going to provide assistance for the victims to relieve their sufferings. The Prime Minister and party met with township level officials, and fulfilled the necessary requirements.

Necessary assistance will be provided for the

victims with immense goodwill to relieve their physical and mental pains and sufferings.

Moreover, the team will tour the villages in the region to practically implement the five rural development tasks.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented bags of rice, relief items, medicines, clothing, personal goods and others for storm victims of Pauktaw Township to the Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and the ceremony ended.

Next, Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected wards, operation theatre, medical store, laboratory and wards for members of the Sangha of Pauktaw Township Hospital and attended to the needs.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted the local people.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived back in Sittway in the afternoon.

Next, the second ceremony to donate cash and kind for storm victims in Rakhine State was held at U Ottama Hall of Sittway yesterday afternoon, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party looked into development of Sittway by car.

Later, the Prime Minister and party viewed the sales of rice shops on Strand Road in Ohdan Ward, Sittway and met with rice merchants there.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party proceeded to No 1 Jetty of Myanmar Port Authority in Sittway where



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Pauktaw Township Hospital. —MNA

they were briefed by Managing Director of Myanmar Five Star Line U Khin Maung Kyi on berthing of coasters and Managing Director U Thein Htay of MPA on renovation of No1 Jetty and construction of Sittway-Phaungdawgyi bridge. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe gave a supplementary report. After fulfilling the requirements, the Prime Minister inspected No 1 Jetty.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected Strand Road and bridges up to the view point of Sittway by car.

After that, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Sittway University construction project site where they were welcomed by Rector of the university U Wan Tin, the Pro-rector, professors/heads of department, associate professors and faculty members.

Rector U Wan Tin re-

ported on background history of the university, courses being conducted, subjects taught, number of students, IT classrooms complete with 119 sets of computers, strength of staff and academic and management matters.

Minister for Education U Than Aung gave a supplementary report.

Next, District Senior Engineer of Public Works U Khin Maung Aye reported on progress of construction of six two-storey lecture halls, two lecture

halls each holding 300 students, water supply and electricity, platforms, entrance road to Convocation Hall and others, work being carried out and future tasks. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Prime Min-

ister and party looked into construction of two-storey lecture halls.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected construction of the three-storey main building of Government Technological College (Sittway).

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived at the guesthouse in Sittway.

In the evening, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Lawka Nanda Pagoda where they paid homage to the Buddha images.

Next, the Prime Minister and party paid homage to Cakkja Muni Buddha image and made cash donations and arrived back at the guest house in Sittway.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of two-storey building of Sittway University. —MNA

Drive safely



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hands over bags of rice, medicines, clothes and consumer goods to the Township Peace and Development Council chairman. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt accepts cash donation from a wellwisher in Sittway. — MNA

Prime Minister attends cash and kind ...

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Now is the time when efforts are being made on a self-reliant basis for national development. Consequently, remarkable progress has been achieved in the Union. The State is making progress cumulatively. But the nation still lags behind in development compared to the neighbouring countries due to economic and political pressures of western countries. The State has built roads and bridges in Rakhine state for ensuring smooth and secure transportation. Therefore, marine products can be sent to local and foreign countries via Yangon-Sittway road. Moreover, there have been frequent closer relations among the people. Similarly, the State has provided necessary assistance for communications, transportation, education, health, agriculture and livestock breeding in the region. In conclusion, he said, the State has been making arrangements for equitable development in all regions of the Union. These measures contribute towards the realization of State's seven-point future policy programmes. United efforts are to be made for the perpetuation of the Union. — MNA

Commander attends tree-planting ceremony

YANGON, 8 June — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay attended a monsoon tree-planting ceremony, organized by Taikkyi Station under the arrangement of Yangon Command, in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District, this morning. The commander and wife arrived there at 7.30 am. They were welcomed there by Commandant of Taikkyi Station Brig-Gen Htein Win and wife, Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu of Phugyi Station and wife, departmental officials, and members of social organizations.

On the occasion, the commander said measures are being taken for the greening of the 30-radius of Yangon Division and the growing of shady trees and plants all the year round. He continued that tree-planting ceremonies are held with the aim of ensuring moderate and regular climatic conditions. The deterioration of water and land resources will have an adverse effect on weather.

Next, Brig-Gen Htein Win reported on arrangements to be made for the growing of trees in the rainy season by the Tatmadawmen of battalions and units at Taikkyi Station in cooperation with local people. Local authorities also reported on arrangements to be made for the growing of trees at

wards and villages in Taikkyi. Later, Daw Khin Thet Htay distributed a variety of herbal plants to members of Taikkyi MCWA. The commander and wife planted starflower trees to mark the monsoon tree-planting ceremony and encouraged those participating in the ceremony. The commander and wife and party went to the agriculture and poultry farm conducted by a timber joint-venture corporation. They next proceeded to collective ploughing ceremony near Kungyangon village in Taikkyi Township. The commander also visited U Maung Yon and Daw Yin Home for the Aged in Okkan, where Daw Khin Thet Htay explained measures being taken by the MMCWA to look after the senior citizens and presented provisions through the head of the home for the aged. Wellwishers also made a donation of cash totalling K 1.7 million. Maj-Gen Myint Swe, wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Brig-Gen Htein Win and Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. They also presented provisions for individual aged persons.

At the Station Hospital in Okkan, the commander, wife and party viewed round health care given to local patients for their respective diseases and cordially conversed with them. On the occasion, Daw Khin Thet Htay provided cash assistance for twins and donated spectacles to needy patients.

The commander and party also inspected agricultural works being carried on 83 acres of farmland with the use of machinery to meet targeted yield at the edge of Hlegu township. Officials reported on measures being taken for proper drainage and tasks to realize the targeted yield. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on timely cultivation of monsoon paddy alongside vegetables and fruits and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than accepts cash donation from a wellwisher in Sittway.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.—MNA

National Convention Convening Work Committee meets

YANGON, 8 June — The National Convention Convening Work Committee held its meeting No 4/2004 at its meeting hall in Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thauung Nyunt, joint secretaries, and members. U Aung Toe presided over the meeting, and Joint-Secretary-1 U Khin Maung Myint acted as master of ceremonies. After the speech delivered by U Aung Toe, U Aye Maung and U Thauung Nyunt put into discussions about the tasks to be carried out. Next, members of the Work Committee reported on progress of tasks being carried out. The meeting came to an end in the afternoon. — MNA



NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at the meeting. — MNA

Delegation leaves for Philippines

YANGON, 8 June — Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Energy, left here by air this morning to attend the 22nd ASEAN Energy Ministers Meeting and the 1st ASEAN+3 Energy Ministers Meeting to be held tomorrow in the Philippines, and the 6th ASEAN Energy Industries Meeting to be held on 10 June. The deputy minister and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by departmental heads, officials, and their families. The deputy minister was accompanied by Deputy Assistant Director U Tin Zaw Myint of the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise. MNA



Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay being seen off at the airport.—MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects regional development measures in Lashio

YANGON, 8 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office left here by air and arrived at Lashio on 6 June afternoon.

They were welcomed at the airport by Shan State (North) PDC Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and senior military officers.

Together with the commander, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected the 2.75-acre plantation of mixed crops of Hsinshweli orange and eggplants being undertaken by the North-East Command in Lashio.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to the nursery. Officials reported on the nursery. The commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe looked into the nursery of 4,000 saplings of macadamia and 700,000 saplings of coffee.

They headed for Hsinshweli strain hybrid paddy plot of the command and inspected the seeds of sunflower and paddy field. An official of Myanmar Agriculture Service reported on the plan for production of paddy seeds. The commander gave a supplementary report.

They also inspected progress of Lashio along Lashio-Hsenwi Road. Next, they went to 120-acre Hsinshweli high-yield paddy model plot.

The duty-assigning ceremony for production of hybrid paddy seeds for cultivation of 1,000 acres took place at the Peasants Hall later in the afternoon, with an address



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects Hsinshweli strain hybrid paddy plot of North-East Command in Lashio. — MNA

by Lt-Gen Aung Htwe. Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior military officers, officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and national cultural troupes, leaders and members of the groups for cultivation of paddy and locals.

Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Brig-Gen Hla Myint reported on measures for production of paddy seeds. Officials concerned also reported on arrangements for the project.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe said that in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, Shan State is striving for ensuring regional rice sufficiency this year. In that regard, more farm implements and machinery

are to be used to meet the target, he said. Thanks to the assistance rendered by the State and combined efforts of respective officials and local farmers, agricultural success has been achieved in the agricultural sector, he said.

He called for maintaining the already-achieved development momentum and urged officials concerned to disseminate agricultural methods and distribute high-yield strains. Local farmers are to contribute towards the project through collaborative endeavours, he said.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe handed over the paddy seeds to respective group leaders. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe looked into samples of hybrid paddy strains and Hsinshweli high-yield sunflower seeds.

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Discussions of panel of chairmen of other invited persons. — MNA



Discussions of panel of chairmen and proposal compiling group of peasants in progress. — MNA



Discussions of panel of chairmen of delegates of State service personnel. MNA

Submission of proposals, discussions of panel of chairmen continue

YANGON, 8 June—Proposals were submitted by delegate groups of representatives-elect, peasants, State service personnel, and other invited persons to the National Convention, and discussions held by the panel of chairmen at the respective venues of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, this morning, attended by members of the panel of chairmen and delegates.

Delegate group of representatives-elect

The meeting of the delegate group of representatives-elect took place at the meeting hall at 10 am. U Maung Gyi of Pa-O National Organization presided over the meeting together with U Law Hsin Kun of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and U Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party. Deputy Director U Maung Maung Phyu Tint of National Convention Convening Work Committee Group-4 emceed the meeting together with Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Nwe.

The emcee announced the validity of the meeting as 86.67 per cent of the delegates were present.

The chairman gave an introductory speech.

Representative-elect U San Tha Aung read the proposals submitted by Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization as to the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution.

The chairman delivered concluding remarks and the meeting ended at 10.30 am.

Delegate group of peasants

The coordination meeting between the panel of chairmen of delegate group of peasants and proposals compilation groups of the Plenary Session of National Convention was held at the meeting hall-4 at 10 am.

U Mya Aye of Yangon Division presided over the meeting together with U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division, U Saing Tint Aung of Shan State (North) and U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division. Deputy Director U Myint Thein of National Convention Convening Work Group-6 acted as master of ceremonies together with Assistant Director U Myint Kyaing.

The chairman made an address on the occasion.

Those present held discussions for submission of

proposals of delegate groups of peasants from State/Division on sector-wise clarifications made by the National Convention Convening Work Committee with respect to the detailed basic principles to be adopted for division of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

The chairman delivered closing remarks and the meeting came to an end at 10.45 am.

Delegate group of State service personnel

The coordination meeting between the panel of chairmen of delegate groups of State service personnel and leaders of proposals compilation groups was held at the meeting hall-7 at 9 am. Members of the Panel of Chairmen Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence, U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs, U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce, U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and leaders of proposals compilation groups dealt with matters pertaining to

compilation of proposals to be submitted by the delegate groups of State service personnel to the Plenary Session of National Convention.

Delegate group of other invited persons

The coordination meeting of the panel of chairmen of delegate group of other invited persons took place at the meeting hall-8 at 9 am. Members of the panel of chairmen Chairman of Myanmar History Committee U Saing Aung Tun, U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Group 6, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2, Secretary U Tun Aung Chein of Myanmar History Committee, U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, and masters of ceremonies Deputy Director U Aung Kyi and Assistant Director U Win Myint of NCC Work Committee Group-10 discussed matters on the proposals submitted by Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group) and compilation of proposals to be submitted to the National Convention Plenary Meeting.

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Group discussions of delegates of representatives-elect in progress. — MNA

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Beijing invests heavily in environmental protection

BEIJING, 7 June — The national capital of Beijing has invested 10 billion yuan (1.2 billion US dollars) each year during the past five years to improve the local environment, governmental statistics show.

Last year, the city poured 14.6 billion yuan (1.76 billion US dollars) into the construction of infrastructure facilities serving environmental protection, harnessing industrial pollution, and other environmental projects. The investment was 9 per cent higher than that in the previous year and accounted for 4 per cent of the city's GDP for last year.

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Germany meets war enemies at Normandy in peace

CAEN (France), 7 June — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder paid a historic visit to Normandy on Sunday, joining Germany's erstwhile enemies for the first time in a tribute to victims on both sides of the pivotal World War II battle.

Schroeder, an infant when the Allies stormed French beaches in the D-Day landings 60 years ago that hastened the war's end, said Germany would never forget its debt and vowed to keep working closely with France in their campaigns for peace.

"France's memories of June 6, 1944 are different from Germany's yet they still flow into the same joint conviction: We want peace," he said. "We Germans know we unleashed a heinous war. We're aware of our responsibility and take it seriously."

"Thousands of Allied soldiers died in a single, gruesome day and paid the ultimate price for freedom," he said in a speech at D-Day ceremonies in the northwest town of Caen.

"German soldiers died because they were sent on a murderous campaign to crush Europe. But in death all soldiers were united regardless of the uniform they wore — in the grieving of their parents and wives, brothers and sisters. Their pain unites us all."

Schroeder, whose 32-year-old father was killed in combat four months after D-Day, said the Allies not only liberated France but also Germany. He labelled the defeat a victory for Germany, remarks that would have once angered Germans at home.

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UN urges fish havens as world marks green day

BARCELONA (Spain), 7 June — The United Nations urged the creation of ocean parks to protect depleted fish stocks on Saturday as activists marked World Environment Day by freeing turtles, planting trees and decrying global warming.

"There's not a lot of reason for celebration," UN Environment Programme (UNEP) chief Klaus Toepfer said in Barcelona of the state of the planet. UNEP's bleak slogan for 5 June is "Wanted! Seas and Oceans: Dead or Alive?". A group of children released two turtles, nursed back from injuries from fish-

ermen's nets, into the Mediterranean from a Barcelona beach. From Australia to Zambia, activists tried to clean beaches, promote renewable energy or plant trees.

"Society can no longer view the world's oceans as a convenient dumping ground for our waste, or as an unlimited source of plenty," UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a call for urgent action. He noted that governments agreed at an Earth Summit in Johannesburg in 2002 to try to restore depleted fish stocks by 2015 and to set up more protected marine areas, like wildlife

parks on land, by 2012.

"This last goal... is especially important," he said in a statement. "Less than 0.5 per cent of marine habitats are protected — compared with 11.5 per cent of global land area." About 75 per cent of fish stocks, from cod to tuna, are caught faster than they can breed, and every year plastic waste such as supermarket bags kills one million sea birds, 100,000 sea mammals and countless fish.

Some 3.5 billion people, more than half the world's six billion population, rely on seas for their main source of food.—MNA/Reuters

Malaysia opposes foreign presence in S-E Asia to fight terrorism

SINGAPORE, 7 June — Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak on Sunday voiced his country's opposition to the presence of foreign forces in Southeast Asia to jointly fight terrorism.

"What we should avoid is the presence of foreign forces in Southeast Asia to help us deal with this threat, not because we distrust those from outside the region, but because foreign military presence will set us back in our ideological battle against extremism and militancy," said Najib Razak while addressing the third Asian Security Conference, which opened here on Friday.

However, Najib Razak, who is also Malaysia's Defence Minister, stressed that Malaysia will continue to co-operate with all governments without compromising on the legitimate rights and sovereignty of others and its own, adding that Malaysia will expand anti-terror efforts with the United States in areas such as intelligence sharing and choking terrorists' financial and logistical networks.

Describing Malaysia as "a help and constructive critic" of the way the campaign against terror has been executed, Najib Razak said Malaysia is concerned that powerful countries may not be going about this campaign in ways that will win the hearts and minds of millions of ordinary people around the world, and build a lasting peace for all. He noted that the lessons of Iraq should be clear to people that "ill prepared liberators" do make mistakes and the failure of "good intentions" can cause great damage to social and political stability.

MNA/Xinhua

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Telik drug shrinks ovarian, lung tumours in trials

NEW ORLEANS, 7 June— Patients with lung and ovarian cancers who had previously failed to benefit from standard treatments saw their tumors shrink considerably when an experimental drug made by Telik Inc was added to their chemotherapy, researchers said on Saturday.

Results of three small mid-stage trials of the medicine funded by Telik were presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in New Orleans.

One trial involved 21 patients who were given the drug, called Telicyta, in combination with carboplatin, a standard initial treatment for the disease. The patients had failed at least one round of chemotherapy.

After about one year of treatment, 56 per cent of the patients saw their tumors

shrink by at least 50 per cent, with no sign of cancer remaining in three of the patients, said Dr. John Kavanagh, an oncologist at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston.

Telicyta was not tested by itself against carboplatin, a drug that Telik chief executive Michael Wick said typically produces shrinkages in only about 10 per cent of such patients with advanced ovarian cancer.

"The data are so strong that we have decided to be-

gin a late-stage trial this summer" testing Telicyta in perhaps 200 such ovarian cancer patients, Wick said in an interview.

Another trial described on Saturday involved 21 ovarian cancer patients given Telicyta in combination with Doxil, a Johnson & Johnson drug typically given only to patients who have failed many rounds of chemotherapy.

All patients had previously taken platinum-based chemotherapy, typically carboplatin.

About 46 per cent of patients getting the combination saw their tumors shrink, and with no side effects beyond those typically seen with Doxil, or liposomal doxorubicin, by itself.

Doxil as a stand-alone treatment typically shrinks tumors in only about 12 per cent of patients, Wick said.

MNA/Reuters

Colorado man goes on rampage in armoured bulldozer

DENVER, 7 June— A man riding an armour-plated bulldozer went on a rampage in a Colorado mountain town and smashed into city hall, a bank and other buildings before being found dead early on Saturday morning, police said.

Authorities in Granby, a community of 1,500 people 60 miles northwest of Denver, identified the dead man as Marvin Heemeyer, 52, a local businessman who held a grudge against town officials after losing a recent zoning dispute.

Heemeyer drove the bulldozer, which was fortified with steel and concrete, through Granby's main street on Friday afternoon, plowing into buildings and causing severe damage to the town's city hall, bank, newspaper and other businesses.— MNA/Reuters



Dancer Yang Liping (R) from China's southern province of Yunnan performs during 'Dynamic Yunnan' in Guangzhou in this picture taken on 6 June, 2004. It took Yang Liping, famous for her vivid imitation of a peacock in her dance, more than two years to choreograph 'Dynamic Yunnan'... a large scale dance drama and panoramic depiction of the colourful life of the ethnic people of Yunnan Province.—INTERNET

OAS calls poverty worst enemy of Latam stability

QUITO (Ecuador), 7 June— Poverty and economic inequality pose the greatest threats to democratic stability in Latin America and must be tackled for the region to progress, the chief of a regional organization said on Sunday.

At the opening of a two-day summit of foreign ministers in Quito, Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria said the region had advanced in security and human issue but not in economic fairness.

"We need a system of greater solidarity and with a larger humanitarian component. We have advanced in political and security issues but not in social ones," Gaviria told foreign ministers from across the Americas.

Gaviria is ending his decade-long tenure at the head of the hemispheric organi-

zation, which is expected to elect former Costa Rican president Miguel Angel Rodriguez, an economist, to the post of secretary general on Monday.

Gaviria, who was president of Colombia from 1990 to 1994, urged the region to fight inequality and exclusion to avoid the political turmoil that has threatened democracy in nations ranging from Haiti to Ecuador over the past decade. "There is no political system that is immune to greater inequality or regress in the fight against poverty," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Teenager to run Nigerian commercial capital for one day

LAGOS, 7 June— A 16-year-old Nigerian teenager, Tolulope Esan, is expected to assume governor of Nigerian commercial capital of Lagos on Monday to administer its 13-million-strong population, but only for one day.

The teenager, a student of Lagos State Model College, emerged as the overall winner of the 2004 Spelling Bee for Public Secondary School, a pet project of the First Lady of the state, Oluremi Tinubu.

The competition was evolved as part of the means to promote excellence among secondary school students and reward outstanding students. According to the programme for the day, Esan would be at the governor's office at 8 am (0700 GMT) on Monday and would oversee affairs on the governor's manifest including presiding over the State Executive Council meeting.

She would also visit public and places of interest with top government functionaries in the entourage. Governor Bola Tinubu, who would step down for Esan, would also pay her a visit at the State Secretariat during the day.—MNA/Xinhua

No earthquakes caused by water storage of Three Gorges Project

CHONGQING, 7 June— The Three Gorges Project, believed to be the world's largest multi-purpose power project, did not induce any strong earthquakes since it began to store water a year ago.

Though the number of earthquakes in reservoir areas of the Three Gorges Project increased since it started to store water on June 1, 2003, the number of earthquakes measuring 2 or above on the Richter Scale were rarely seen, according to Wang Qiang, director of the Chongqing Municipal Seismological Bureau.

The earthquakes failed to exert any dis-

astrous influence on the Three Gorges Project, which is designed capable of resisting earthquakes measuring 7 on the Richter Scale, Wang said.

In world reservoir construction history, earthquakes triggered by construction of reservoirs have occurred on many occasions.

Since the 1960s, construction of six large reservoirs in various parts of the world resulted in earthquakes with a magnitude of 6 on the Richter Scale, with two of them causing damage to parts of related reservoirs.

MNA/Xinhua



Beyonce Knowles (news), right, who presented Carolina Herrera, left, the award for Womenswear Designer of the Year, pose for photographers backstage at the 2004 Council for Fashion Designers of America Fashion Awards, held in the New York Public Library, on Monday, June 7, 2004.—INTERNET

10,000 policemen to come to Istanbul for NATO summit

ANKARA, 7 June— Turkish Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said on Sunday that 10,000 policemen would come to Istanbul from other provinces of Turkey as backup for this month's NATO summit.

"Many heads of state and government, ministers and high-ranking military officials will attend the summit of NATO in Istanbul between June 28 and 29," Aksu was quoted by *Anatolia News Agency* as saying in Abant, 200 kilometres west of Ankara.

"Even the most unlikely things were taken into consideration. Security of the summit will be jointly provided by the Security Department, Gendarmerie Forces Command and Coast Guard Command," Aksu said. Turkish Press has reported that some 30,000 police officials are expected to be on duty during the two-day summit.

Turkish authorities are taking massive security measures for the upcoming NATO summit and the alliance will provide AWACS surveillance planes to enforce a no-fly zone over the summit area throughout the two-day gathering. Turkey's intelligence agency, police departments, armed forces and Interior Ministry are coordinating measures and high-level meetings have been held to review the progress.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey captures 470,000 illegal immigrants in 5 years

ANKARA, 7 June— Turkish Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said on Sunday that Turkish security forces had captured 470,000 illegal immigrants from 63 different countries in the last five years as they were trying to proceed to European countries via Turkey. "About 4,000 human smugglers were also captured. Human smugglers often cooperate with terrorist organizations," Aksu was quoted by *Anatolia News Agency* as saying in Abant, 200 kilometres west of Ankara.

Turkey is a key route of illegal migration due to its geographical location lying between Asia and Europe and its rough mountainous eastern and southeastern borders.

Illegal immigrants from Middle Eastern, Central Asian and Far Eastern countries generally use this route to sneak into European countries.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Zidane grabs late winner for France

PARIS, 7 June — A goal two minutes from time by Zinedine Zidane handed European champions France a 1-0 victory over Ukraine on Sunday in their last warm-up match before they start the defence of their title in Portugal.

In a tight match, Zidane slotted home after Thierry Henry knocked down a cross by substitute defender Willy Sagnol.

Jacques Santini's team dominated for most of the match but had looked set for a third goalless draw from four matches after goalkeeper Oleksander Shovkovsky saved two clear chances which fell to Zidane and midfielder Robert Pires.

France, who are now on a 18-match unbeaten run and have not conceded a goal for almost a year, start their Euro 2004 campaign next Sunday against England in Group B.

France dominated the first half with Zidane displaying his breathtaking skills but he was often left frustrated as three defenders tracked his every move.

He only managed to outmanoeuvre Ukraine's solid defence once before the break but his shot from just outside the box was saved by Shovkovsky in the 18th minute. — MNA/Reuters



Ukraine's Oleh Husyeh (yellow jersey) tries to tackle France's Zinedine Zidane, right, during their friendly soccer game at Stade de France in Saint Denis outside Paris, Sunday, June 6, 2004.—INTERNET

Germany stunned 2-0 at home by Hungary

KAISERSLAUTERN (Germany), 7 June— Germany were jeered off the pitch after slumping to an embarrassing 2-0 home defeat by Hungary in their final warm-up for Euro 2004 on Sunday.

Two first-half goals from striker Sandor Torghelle gave the visitors, coached by former Germany captain Lothar Matthaeus, a surprise victory.

Germany, who had already worried their fans with a traumatic 5-1 defeat by Romania in April, will need dramatic improvement if they are to trouble the Netherlands in their first Euro 2004 game on June 15 in Oporto. They also face the Czech Republic and Latvia in a tough Group D in the finals in Portugal.

Hungary, who failed to qualify for Euro 2004 and were missing several players through injuries, made a furious start.

A shaky German defence had already struggled a few times when Torghelle, poorly marked by Christian Woerns, raced into the

box to surprise Oliver Kahn with an angled shot from 11 metres on seven minutes.

Germany, who looked clumsy and short of ideas throughout the first half, were pressing hard in search for an equalizer when a swift counter-attack caught their defence off guard again. It ended with Sorghelle landing the ball on his chest before beating Kahn from close range in the 31st minute.

The three-times world and European champions stepped up a gear after the interval but were denied by a string of great saves from Gabor Kiraly. The Hungary goalkeeper was notably tested by a diving header from midfielder Michael Ballack eight minutes into a lively but goalless second half.

MNA/Reuters

Latvia held to 2-2 draw by Azerbaijan

RIGA, June 7 — Surprise Euro 2004 qualifiers Latvia were held to a 2-2 draw at home by Azerbaijan on Sunday, failing to give the small Baltic nation a confidence boost before the Portugal finals.

Latvia, in their final warm-up friendly before their Group D opener against the Czech Republic on June 15, struggled in an uneventful first half in which the visitors created the only two scoring chances.

But Latvia came out from the break looking much more aggressive, Dynamo Kiev striker Maris Verpakovskis giving the hosts the lead in the 53rd minute with a diving header. Azerbaijan equalized just two minutes later when Emin Guliyev thumped a scorching shot from 25 metres into the top-left corner.

MNA/Reuters

Cameroon fight back to beat Benin

YAOUNDE, 7 June — Cameroon beat Benin 2-1 on Sunday in their first 2006 World Cup African Zone group three qualifier.

Benin took a surprise lead after 11 minutes when Romuald Mpoco, 45 metres out, caught goalkeeper Carlos Kameni off his line and the ball went in off the underside of the bar. Amid jeers from the 65,000-crowd, Cameroon upped their game and scored twice in two minutes just before halftime through Samuel Eto'o and a header from captain Rigobert Song.

Cameroon had been under a six-point penalty for the qualifiers after the team wore a controversial one-piece kit during this year's African Nations Cup, but FIFA changed their mind last month.

The rest of group three comprises Egypt, Ivory Coast, Libya and Sudan.

MNA/Reuters

Five-goal Colombia hand Uruguay another World Cup defeat

BARRANQUILLA (Colombia), 7 June — Colombia lifted themselves off the bottom of the South American group table by hammering Uruguay 5-0 on Sunday, sending their opponents slumping to their third successive World Cup qualifying defeat.

Midfielder Victor Pacheco, making his first international appearance for seven years, scored twice and Tressor Moreno added the other as Colombia swept into a 3-0 halftime lead.

John Restrepo notched a brilliant individual goal in the 81st minute and Sergio Herrera added a fifth late in the match, the 11th goal Uruguay have conceded in three outings.

Colombia, who have seven points from the same number of games, moved above Uruguay, who also have seven, on goal difference, and Bolivia, who have six.

Coach Reinaldo Rueda made five changes to the Colombia team which started the 2-1 defeat by Ecuador on Wednesday. His opposite number Jorge Fossati, who was in charge for the first time against Peru on Tuesday, made six alterations.

Pacheco, who plays for Mexican club Atlante, broke through in the 18th minute after finding a gap in the defence and placing a left-foot shot beyond goalkeeper Gustavo Munua.

Two minutes later, Pacheco turned provider as he chipped a pass over the defence

for Moreno to hook the ball past Munua. It was the second game in a row Uruguay had gone two goals down in 20 minutes.

Uruguay, beaten at home by Venezuela and Peru in their last two games, were in more trouble in the 32nd minute when Gerardo Bedoya slipped the ball inside the penalty area to Pacheco, who flicked the ball up and volleyed home.

The visitors brought Diego Forlan on for Oswaldo Canobbio at halftime and nearly pulled a goal back when Javier Chevanton went past goalkeeper Miguel Calero but had his shot blocked by Mario Yepes.

Forlan had a volley turned over by Calero but Colombia also went close when Herrera hit the post with one effort and forced a good save from Munua with another.

Restrepo crowned Colombia's day when he picked the ball up in midfield, jiggled his way through a pack of defenders, dribbled round Munua and slid the ball home.

Five minutes later, Colombia again carved open the Uruguay defence, leaving Herrera with a simple job of tapping the ball into an empty net.

MNA/Reuters

Argentina held to 0-0 draw by 10-man Paraguay

BUENOS AIRES, 7 June— Argentina were held to a frustrating goalless draw at home by 10-man Paraguay in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday, a result which increases the pressure on their beleaguered coach Marcelo Bielsa.

Argentina fielded four forwards, gave Barcelona's Javier Saviola a rare start, laid siege to the Paraguay goal but could not find a way past inspired goalkeeper Justo Villar.

Not even a red card for Paraguay midfielder Angel Ortiz in the 61st minute, for a second bookable offence, could help the 1978 and 1986 World Cup winners. Argentina, beaten 3-1 by Brazil on Wednesday, have 12 points from seven games in the South American group while Paraguay have 11.

Bielsa, who was surprisingly kept on as coach despite Argentina's first-round elimination at the 2002 World Cup, has become increasingly unpopular with the public, who believe he is not making the most of the team's rich potential.

The coach has been repeatedly insulted by the crowd at the River Plate stadium, even though Argentina have lost only once in seven qualifiers. Sunday's game was again played in a half-empty arena, with Paraguay supporters making up a sizeable contingent.

Saviola and Hernan Crespo started a game together for the first time under Bielsa while goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri was given his international debut at the age of 31 as he replaced Pablo Cavallero, who picked up a thigh strain during practice on Friday.

Argentina, who have not beaten Paraguay at home in a World Cup qualifier since 1973, sliced through the visitors' defence in the first half but could not find a way past Villar.

MNA/Reuters

Angelucci earns Venezuela a point in Peru

LIMA, 7 June — Venezuela held out for a goalless draw away to Peru in Sunday's World Cup qualifier thanks to an inspired performance from goalkeeper Gilberto Angelucci.

Peru, hoping to capitalize on last Tuesday's 3-1 win away to Uruguay, dominated the match but repeatedly found Angelucci in their way. The result kept Venezuela, who have 10 points from seven games, one point ahead of Peru in the South American qualifying group.

"Today, we tried everything to win the game but it didn't work out," Peru coach Paulo Autuori told reporters.

"In the first half, we tried to use the speed of our forwards. In the second, we lost our way and used the long-ball approach, which made life easier for our opponents.

MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Carlos Tevez (L) kicks the ball away from Paraguay's Julio Enciso during second half of their World Cup qualifying match, in Buenos Aires, June 6, 2004. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.—INTERNET

MRTV-3


**9-6-2004 (Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Butterfly Garden In
Yangon
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Mounzann Maywae
9:15 **National News**
9:20 The Art of Making
Pennant
9:25 Shutaing Thaswa
Nandar Kan Ahla
9:30 **National News**
9:35 2004 Chaungtha Sea
Training (Part-III)
9:40 Song "Auspicious Day,
May 17th" (I)
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (III) (Awadam
Village-Ziadam Vil-
lage)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**9-6-2004 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
15:36 Butterfly Garden In
Yangon
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Mounzann Maywae
15:45 **National News**
15:50 The Art of Making
Pennant
15:55 Shutaing Thaswa
Nandar Kan Ahla
16:00 **National News**
16:05 2004 Chaungtha Sea
Training (Part-III)
16:10 Song "Auspicious Day,
May 17th" (I)
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Biological Expedition
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16:25 Song of Myanmar

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16:30 **National News**
16:35 Myanmar Rattan Fur-
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16:40 Myanmar Traditional
Marionette (The Al-
chemist Dance)
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Golden Plum Job of
Central Myanmar
Scenic Beauty of
Falam and Cultural
Dance
16:55 Spirulina Products
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Everything you want to
know about star tor-
toise, but dare not ask?
Seagull"
17:10 **National News**
17:15 Child Art Competition
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Road to Mungun
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Safari In Style
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (II) (Upper
Shangaung-Awadam)
19:55 San-Thit Hla Pa
20:00 **National News**
20:05 2004 Chaungtha Sea
Training (Part-II)
20:10 Song "Journey To-
wards A New Golden
State"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Lacquerware Museum
Song
20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blessed
Myanmar"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 SA-LE Monastery
Decorated with
Handicrafts
20:40 Oboe: Myanma Musi-
cal Instrument
20:45 **National News**
20:50 The Excellent Photo-
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Don Dance)
20:58 The Mountain With
Antique Stone Sculp-
tures
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Myanmar Traditional
Art Sliversmith
Song
21:10 Song "With A Weak

- Point"
21:12 The World's Biggest
Book
21:15 **National News**
21:20 The Art of Making
Paper Toys
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
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21:35 Butterfly Garden In
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22:25 Song On Screen "Love
Slave"
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Myanmar"

**9-6-2004 (Wednesday) &
10-6-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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timent"
23:36 Butterfly Garden In
Yangon
23:40 **Headline News**

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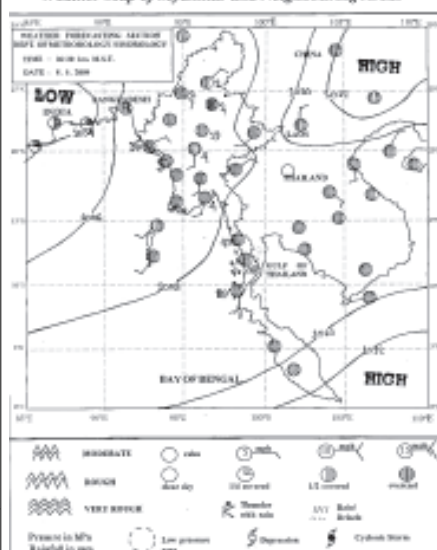
**10-6-2004 (Thursday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 Road to Mungun
03:40 **Headline News**
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- 06:00 **National News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 8 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (3.74) inches, Kawthoung (3.50) inches, Kyaukse (2.95) inches and Mawlamyein (2.76) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-6-2004 was 32.0°C (90°F). Minimum temperature on 8-6-2004 was 21.1°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-6-2004 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 7-6-2004 was (7.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 8-6-2004 was 4mm (0.16 inch) at Yangon Airport, 4mm (0.16 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 21mm (0.83 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 566mm (22.29 inches) at Yangon Airport and 465mm (18.31 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 613 mm (24.13 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Southwest at (05:30) hours MST on 8-6-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 9-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay, Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase rain in lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-6-2004:** One or two rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-6-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, June 9

View today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. မြေပြေပြေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအတ
8:10 am
6. ဓမ္မာပိတေ (မြို့သူ) ရေလောင်းတစ်
(ဗမာ့တိုင်း)
8:30 am
7. International news
8:45 am
8. Learning English the

easy and happy way for
children and beginners

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

2. Songs to uphold

National Spirit

4:15 pm

3. Practice in reading

Musical programme

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:45 pm

5. အဆင်သင့်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်

(ရလှစော၊ သတ္တဝေအသု၊ ပြုစုရာ)

(ရလှစော)

5:15 pm

6. Songs of national races

5:30 pm

7. Classical Song

5:45 pm

8. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

9. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

5:50 pm

10. Discovery

6:15 pm

11. Musical programme

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. Strong and healthy

Myanmar

7:15 pm

15. Musical programme

7:30 pm

16. မွန်ပြည်နယ် (အစိုး-၂)

7:45 pm

17. ဓမ္မာပိတေသင်ခန်းစာ

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

19. မြိုင်မြိုင်သံကြား

20. The next day's

programme



Wednesday, June 9

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Hit by love
(Lila Ca Mccann)
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: No one else
come close
(Backstreet Boys)
8.50 am National news/S
Slogan
9.00 am Music: Come
everybody (Music
Instructor)
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: Lollipop
(Aqua)
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Faith of the heart
(Rod Stewart)
-I do cherish you
(98")
9.00 pm Variations on a tune:
-Jambalaya Carpen-
ters
-Frank Check Field
Article/Music
9.15 pm Music at your request
9.25 pm -That's where you
take me (Britney
Spears)
-The moment you
love me (Atomic
Kitten)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address at the ceremony to make donations for storm victims of Rakhine State. — MNA

Prime Minister attends cash and kind donation ceremony for storm-hit townships in Rakhine State

YANGON, 8 June — A ceremony to donate cash and kind for the second time to the storm-hit townships in Rakhine State was held at U Oktama Hall in Sittway yesterday afternoon, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of division, district and township PDCs, members of social organizations and wellwishers from Yangon.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo reported on conditions of damages to houses, departmental and religious buildings, basic education schools, dams of the Irrigation Department, embankments of farmers, prawn-breeding ponds in Sittway, Pauktaw and Myebon townships in Rakhine State due to the storm occurrence, sinking of motor boats and rowing boats, loss of lives, relief measures being taken by Rakhine State PDC, conducting the field trips for relief measures by ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, relief measures being taken for the whole storm-hit area, raising of relief funds and supplies by foreign and local organizations, private business entrepreneurs, public wellwishers, UN agencies and NGOs and tasks for water supplies.

Then, cash and kind were donated to storm victims.

Today's donations included K 396,534,000 (396 million) by seventy five wellwishers from companies, K 45,868,500, US\$ 134,800 and other supplies worth ¥ 11.29

million by UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR and BAJ. The Prime Minister, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and the ministers accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

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Today's donations were K 2.5 million by Kachin State Peace and Development Council, K 3 million by Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, K 2.5 million by Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, K 2.5 million by Shan State Peace and Development Council, K 2.5 million by Mon State Peace and Development Council, K 5 million by Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council, K 1.2 million by Kayin State Peace and Development Council, K 2.5 million by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, K 2.5 million Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council, K 3 million by Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council, K 2.5 million by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council, K 1 million by Magway Division Peace and Development Council, K 1 million by Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council and K 2.5 million by Bago Division Peace and Development Council.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made a speech on the occasion. In his speech, he expressed his thanks to donations of wellwishers to victims, national races, who encountered the natural disaster in Rakhine State, on behalf of the State and Rakhine nationals. Most of the donors were from Yangon. Such donations show

the spirit of national consolidation and the Union. UN organizations such as UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, BAJ and NGOs as well as wellwishers from Rakhine State also took part in the donations. Owing to changes of weather, there occur natural disasters sometimes not only in Myanmar but also in other countries in the world. Some countries had encountered such disasters for several times and there had been heavy damages. Such disasters can rarely be found in Myanmar. In 1968, there had been floods in Rakhine for one time. Now Rakhine state was hit by storm for the second time. Values of losses were less than those of other countries owing to mutual respect and belief in respective religions, loving kindness to each other, Union spirit and goodwill.

Sittway, Pauktaw, Kyaukpyu and Myaybon were hit by the storm. Schools, hospitals, prawn breeding ponds, salt works, some cattle and motor boats were also destroyed or damaged. National races have been residing unitedly in the Union of Myanmar since time immemorial. There is also a custom of helping each other if necessary. If something occurs in a region, there is a tradition of providing assistance from one region to another under the leadership of the Government. The commander of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council and the ministers of ministries concerned provided necessary relief assistance to the victims rapidly. Wellwishers were invited from Yangon to render assistance to the victims. Today's donations totalled over K 300 million. Shan, Kachin, Kayin, Kayah, Mon states, Taninthayi, Bago, Mandalay and Ayeyawady divisions also took part in the donations.

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Yangon Zoological Gardens

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This peaceful and scenic spot is in the Yangon Zoological Gardens.

Built in 1901 with the contribution of the public, the Yangon Zoological Gardens was inaugurated in December 1906. Therefore, it will turn its centenary by 2006. The Natural History Museum was opened in 1966. Dopyitha Enterprise Ltd built the Sport Grounds meeting international standard on 12.3 acres of land south of the Zoological Gardens. Inaugurated on 7 October 1997, it has been popular with the children up to date since then.

The Yangon Zoological Gardens has intended to ensure public recreation and relaxation, to provide general knowledge, to help students acquire botanical and zoological knowledge, to impart knowledge of environmental conservation, to carry out research work, and to reproduce rare species which are on the verge of extinction. With the success achieved, the Zoological Gardens can now survive on its own income.

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