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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects scale model of three-storey main building of GTC (Kalay).—MNA

Government has been establishing not a university in each state or division but it has built two or three ones in each state or division when necessary **Prime Minister inspects development measures in Kalay, Sagaing Division**

YANGON, 13 June—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments, left here by air on 11 June morning and arrived at Kalay, Sagaing Division, at 9 am.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Division

Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station, military and civilian officials and members of social organizations.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, arrived at Kalay University where they were welcomed by Rector U Kyaw Ye Tun and professor/heads of departments, associate professors and faculty members.

First, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt re-

ported on history of the university, courses being conducted, subjects taught, under-graduate and honours courses, master course, number of the students, classes for human resource development, IT classrooms complete with 120 computers, organizational set-up of staff and strength of staff appointed, three three-storey lecture halls, four main lecture halls, two extended lecture halls and work being carried out.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and the Rector gave supplementary reports on construction of the main building of the university.

After fulfilling the requirements, Prime Minister

General Khin Nyunt made a speech. He said that he was there and fulfilled the requirements since the university was established in 1993. Kalay University was established in this region that is adjacent to Chin State to enable the students from Chin State to pursue higher education easily.

The government has been establishing not a university in each state or division but it has built two or three universities in each state or division when necessary. For example, Dawei University and Myeik University were established in Taninthayi Division and Taunggyi University, Lashio Degree College, Kengtung

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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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental officials, townselders and entrepreneurs at Aung San Hall in Kalay.—MNA

The National Convention is the concern of all our national races.

Gunmen kill Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister

BAGHDAD, 12 June—Gunmen firing from a car killed Iraq's Deputy Foreign Minister Saturday in the first assassination of a senior official since the new interim government was announced this month. Iraqi authorities blamed Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Bassam Salih Kubba, 60, the slain minister, was Iraq's most senior career diplomat and was slated to stay on in the new administration that takes over after on 30 June from the US-led occupation authority.

Kubba was mortally wounded when gunmen drove up behind his car in the city's Azimiyah district and opened fire, Foreign Ministry spokesman Thamir al-Adhami said.

The assailants then passed the stricken vehicle and fired a second time, the spokesman said. Kubba's driver escaped injury, but Kubba died in a hospital.

Azimiyah is a predominantly Sunni Muslim neighbourhood where Saddam took refuge as American forces overran the city in April 2003 and support for the former re-

gime runs strong there.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the attack "bears all the hallmarks of leftover supporters of Saddam Hussein's evil regime."

Kubba was the second senior Iraqi figure to be killed in the last three weeks and the first since UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi appointed the new leadership to take power on 30 June.

Izzadine Saleem, who at the time headed the now-disbanded Iraqi Governing Council, was killed on 17 May in a suicide car-bombing near the entrance to the heavily fortified Green Zone headquarters of the American-run occupation authority.

Internet



Mahdi militants prepare to fire their weapons at American positions in the Sadr City neighbourhood of Baghdad on 10 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Thailand-China to jointly invest in oil pipeline

BANGKOK, 12 June—Negotiations are underway between PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) and China Petroleum and Chemical Company, or Sinopec, on a proposed joint venture on an oil pipeline project across southern Thailand.

The oil pipeline project is aimed at reducing costs of shipping oil from Thailand to Northern and Eastern Asia, the *Thai News Agency* reported Friday.

The pipeline will run from the southern resort island of Phuket, taking crude

oil and petroleum products to be loaded on tankers and shipped to the northeastern and eastern markets, including China and Japan.

With the pipeline, shipments of crude oil and petroleum products from the Middle East to the destinations

through the Strait of Malacca, which passes Indonesia and Malaysia, will take less time — about one week faster.

The PTT is conducting a feasibility study of the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year. — MNA/Xinhua

France eyes great potentials in eco cooperation with China

PARIS, 12 June—France and China share common or similar views in international affairs and there are great potentials for further cooperation in energy, transport and aviation, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said here Friday when meeting visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan.

Speaking highly of the great achievements that China has made in its reform and opening up, Raffarin said France is willing to build a closer partnership with China to further promote bilateral cooperation.

He also reiterated the French Government's adherence to the one-China policy, noting that France will continue to play an active role in the EU in lifting the arms sales embargo on China and to give a full market economy

status for China as soon as possible.

Zeng, on a five-day official visit to France, said that with joint efforts by the leaders of both sides, China and France have conducted all-round cooperation in politics, economy, trade, culture and technology.

China appreciates France's stance on the Taiwan issue and all the relevant active efforts it has made in the EU, said the Chinese Vice-Premier. He also stressed that

good political ties have provided a solid foundation for the economic cooperation between China and France.

Noting that the two countries are mutually complementary in economy, Zeng expressed the belief that bilateral trade and economic cooperation will be further promoted. The two sides signed after the meeting nine contracts and agreements in aviation, space, transport, and the peaceful use of nuclear energy. —MNA/Xinhua

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US General says Fallujah goals not achieved

BAGHDAD, 12 June—A senior US military officer acknowledged Saturday that the Americans have not achieved their goals in Fallujah despite the agreement to end the siege of the Sunni Muslim city and turn security over to an Iraqi force.

Ten US Marines and hundreds of Iraqis were killed during the three-week siege of Fallujah, which was launched after four Americans working for the Blackwater USA security company were ambushed, killed, their bodies mutilated and hung from a Euphrates river bridge.

Brig-Gen Mark Kimmitt told reporters that the city had been generally quiet since Marines lifted the siege in early May.

Kimmitt also said the US-led coalition had demanded a return to Iraqi government control, handing over of heavy weapons and the arrest of those responsible for the

killing of the Blackwater employees.

"We are not satisfied we are making active progress in the latter," Kimmitt said. "We are not satisfied that there has been progress on any of those objectives, with the exception of having Iraqi presence back inside the city."

Hard-line Islamic leaders have reasserted their power in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad. Some were active in defending the city against the Marines and have profited by a perception, both here and elsewhere in Iraq, that the Fallujah fighters defeated a super-power. — Internet

Report says US commander in Iraq approved cruel treatment

BAGHDAD, 12 June—A published report says Gen Ricardo S Sanchez, top US commander in Iraq, approved letting officials at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad use military dogs and subject detainees to temperature extremes, reversed sleep patterns and diets of bread and water.

The *Washington Post* says Saturday's edition the information is contained in documents newly obtained by the newspaper.

The documents spell out in greater detail than previously known the interrogation tactics Sanchez authorized in early September 2003, the *Washington Post* reports.

The newspaper says Gen Sanchez borrowed heavily from a list of high-pressure tactics used at the US detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba when he granted

wide latitude to military officers overseeing detainees at the Baghdad jail.

In late May, Defence officials said Gen Ricardo Sanchez will be replaced in Iraq after June 30, but they indicated the move was not imminent and categorically rejected suggestions it had any connection to the Iraqi prisoner-abuse scandal.

The new allegations follow earlier reports that said interrogators from the US-run detention camp at the Navy Base in Guantanamo Bay were sent to Iraq's Abu

Ghraib prison late last year to train American intelligence teams.

Meanwhile the top US commander in the Middle East has asked the Defence Department to appoint a higher-ranking officer to head the inquiry into prisoner abuse in Iraq. Defence officials say General John Abizaid wants to replace the two-star general now heading the inquiry to allow for the questioning of more senior officers, including Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez. —Internet

Chinese President appoints new ambassadors

BELING, 12 June—Chinese President Hu Jintao has appointed new ambassadors to six countries, in accordance with a decision made by the National People's Congress Standing Committee.

Zhang Yun was appointed the new ambassador to Singapore, replacing Zhang Jihuan.

Zhang Jihuan was appointed the new ambassador to Thailand, replacing Yan Ting'ai. Wu Hongbo was appointed the new ambassador to the Philippines, replacing Wang Chungui.

Wang Chungui was appointed the new ambassador to Malaysia, replacing Hu Zhengyue.

Li Shuli was appointed the new ambassador to Madagascar, replacing Xu Jinghu.

Liu Guanren was appointed the new ambassador to Samoa, replacing Gu Sicong.

MNA/Xinhua



A US marine from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines secure the area holding a machine gun during a house-to-house raids in the village of Taliya on the outskirts of restive city of Fallujah, 50km west of Baghdad, on 11 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Pakistan postpones decision on sending troops to Iraq

ISLAMABAD, 12 June—Pakistan today said it would wait for an appropriate time to decide about sending troops to Iraq or not. "We have not yet responded to the United States request for sending troops," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Masood Khan told Deutsche Presse-Agentur, dpa in Islamabad.

"The time is not ripe to take a final decision. Let there be a political change (transfer of power to Iraqi Governing Council) in Iraq first," Khan said.

The transfer of sovereign power from the US-led occupation forces to the Iraqi Governing Council is scheduled for June 30 despite the dramatic upsurge in fighting between Iraqi insurgents and the US-led coalition forces.

The United States last April requested the Muslim country to contribute troops for protecting the UN mission, when it is established in Iraq.

Pakistan had been turning down similar US requests, saying it would send its troops

only under a UN umbrella or that of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

A widespread opposition at home against sending troops to the Gulf country had also influenced the government's decision, which did not want to be seen as part of the "occupation forces".

"We welcome the transfer of power to the Governing Council," Spokesman Khan said, adding that this is one of the many steps being taken in the right direction.

However, he expressed dissatisfaction over security situation in Iraq and said, we hope the situation will improve and problems confronting the people will be resolved."—Internet



Indian children in Bombay hold placards during a protest rally to condemn US military action in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf on 11 June, 2004.

INTERNET

Baker quits as UN special envoy on Western Sahara

UNITED NATIONS, 12 June — Former US Secretary of State James Baker has resigned as the UN's special envoy for Western Sahara after seven years of failed efforts to resolve a dispute over the desert territory's future status, the United Nations said on Friday.

Baker, deeply frustrated by his inability to end the impasse, told UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan of his intention to resign several days ago, but the Security Council was not formally notified until Friday, UN diplomats said.

Annan named Baker as his personal trouble-shooter on the contentious dispute in March 1997.

The fate of the vast northwest African territory of about 260,000 people, rich in phosphates and also believed to have offshore oil deposits, has been up in the air since Morocco seized it in 1975, immediately after it won independence from colonial power Spain. The United Nations has been involved in efforts to resolve the dispute for 13 years. — MNA/Reuters

NASA craft to fly by Phoebe, a dark moon of Saturn

WASHINGTON, 12 June — Dark, rough and contrary, Phoebe has long been an object of fascination to astronomers, and on Friday, NASA's Cassini space probe will fly by this moon of Saturn for the closest look yet.

Cassini will capture data on Phoebe on its way to a four-year orbital mission around the ringed planet, scientists said in a statement. The craft's closest pass to Phoebe will take place at 4:56 p.m. EDT (2056 GMT) on Friday.

Phoebe is a bit of an eccentric among Saturn's 31 known moons, orbiting the planet in the opposite direction from most of the planet's other large satellites, at a 30-degree tilt when compared to Saturn's equatorial plane.

"That means it's really odd," said Bonnie Buratti,

who has studied Phoebe for 20 years and is a lead scientist on the Cassini mission.

Last observed from space in images snapped by the Voyager probe in 1981, Phoebe is known to be rough and craggy, so uneven that there may be a huge mountain or crater, Buratti said in a telephone interview from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Cassini will take pictures from a much closer vantage point — 1,240 miles as opposed to 1.4 million miles with Voyager — and could shed some light on what Phoebe's uneven surface is

made of and where it originated.

Astronomers already know Phoebe's surface is extraordinarily dark, reflecting only about 6 per cent of the light it gets from the sun. This darkness could be a sign that it was originally from the Kuiper belt, an area at the far reaches of the solar system that teems with such objects.

Earlier observations indicate that the darkness may indicate the presence of carbon on Phoebe, an important finding since carbon is one of the building blocks of life, Buratti said.—MNA/Reuters

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Bulgaria to withdraw troops from Iraq in 2005

SOFIA, 12 June— Bulgaria will pull all its 450 soldiers out of the turbulent Iraq next year, Foreign Minister Solomon Passy said on Saturday.

Bulgarian troops will not stay in Iraq beyond 2005 and the Bulgarian government will work out a specific withdrawal timetable according to the Iraqi interim government's demand, Bulgarian telegraph agency quoted Passy as reporting.

Some Bulgarian soldiers in Iraq were attacked by suicide car bombings on 27 December, in which five were killed and 26 wounded. Later conflicts have left one soldier dead and four injured.

Many soldiers have applied for returning Bulgaria,

and 42 of the second contingent deployed in Iraq have been sent home for turning down assignments.

Up to 15 soldiers of the third contingent, who will be dispatched to Iraq soon, have handed in applications for not going to the Arab country. — Internet

Iran welcomes UN resolution on Iraq

TEHRAN, 12 June— Iran welcomes the adoption of a UN Security Council resolution on Iraq as a step towards restoring peace in the country, Iran's influential former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said on Friday.

"Although the resolution is weak, it is a step forward towards getting Iraqis and Americans out of the hell created by the Americans," Rafsanjani told worshippers at Friday prayers at Teheran University, in remarks broadcast live on state media.

The resolution endorses a sovereign interim government in Iraq from the end of June and elections by January 2005.

The interim government will be in charge of oil revenues and will have the right to order US-led troops out of Iraq. "This resolution may help Iraqis decide their future," Rafsanjani said.

Shiite Iran has strongly condemned the US-led occupation of Iraq, while Washington has warned Teheran not to foment anti-US sentiment among Iraq's Shiite majority. — MNA/Reuters

Vietnam to make artificial rain

HANOI, 12 June — Vietnam plans to make artificial rain by 2010, in a bid to increase water reserve for its irrigation demand in the dry season, according to local newspaper Saigon Liberation on Thursday.

The project, which is expected to cost 50-60 billion Vietnamese dong (3.2-3.8 million US dollars), will be first implemented in the northern delta and midland of the country.

It will be divided into three stages. The 2005-2006 preparation stage will focus on science research, determining suitable technology, training scientific staff, and preparing technical infrastructure.

The 2007-2010 trial stage will make artificial rain in

the northern delta and midland, and receive technology transfer. The official implementation stage from 2011 will focus on producing artificial rain in other localities across the country.

However, to implement

the project, the country will send technical staff to Russia in July, and then to China, Thailand and the United States to learn their rain-making technology and experiences.

MNA/Xinhua

Shenzhen drivers walk to work on "car-free day"

SHENZHEN, 12 June — Thousands of car owners in the southern boomtown Shenzhen walked to their offices Friday to mark the city's first "car-free day".

Incomplete statistics show 100,000 drivers in Shenzhen left their cars behind and walked, took a bus or rode a bicycle to work on Friday, shortly after the 33rd World Environmental Day that fell on June 5.

The municipal government has marked the first Friday following the World Environmental Day every year as a "green action day" — a day for the government and people to carry out varied public welfare activities for the betterment of the city's environment.

MNA/Xinhua



Armed Iraqi Shi'ite militiamen stand guard near the office of radical Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in Baghdad's suburb of al-Sadr city on 11 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Communists oppose any Indian troops going to Iraq

NEW DELHI, 12 June — India's Communists, key supporters of the new coalition government, said on Friday there should be no question of sending troops to Iraq, in an angry response to a suggestion from the Foreign Minister that the issue could be reconsidered.

"The Indian Foreign Minister's ambiguous remarks in Washington must be clarified," the country's largest left-wing party, the Communist Party of India (Marxist), said in a statement.

"The Manmohan Singh government must make it clear that there is no ques-

tion of sending Indian troops to Iraq to bolster the American occupation."

Foreign Minister Natwar Singh said on a visit to Washington on Thursday that his government would take a fresh look at the issue of sending troops to Iraq after the Security Council gave its unanimous blessing to a

new interim government in Baghdad.

"There is a resolution of the last Parliament on this issue in which we had given our opinion that we are against sending troops to Iraq," Singh said after a meeting with US Secretary of State Colin Powell.

"Now the situation is

changed. There is a resolution unanimously passed in the United Nations ... We'll look at it very carefully. But I must emphasise that this matter will have to be placed before the government at the highest levels so it would be premature for me to say yes or nay."

The UN Security Council adopted on Tuesday a US-British resolution that formally ends the occupation of Iraq on June 30.

The 15-nation body endorsed a "sovereign interim government" in Iraq and authorized a US-led multinational force to keep the peace.

But India's Communists said the people of Iraq had had no say in the creation of the interim government and still suffered under a "brutal occupation". —MNA/Reuters



US military and unidentified contractors tow away a smoldering semi-truck from the highway in Baghdad, after a roadside attack Iraq, on 12 June, 2004.

INTERNET

Germany, France to share more data on militants

KEHL (Germany), 12 June — Germany and France will step up the exchange of information on suspected militants as part of a series of new steps to combat terrorism, organized crime and illegal immigration.

The two countries' interior ministers said on Thursday their police and intelligence services would share information on suspect individuals and groups in order to provide early warning of possible attacks by militant Islamist groups.

The plan also provides for joint Franco-German police patrols in border areas

and enhanced police powers for cross-border observation and pursuit of suspects.

"International Islamist terrorism — on our continent and in the world — constitutes one of the biggest current threats," Germany's Otto Schily said in the western town of Kehl, where he held talks with French counterpart Dominique de Villepin.

The two sides will set up a special experts' group to cooperate on expulsions of radical Islamist suspects who present a security threat.

Both countries have been frustrated in recent months in attempts to deport suspected militants who have fought such orders in the courts.

Schily is trying to implement fast-track expulsion measures in a tortuously negotiated immigration bill, and Villepin has also called for a tightening of French law.

The European Union is working to strengthen security cooperation in the wake of the March 11 train bombings in Spain which killed 191 people and which investigators have pinned on Islamic militants with links to al-Qaeda.

A spokeswoman for Schily said the Franco-German agreement was meant to complement, not compete with security initiatives at the EU level.

She said Germany has bilateral police arrangements with Austria and Switzerland and would not rule out seeking accords with new EU members Poland and the Czech Republic, with which it shares borders.

MNA/Reuters

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Iraqi boy's father thanks slain Japanese for help

TOKYO, 12 June — The father of an Iraqi boy brought to Japan for an eye operation said on Friday he was thankful for the help of two Japanese freelance journalists who were killed in Iraq last month.

After performing surgery in Shizuoka, west of Tokyo, doctors said there was a chance 10-year-old Mohamad Haytham Saleh's left eye would recover.

Mohamad lost most of the sight in his left eye when it was cut by broken glass during fighting between US forces and guerillas in the Iraqi city of Fallujah, media reports said.

"If he is able to use contact lenses in a few months, I think we can hope for a recovery of eyesight," said Tetsuo Hida, a Kyorin University professor who led the 30-minute operation.

Mohamad's father Haytham, 33, expressed relief and gratitude, saying he would never forget the kindness of Shinsuke Hashida, 61, and his nephew Kotaro Ogawa, 33, Kyodo news agency reported.

Hashida and Ogawa had arranged for Mohamad's visit to Japan before they were killed by gunmen on May 29 south of Baghdad. The two Japanese were cremated in a Buddhist ceremony at a Bangkok temple this week.

Japan has sent around 550 ground troops to help rebuild Iraq in its riskiest military mission since World War II.

MNA/Reuters

Americans say Iraq war not worth it

LOS ANGELES, 12 June — A majority of US voters now say it was not worth going to war in Iraq and feel the United States is getting bogged down there, according to a Los Angeles Times poll published on Friday.

In the survey of 1,230 registered voters conducted across the country from Saturday through Tuesday, 53 per cent said it was not worth going to war in Iraq while 43 per cent said it was and 4 per cent said they did not know. The sample has a margin of error of 3 per cent points.

The paper said the survey was the first time one of its voter surveys found a majority of voters doubting whether the situation in Iraq was worth the United States going to war there.

In a March LA Times survey 53 per cent of voters said the war was worth fighting and 43 per cent said it was not, a reverse of the current figure.

The paper said that 35 per cent of American voters thought the United States was making good progress in Iraq while 61 per cent said the country was getting bogged down there.

But 52 per cent of voters said that they thought the United States was winning the war in Iraq and less than one in four said the guerillas were winning.

Despite a growing sense that the war was

not justified, voters did not advocate a quick pullout of Iraq.

Less than 20 per cent said America should withdraw its troops within weeks. Seventy-three per cent said that there should be no specific date for withdrawal because disorder and civil war could result.

Fifty-five per cent of voters said they disapproved of President George W Bush's handling of the war, while 44 per cent approved. — MNA/Reuters

Cambodia willing to join Asia-Europe meeting

PHNOM PENH, 12 June — Cambodia's Foreign Minister Hor Namhong said here on Friday that Cambodia is willing to join the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) which will be held in October as soon as possible.

"We ask the ambassadors of European Union to support Cambodia to join the ASEM as soon as possible," Hor Namhong told reporters after he met with European Union's ambassadors and charges d'Affaires accredited to Cambodia on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



A civil defence worker walks past the remains of a destroyed vehicle following a car bomb in the Saydiya district south of Baghdad, on 11 June, 2004.

INTERNET

Russian tax swoop hits British Council

MOSCOW, 12 June — Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Friday the cultural wing of the British Foreign Office would have to pay tax, firing the latest shot in a row over the British Council's status in Russia.

The British Council warned the move might be damaging to the work it did in Russia's interest and added it always fed profits back into projects in the country.

"The situation surrounding the activities of the British Council could not be clearer. The British Council has 15 offices in Russia. They are not offices of the British Embassy," the ministry's spokesman Alexander Yakovenko told journalists.

"These offices are subject to the full gamut of Russian law, including paying tax."

Russian authorities have been trying to wring more tax out of the economy, but few observers expected them to aim at the British Council, a state-funded body that arranges English courses and promotes British culture.

The British Council said talks between the British Embassy and Russia's Foreign and Interior ministries were continuing. "Obviously, this is going to have a potential impact on our work in Russia which is a great shame as it is very much in Russia's long term interests," a British Council spokesman in London said.

"The argument is that if we make all this money we have to pay tax on it. But all the money we make is ploughed back into the operation and we spend a great deal more money on top of that." — MNA/Reuters



A young Iraqi boy passes by a destroyed and blood splattered mini van in the Sadr City district of Baghdad, Iraq. The vehicle was destroyed after overnight battles between US forces and Iraqi militiamen on 11 June, 2004.



Ali Karim, 9 year-old Iraqi boy, was badly wounded in overnight clashes between US forces and Shi'ite militiamen in the Baghdad suburb of Sadr city on 11 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



Iraqis gather near a bullet-riddled vehicle outside the Najaf, Iraq, police station on 10 June, 2004.



A car bomb exploded on a highway in the Sayediya district of Baghdad, Iraq, as a US patrol passed nearby on 11 June, 2004.



Iraqi medics examine Fatima Abdul Rida, age 11, after she was injured in the cross-fire between US forces and Iraqi militiamen on 11 June, 2004.



Saef Hussein was injured in the cross-fire between militants and local police on 10 June, 2004.



An Iraqi man stands near the wreckage of destroyed vehicles in Baghdad on 13 June, 2004. The vehicle was blown up in Baghdad, killing at least 12 Iraqis.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Loitawkhram bridge in Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), contributes much towards the convenience in travelling of local people. — PHOTO: TIN SOE



Water intake facility of power station that generates 15 kilowatts of electricity in Kehsi Township, Shan State (South).— PBANRDA

Border and rural area developments



The opening ceremony of a tubewell in Budalin, Sagaing Division in progress.

PBANRDA



For better transportation in rural areas, roads linking one village and another are being built. The photo shows one of the road construction sites in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division.—PBANRDA



Zawgyi Dam in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division .—MNA

The Tatmadaw's strength and the Union railroad

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loitem)

The Union nations stand taller, whenever their unity becomes stronger; and they face the danger of fragmentation as soon as their unity weakens. These are the two trends of the Union nations, and Myanmar is on the first trend towards progress.

We are on this positive trend because of the collective and energetic efforts of leaders at different levels of the nation with the leadership of the Head of State and the capability of the Government, willing to develop every part of the Union, having goodwill for the entire people of the nation, staying away from egoism and selfishness, and striving to develop the whole Union.

Of the many achievements that make the nation stand with pride, a Union railway has emerged due to the endeavours of the Tatmadaw.

In his address, delivered at the meeting of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held on 23 June 1994, Senior General Than Shwe said, "Transport plays a vital role for regional development. It is important to build all-weather roads linking the main regions for progress. The national economy will develop only if there is better transport."

At Pyntha Railway Station in the southern part of Taunggyi District, southern Shan State, at 9 am on 21 March 2004, a ceremony was held to open a new railroad that reflects the strength of Tatmadawmen.

"As a special task, the State continuously pays serious attention to improvement of the living standard of all the nationalities of the Union. A region will develop only if there is peace and stability and transport facilitation. Thus, in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the existing motor roads have been upgraded and the new ones built, while new railroads have been built to transport a larger number of passengers and volume of goods at less cost", said Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint at the presence of over 30,000 people attending the ceremony.

"The Government has built the 37.7-mile Shwenyaung-Yaksaw railroad, the 104-mile Aungban-Loikaw railroad, 61.68-mile Shwenyaung-Hsaikkhaung railroad in Taunggyi District; and 27.56-mile Namhsan-Mongnai railroad in Loilem District. Hence, the regional people can now travel from one place to another at low cost", said the commander. The people nodded in support of his words reflecting the Government's goodwill, the people have been enjoying. For example, because of the existence of the railway linking Hsaikkhaung and Taunggyi, consumer demand rises in all villages and small towns lying along it. Many small food stalls have become restaurants, and trading of goods between the two destinations has prospered, thereby creating many local successful traders. Some shopkeepers whose daily sales never even reached K 1,000 are now selling goods worth ten or more thousand kyats every day. These persons,

who are enjoying a successful and prosperous lives, were also included in the crowd.

The commander continued to say, "In accord with the further guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 103-mile railroad from Hsaikkhaung to Namhsan via Ponchaung will be built in the interest of all the national races in the region, without taking into account the economic benefit. When completed, the railroad will link villages in the southern part of Taunggyi District and those lying in the southern sector of Loilem District, and will help bring economic and social development together with improvement in public knowledge to the whole region.

"The work to survey the axis for the railroad demands labour because of the mountainous terrain covered by jungles and steep rocky slopes and sparsely located villages in the areas. Thus, I have already assigned Tatmadawmen of the regional battalions and units under the Eastern Command to fulfil the requirement with the strength of the Tatmadawmen.

"Soldiers of the command headquarters and battalions and units under the command started to build the new railroad section from Hsaikkhaung to Pyntha on 1 August 2001. The completed part of the section — a 16.8-mile railroad — was opened on 27 March 2003 in hailing the Armed Forces Day. The remaining 4.3-mile long Pyntha-Htiri section is now completed, and will be opened today."

Nowadays, the Tatmadawmen are discharging the three main duties of the Tatmadaw. The three main duties are — to fight for the nation if there comes out the enemy; and to undergo military training and to serve the public interest when the nation is peaceful. As peace and stability is prevailing in the whole nation, the Tatmadawmen are undergoing military training to be ever ready for national defence, and are striving with might and main to serve the interest of the people. They are building the railroad linking Taunggyi and Loilem districts to ensure a cost-effective transport for the regional people. In this way, they are working in the interest of the people.

In conclusion of his address, the commander said, "The remaining section of the railroad will be built with the courage and perseverance of the Tatmadawmen. When the whole railroad project is totally completed, it is sure that there will be smooth flow of goods and improvement in the social standard of the people. The railroad will also help strengthen and propagate the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit. And with this I conclude."

The place was reverberated with the applause of the crowd of 30,000 people attending the ceremony.

(To be continued)

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(Kyemon: 25.5.2004)

National Convention delegates keep fit with help of sports facilities

YANGON, 13 June— Delegates to the National Convention take physical exercises and keep themselves fit with help of sports facilities daily.

At Nyaungnabin Camp, Win Thuza Shop is being kept open to sell various kinds of products manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-1. Similarly, Government Employees Cooperative (GEC) Shop sell foodstuff, personal goods, textiles, stationery and periodicals.

In addition, various items of medicines and books on health education subjects are available at the shop of Grand Health Care Cooperative Ltd.

Likewise, Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information opens Sarpay Beikman Book Stall lend reference books, magazines, journals, novels to the delegates and sell the books which had won Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards at reasonable prices.

Furthermore, the shop of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries sells fresh instant foodstuff, honey and honey products and canned foods. Laundering services are being given to the delegates.

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National Convention delegates take physical exercises at Nyaungnabin Camp. — 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

မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော
ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးအော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးဦးကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ
ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

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

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးရောင်ဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီးဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်လှိုင်ပေါလာသည့် အချိန်တော်ပါသော
သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရုံသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းစွတ်သီး၊
စသည်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်၊ ကမ်းမဲ
မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်ဖြစ်၍ ရေခြောင်း၊
ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်သိပ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ခြင်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရပ်ခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီသည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ
ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို
စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ကျပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို
ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ခြင်နီမိနင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများ
ကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ပိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်း
ပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက်
ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party pay homage to Buddha images.—MNA

Government has ...

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Serving the interest of one race or one organization or one party is to be avoided.

That is why the 24-development regions have been designated and work is well under way for bringing about harmonious development across the nation. In the process, priority is being given to development of economic, education, health and transport sectors as well as human resources development.

All are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for Kalay University to possess the characteristics of a university like other universities. Nowadays, systematic steps are being taken for the nation to be on the democratic path. In this connection, the National Convention being convened is not only the first step for the period of transition to democracy but also the important step in successful realization of the seven-point future policy programmes of the State. The forum is being attended by delegates of national

racers, delegates of people from all walks of life and others.

It is incumbent upon the entire national people including faculty members of Kalay university to enthusiastically participate in successful realization of the seven-point future policy programmes of the State by doing their bit with patriotism and Union Spirit. Next, the General, the Secretary-1 and party viewed subject-wise research works of the university.

They inspected the e-education resource centre, e-education learning centre, computer training centre and language lab. The Prime Minister inspected the site for building the main building of the university.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Kalay General Hospital where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Tun, specialists and nurses.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected the surgical ward, special intensive care unit and operation theatre. At the briefing

hall, Dr Tin Tun reported on appointment of specialists, strength of staff, supply of modern hospital equipment, field trips of specialists, setting up of funds, extended buildings and construction tasks. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo gave supplementary reports.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on momentum

cal colleges in order to become qualified technicians.

Principal of Government Computer College (Kalay) Daw Aye Aye Thein reported on aims of opening the college, kinds of degrees, strength of faculty members, number of the students, course duration and programmes, teaching aid, construction and greening tasks. Minis-

ter U Thaung gave supplementary reports on matters related to producing qualified computer technicians.

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The Prime Minister met members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, local people and entrepreneurs at Aung San Hall in Kalay.

Chairman of Kalay District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Moe Myint reported on location and area of the district, set-up of township, ward, village tract and villages in the district, households and population, cultivation of monsoon and cold season crops and production, implementation of economic plans, measures undertaken for education and health sectors and requirements in the region.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

In meeting with local people, he said his party was not able to go to Kyikha, Reed and Tiddim regions because of the weather. He inspected Kalay University, People's Hospital and Technological College in Kalay and fulfilled the requirements as much as possible.

He said Kalay region is both a gateway to Chin State and an exit to India. It is also an important region of the State. Moreover, Kalay Valley is a fertile region that can produce more rice. It is the region that can provide food supplies needed for Chin State because of surplus of rice, he said.

He said local people should not be content with

sumption of rice is the greatest among the South-East Asian nations. It is necessary to boost production of rice through extended cultivation acreage and increase of the per acre yield. Only when the country grows more rice, can rice be exported, he said.

In this connection, farmers and service personnel who are engaged in this sector are to make efforts for more agricultural production. He also spoke of the need to compile correct data on cultivation acreage and output.

He said the objectives to become Sagaing Division as a granary of upper Myanmar and to extend monsoon cultivation acreage up to two million acres have been laid. All are to work hard for realization of the objectives, he added.

As the production increases, economic life will improve. Responsible personnel are to implement rural development tasks making field trips to the grass-roots levels. He said township is the most basic level and urged all service personnel at the township level to undertake the tasks effectively in implementation of agricultural and rural development projects.

The government on its part has built economic infrastructures including dams, transport infrastructures, hospitals and dispensaries and schools and universities and colleges for human resource development.

Local people are also responsible for development of Kalay district. With the sense of duty, they are to participate in the efforts for development of the region in hand with the government.

He called on them to make efforts for regional de-

velopment and to implement the seven-point future policy programme in unity.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented TV, VCR and computer for No 1 and No 2 Basic Education High Schools in Kalay to the headmasters.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and

party arrived Kalay Industrial Zone where they were welcomed by members of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and members of Industrial Zone Management Committee.

They heard reports on location and area of the Industrial Zone, allotment of land for industrialists, assembling of automobiles, manufacturing of hydro electric turbines and agricultural equipment presented by Chairman of Kalay Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Chairman of Kalay District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Moe Myint.

Afterwards, Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Committee U Aung Min presented reports on assembling and sales of Maung Myanmar Super Jeep, arrangements for assembling 10-ton truck and passenger bus, production of hydro electric turbines and production and sales of agricultural equipment. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt then fulfilled the requirements.

Later, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party viewed Maung Myanmar Super Jeep, equipment used for general purpose and agricultural equipment at the showroom.

In the evening, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Sagahla Dhammayon Kyaungtaik and paid homage to Sagahla Pagoda and ancient Buddha images.

They paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajinda and presented offerings to the members of the Sangha. Next, they paid obeisance to Buddha images and presented cash donations. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hears reports on GTC (Kalay) by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung.—MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects...

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paddy plantations of the local battalions of Lashio Station.

Next, they went to 100-ton Feedstuff Factory of Myanmar-Kokang Cultural Troupe. At 9.30 am, the ceremony to open the feedstuff factory was held. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and a local national race formally opened the factory. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe unveiled the signboard of the factory.

Afterwards, Factory Manager U Law Khaik Yi reported on matters related to the factory. Next, a local presented commemorative pennants to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the commander.

The factory was opened

to benefit breeders of Myanmar. The factory will produce feedstuff and vaccine for pig and poultry and it can produce 100 tons per day.

They also inspected Shwemyin Hnakaung battery plant of Shwemyin Hnakaung Industrial Co Ltd. The plant distributes its products to townships in Shan State (North), Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions.

On 10 June, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at 1,000-acre highland farmlands of Loihsamsit Model Agricultural Zone in Kutkai Township after inspecting Muse District Import-Substitute Small-scale Industrial Ward.

Tactical Operations Com-

mander Col San Shwe Tha reported on cultivation of paddy, maize and soya bean as the national duty for implementation of drug elimination and local food sufficiency beginning 2001-2002 in Shan State (North) in accordance with guidance of the Head of State.

Next, they inspected maize and soya bean plantations on both sides of Kutkai-Hsenwi Road.

Niger, pigeon pea and Hsinshweli hybrid maize are thriving on 300 acres of lands of local regiments and units, 100 acres of departments, 150 acres of Myanmar Agriculture Service, 216 acres of USDA and social organizations and 234 acres of local farmers.

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects production process of Shwemyin Hnakaung Battery Factory.—MNA

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Township PDC office at 10.30 am. The township PDC chairman reported on health, social and education issues, land utilization, vegetable cultivation, land reclamation, and township development and departmental officials on their respective sectors.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said Rakhine State has economic prospects, relying on agriculture. This year, 40,000 acres of land have been extended and it has been targeted to cultivate one million acres of monsoon paddy. MraukU township is a place where monsoon paddy can be cultivated most, he added. A total of 2781 acres of land were extended and over 120,000 acres of paddy have been set to be cultivated in the township. So, it is needed for the agricultural committee to make field trips and to supervise for cultivation.

Rural people are urged to carry out agricultural and livestock breeding works on a manageable scale, he noted.

For its part, the State has set up 24 development regions to ensure the balanced development of the whole country, and is implementing border areas development projects.

In addition, five rural development tasks are be-

ing carried out.

That is why local people are to participate in the task in cooperation with departmental officials, he said. He then stressed the need for officials to keep MraukU Township, the ancient cultural region, clean and tidy. He next greeted those present.

It is Mrauk Township that can cultivate monsoon paddy most in the entire Rakhine State.

It is learnt that 2781 acres of land have been extended in 1004-2005 and 121203 acres of monsoon paddy have been set to grow in the township.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited Yan Aung Zeya Stupa built by King Min Ba Gyi in 1535.

Next, on behalf of the wellwishers of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 1080000 for the funds towards the stupa to Rakhine State Archaeology Department (Branch) Director U Kyaw Lwin Oo.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than signed in the visitors' book and left instructions on renovation of the stupa.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected condition of bridges and Yangon-Swittway Union Highway between Myauku and Minpya townships by car.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at Minbya Township PDC office. The township chairman gave reports on the township's education, health, social and economic affairs.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on cultivation of monsoon paddy, raising of livestock and exceeding the targets, growing of regional crops and pepper and extending the livestock breeding tasks. After that, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present.

In Minbya township, 3456 cultivable acres have been extended and 75894 acres of monsoon paddy have been set to be cultivated in 2004-2005. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party headed to Minbya township Hospital where they viewed round the delivery room, operation theatre, medical store, and ward for men and left instructions on keeping the hospital compound neat and clean.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than went to local battalion of the township, enquired about the education, health, social and welfare tasks of the officers and other ranks and their families and greeted them.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects medical store of MraukU Township Hospital.—MNA

Modes of Dress Show to be held in National Theater

YANGON, 13 June — As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Myanmar Women Affairs Federation will hold Modes of Dress Show in National Theater, Myoma Kyaung Street on 26 June.

A coordination meeting for ensuring successful holding of modes of dress show was held at the meeting hall of the MWAFF on Thanlwin Street on 12 June morning.

During the meeting, officials of respective sub-

committees presented reports on preparatory work for the show. Vice-President of the MWAFF President of Leading Committee for Organizing Modes of Dress Show Daw Than Nwe gave supplementary reports.

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health sectors and the accomplishments now appear in most regions. In conclusion, he urged the locals to cooperate with the departments concerned for regional development.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted those present.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, accompanied by Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, officials of State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, left Myeik and arrived at the jetty

in Kyunsu Township where they were welcomed by Captain Win Shein of local Naval Regional Command, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Than Nyunt and officials.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met officials and social organization members at the Township Hall. The Township Chairman reported on location, population, land utilization, paddy cultivation, local food sufficiency, cultivation of perennial crops, education, health and economic sectors.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 700,000 for construction of Taungdwingyi Village BEPS to an official; Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, K 200,000 for construction of two-storey building of Kyunsu BEHS; Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, K 300,000 for building Kyunsu jetty; and Captain Win Shein of local Naval Region Command, K 100,000 for Tayapaing Village dispensary.

They inspected the site for construction of Marine Science Research Centre of Myeik University.

At Thingan-aw Camp, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially met local people and proceeded to the fish breeding camp of Pyi Phyo Tun International Co Ltd near Mawtongyi Island. They inspected livestock breeding tasks. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived back in Myeik in the evening.—MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo donates K 700,000 for construction of new building at Taungkwingyi Village BEPS in Kyunsu Township.—MNA

ကမ္ဘာ့သွေးလှူရင်များနေ့ (၁၄-၆-၂၀၀၄)

World Blood Donor Day (14-6-2004)

အသက်သင်္ခင်သွေးလှူရင် ကျေးဇူးတင်စရာ ဘဝတာ

Blood, a gift for life. Thank you

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt donates provisions to a Sayadaw at Sakahla Dhammayon Kyaungtaik in Kalay. (News on page 1)— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party view general purpose machinery at Kalay Industrial Zone. (News on page 1)— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets students at computer room of Kalay University. (News on page 1)— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects patient ward at Kalay General Hospital. (News on page 1)— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives instructions to faculty members and staff of Kalay University. (News on page 1)— MNA

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 13 June — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657). MNA

Donate blood

POEM:

Set up the garden while time is ripe

- * For our village to enjoy fruits regularly
Set up the garden while time is ripe
Putting in all your strength, our villagers
If only they get into cultivation,
Will there be
Pleasant garden will flourish.
Flourish in good shape on our land.
- * If we have to wait for
Those with ill health
Garden's soil will erode
Weeds on land will grow
And these will quickly appear.
- * The pleasantness of our village
To flourish, we all of us
Must, while opportune, strive harmoniously
Let's all try, let's try.

Nwai Cho (Trs)

Coord meeting with MAEPS and entrepreneurs held

YANGON, 13 June — A coordination meeting between Myanmar agricultural equipment production sub-committee and entrepreneurs of respective industrial zones from states and divisions was held in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on 9 and 10 June. It was attended by members of the sub-committee, chairmen of supervisory committee for industrial zones, manufacturers of agricultural equipment totaling about 160.

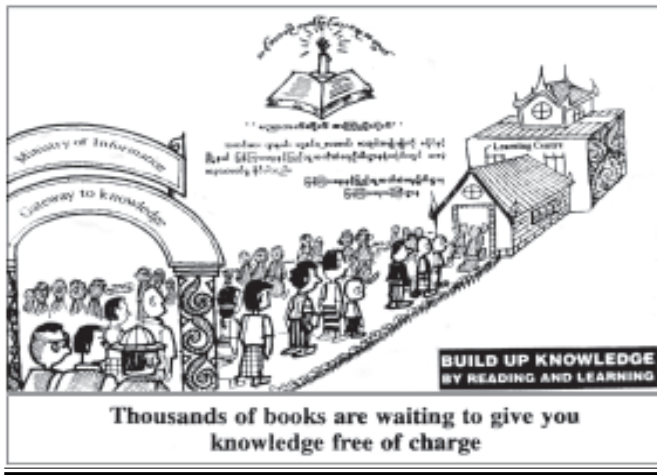
In the meeting, Secretary of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Chairman of Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Production Sub-committee

Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech.

Next, those present reported on measures being taken for manufacturing of agricultural equipment in respective industrial zones and private-owned ones, investment, inputs, availability and use of raw materials, strength of labour, arrangements for technology developments, quality control, management and extension of market and further boosting of production.

Afterwards, members of sub-committee and those present joined in the general round of discussions.

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Canada's trade surplus soars

OTTAWA, 12 June — Canada's trade surplus soared to its second-highest level on record in April as exports grew at six times the pace of imports on surging international demand and higher commodity prices, Statistics Canada reported Friday.

For the month, Canada's trade balance with the rest of the world shot up to 7.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 5.8 billion US dollars), second only to the surplus of 8.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 6.5 billion US dollars) recorded in January 2001.

Exports in April rose by 4.4 per cent to 36.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 28 billion US dollars). At the same time, imports advanced 0.7 per cent to 29.1 billion Canadian dollars (about 22 billion US dollars).

April's export growth was fuelled by strong international demand and high prices for most industrial commodities. Contributing to the gains were higher exports of aircraft, industrial machinery, passenger automobiles, and petroleum and coal products, Statistics Canada said in its monthly report on international trade.

In terms of imports, declines in shipments of cars and trucks offset gains in most other sectors, the report said.

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India to export rail coaches to Malaysia

NEW DELHI, 12 June — India will export 11 air-conditioned rail coaches to Malaysia for 790,174 US dollars.

Integral Coach Factory (ICF), a production unit of Indian Railways, has bagged order for export of 11 metre-gauge air-conditioned coaches to Malaysian Railways, the Press Information Bureau of India reported Friday.

ICF, based at Chennai in south India, has so far exported 425 passenger coaches to several nations, including Thailand, Myanmar, Zambia, the Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Mozambique.

Established in 1952 as a premier manufacturer of all-steel railway coaches of monocoque design, ICF's product mix was later extended to include self-propelled railway vehicles and Electric Multiple Unit train sets.—MNA/Xinhua

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Eco ties, trade priority in China-Hungary ties

BUDAPEST, 12 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Friday that China and Hungary have agreed to put economic ties and trade as the priority areas in their bilateral relations.

Hu told a group of Hungary businessmen at a special meeting proposed by Hu himself that China will work together with the Hungary side to strike a balanced development of two-way trade.

"We are not seeking a long-term trade deficit in favour of China, but hope to gradually narrow the gap through development of bilateral economic ties and trade," Hu said.

The Chinese President promised to encourage Chinese firms to import more from Hungary, and proposed Hungary companies explore better ways in tapping Chinese market.

Two-way trade between China and Hungary reached 2.6 billion US dollars last year, up 66 per cent from the previous year. Hungary has been China's largest trading partner among central and eastern European countries for three consecutive years.

Although China is the 5th largest trading partner of Hungary, China-Hungary trade volume was less than 0.3 per cent of China's total foreign trade volume of 851.2 billion US dollars.

"That figure cannot match with the level

of friendship and the high economic growth rate of our two countries," Hu said. "We should find out better ways and work more vigorously to promote our economic ties and trade as President Madl Frenc and I have agreed to put economic ties and trade as a priority in our bilateral relations."

The Chinese President made a three-point proposal on boosting economic ties and trade between the two countries. They are increasing direct contacts between businessmen of the two sides, starting cooperation in hi-tech and increasing mutual investment.

Hu's proposal was welcomed by Hungarian businessmen.

Miklos Devecz, manager of the Flextronics company responsible for strategic development and government relations, said the proposals were "excellent" and that his company "appreciates, supports" the proposal and will work to make the proposals a success. The Flextronics company, a Singapore-based electronic products manufacturer and service provider, has about 44 per cent of its business in China, the same level as in Hungary. — MNA/Xinhua

Asian FMs to issue cooperation documents during ACD meeting

BEIJING, 12 June — Foreign ministers from 22 Asian countries will issue a declaration on Asian cooperation and a document on energy cooperation at a meeting later this month.

They will jointly issue a declaration on Asian cooperation and the Qingdao Initiative, which is under the framework of energy cooperation among Asian countries, during the third foreign ministers' meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) to be held in Qingdao.

An official from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, on condition of anonymity, made the remarks here Friday at a Press briefing.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao announced at a regular Press conference on Thursday that the third

ACD foreign ministers' meeting will be held in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province on June 21-22.

The closed-door foreign ministers' meeting will review the progress in various fields within the ACD framework over the past two years, explore the direction for the ACD's development and exchange views on international and regional issues, the official said.

He said a Chinese leader is expected to attend the opening ceremony of the meeting, which will be announced by a Foreign Ministry spokesman at an appropriate time.

On the sideline of the meeting, the China-ASEAN foreign minister's informal meeting and the first meeting of the Three Party Committee of China, Japan and South Korea will also be convened. Both are also closed-door meetings, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan to join ASEAN Regional Forum

JAKARTA, 12 June — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will propose the inclusion of Pakistan in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) during the annual gathering scheduled here on July 2, a senior official with the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Ministry said here Friday.

"The inclusion of Pakistan was decided after tough discussions during the senior officials meeting held earlier in the town of Yogyakarta," said Makarim Wibisono, director general for Asia, Pacific and Africa affairs.

The ARF was a forum of dialogues between ten ASEAN member countries and 12 countries in Asia and the Pacific plus the European Union.

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

MNA/Xinhua

Thai, Indian officials discuss ways to expand bilateral cooperation

BANGKOK, 12 June — Bilateral ties and cooperation between Thailand and India will be further strengthened following a two-day official visit to New Delhi by Thai Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai earlier this week.

Surakiart paid an official visit to India on June 8-11, as the guest of the Indian Government, the Thai News Agency reported Friday.

During the visit, Surakiart held discussions with his Indian counterpart Mr. K. Natwar Singh on several issues, including progress of the Thai-Indian Free Trade Area (FTA).

The two ministers signed a bilateral agreement on mutual legal assistance in criminal affairs.

During his visit, Surakiart also met with Director-General of the Confederation of Indian Industry N. Srinivasan, and its executive members. They discussed extensively on further promotion of bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, tourism between the two countries, particularly between private firms, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

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China playing more important role in international affairs

BEIJING, 13 June — Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former secretary-general of the United Nations (UN), said China has become an important world intermediary and is playing a more and more important role in international affairs.

Boutros-Ghali made the remark in reply to reporter's questions in a joint interview with Chinese media Saturday in Beijing.

The former secretary-general said it is very hard to play an intermediary to help solve the complicated and sometimes even conflicting international disputes, expressing his appreciation to China's constructive role played in the Korean nuclear issue and the two rounds of six-party talks.

The key factor to the peaceful solution of the Korean nuclear issue is how strong of the political will that the concerned parties hold, Boutros-Ghali said, noting that the process is now still facing many difficulties and challenges.

He pointed out that international community is too eager to see positive results from the six-party talks, which is, however, in his view, may takes years after years to bear fruits.

What is the most important thing to promote the six-party talks mechanism is patience, he stressed.

Boutros-Ghali was here to attend an International Seminar on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence held as scheduled from June 14 to 15.

The Five Principles, include mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and peaceful coexistence.

Boutros-Ghali said the Five Principles had been gradually accepted by the international community and become fundamental rules in dealing with state-to-state relations.

He said he believes, under the new circumstances, the principles would have a new life and further develop, he added.

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Poor nations see signs of agreement in trade talks

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 13 June — Developing nations see some signs of agreement in world-trade talks on the eve of an important meeting with rich nations to avert an impasse, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Saturday.

Reform of farm trade lies at the heart of the informal World Trade Organization talks on Sunday, and Amorim said much work remained to ensure poor nations did not lose gains of recent months.

"There are some indications of more positive convergences. Let us pursue them," Amorim told fellow trade ministers for the G-20 group of developing nations. "Let us build on our achievements so far and make sure that this positive momentum will be maintained."

Trade and foreign relations ministers are meeting in Sao Paulo to get world free-trade talks back on track after

they collapsed last September in Cancun, Mexico.

The impasse came as the G-20 pushed to centre stage its demands for the United States and other rich nations to cut export and domestic subsidies and lower tariff barriers for farm products. The developed world gives its farmers around 300 billion US dollars a year in subsidies, which developing nations say undercut the competitiveness of their products and fuel poverty.

Amorim, who leads the G-20, will meet with ministers from the United States, European Union, India and Australia on the sidelines of the United Nations Confer-

ence on Development and Trade in Sao Paulo.

All momentum for the Doha Round of WTO trade talks, which is supposed to be concluded this year, could be lost if a deal is not reached by mid-July, negotiators say.

The European Union has offered to discuss an end to farm export subsidies, provided other rich nations follow suit. Amorim said the G-20 needed assurances that nations like the United States and Canada were prepared to meet the EU demand. Work is also well-advanced on the question of the huge domestic subsidies rich states give their farmers. — MNA/Reuters

Turtles kept lost Peruvian fishermen alive

LIMA (Peru), 13 June — Three Peruvian shark fishermen lost at sea for 59 days survived by eating turtle meat and drinking the reptiles' blood, a newspaper reported on Friday.

The men set out on March 25 in the Pacific Ocean in a fishing boat without radio equipment.

They soon ran out of food and turned to eating turtles caught from the boat, *El Comercio* reported.

The sailors tried drinking the water in the radiator of the ship's engine but quickly realized it was toxic and turned to turtle blood instead.

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Artists perform the opening ceremony around a replica of a Caravella, prior to the Euro 2004, Group A, soccer match between Portugal and Greece at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, Portugal on 12 June, 2004. — INTERNET

FARC female chief arrested in northern Colombia

BOGOTA, 13 June — The Colombian Army on Friday arrested a female guerilla chief, Martha Aurora Estrada Camargo, who is believed to be the right hand of Rodrigo Londolo, a member of the central command of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

According to military sources, Estrada Camargo, alias Gloria, was apprehended by troops of the Army's 2nd Division in Bucaramanga, capital of Colombia's northern province of Santander.

The guerilla chief was "in charge of trafficking and trading cocaine produced by the FARC" in Santander, North Santander and Arauca, a communique released by the military said.

Meanwhile, the FARC

freed 11 people kidnapped in Colombia's southern province of Huila, the mediators said Friday.

The release, witnessed by priest Alonso Sanchez and reporter German Hernandez of Diario de Huila, took place in the suburbs of Algeciras, the mediators said.

The FARC, founded 40 years ago, is Colombia's largest guerilla group, with 17,000 members.

MNA/Xinhua

WFP still feeding Zimbabwe, ready to expand aid

JOHANNESBURG, 13 June — The World Food Programme is continuing to feed vulnerable groups in Zimbabwe despite government claims of a bumper harvest, and is ready to broaden its activities in the country if asked, the UN body has said.

Zimbabwe told international donors in May it would not require emergency food aid on predictions of a bumper harvest — a statement greeted with scepticism by many analysts and Zimbabwe commercial farming groups.

An assessment of whether the country needs food aid has become far more difficult after Zimbabwean officials abruptly cancelled an assessment mission by the WFP and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at the end of April.

President Robert Mugabe has said Zimbabwe will produce 2.3 million tons of maize this year but international aid organizations have estimated it could face a shortfall of up to 900,000 tons on national demand of 1.8 million tons.

WFP spokesman Mike Huggins said late on Thursday that the Zimbabwe Government had asked the organization to continue feeding around 650,000 vulnerable people, such as orphans of HIV/AIDS victims and the elderly.

The WFP fed around 4.5 million up to April this year as the country grapples with its worst economic crisis since independence in 1980, but the need for food aid has fallen in recent weeks as rural communities harvest the maize crop.

It is not known whether Zimbabwe will ask the WFP to resume food distributions after the harvest or whether imports and domestic production will prove sufficient.

"The WFP is ready to as-

sist in a broader distribution of food should it be required but an assessment of people's food needs would have to be carried out prior to any appeal being launched. This can take months," Huggins told Reuters.

WFP executive director James Morris was able to get some idea of the food situation when he visits the country next week as part of a regional tour. The WFP said it was not clear whether he would meet government officials during the trip.

Although some critics blame food insecurity on Zimbabwe's seizure of White-owned farms, analysts say inflation has hit poor urban dwellers particularly hard.

MNA/Reuters

WTO chief still confident of trade deal in July

GENEVA, 13 June — World Trade Organization (WTO) chief Supachai Panitchpakdi expressed confidence on Friday that global trade talks would meet a July deadline for a key deal.

"I am not thinking about any plan 'B'. There has to be an agreement... (and)... I am still confident that it can be done," he told Reuters in an interview.

The WTO director-general, who will be attending next week's conference of the United Nations' trade and development agency, UNCTAD, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, said planned talks between ministers on the fringes of that gathering could be crucial for the outcome of current negotiations in Geneva.

They would be "important, if not decisive" for what kind of agreement would be possible in agriculture, the most contentious area of trade reform despite accounting for only a tiny slice of global commerce.

WTO states are racing to complete outline deals, or frameworks in trade parlance, for a number of key areas of the Doha Round of free trade negotiations, in trouble almost from their launch in late 2001.

The collapse of a ministerial conference in Cancun, Mexico, last September almost

derailed the negotiation, and the July deals aim to put trade liberalization, which economists say could be worth 500 billion US dollars to the world economy, back on track.

Asked the price of failure, the quietly spoken former Thai premier paused: "I want to use the right words.... It would really be inadvisable," he said finally.

After July, the United States will be distracted by November presidential elections and the European Union will also see sweeping change in its executive Commission.

But probably more importantly, all momentum for the talks, which were supposed to be concluded by the end of 2004, could be lost, leaving the timing of any resumption an open question. "I have said it could be years," Supachai added.

From Sao Paulo, Supachai said he hoped to see more from the G-20 developing country alliance, led by Brazil, India and South Africa, on how far they could go on opening their own markets.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Manchester United top brand league table

LONDON, 12 June—Manchester United have topped a league table of Europe's most valuable football brands, according to a report published on Friday.

The 15-times English champions have been boosted by a huge global fan base, particularly from Asia, which according to the club numbers around 53 million.

They are closely followed by Spain's Real Madrid, who have the strongest brand in Europe but have not fully capitalized on its strength financially, strategic branding consultancy FutureBrand said.

"It is no surprise that Manchester United is number one but what we have discovered is that other teams have the potential to harness their brand strengths and turn them into brand value, generating revenues for the club and the right

corporate sponsors," said FutureBrand director Marco Forato.

The report said Europe's top 20 clubs earned revenues of over 2.5 billion pounds (4.73 billion US dollars) in the 2002/2003 season.

"The basis for this wealth lies in football's massive fan base as fan loyalty and willingness to spend in support of their team is at the heart of the industry machine," it said.

English Premier League champions Arsenal were an up and coming brand after

shedding their "boring" image under manager Arsene Wenger and following their unbeaten 2003/2004 season.

Chelsea, bought last year by Russian tycoon Roman Abramovich, were currently 11th in the list but seeing a reversal of fortunes under their new owner who has invested over 120 million pounds (218.6 million US dollars) in players.

Chelsea finished second in the Premier League last season and reached the semi-finals of the Champions League. Jose Mourinho, winner of the Champions League with Porto, has taken over from Claudio Ranieri as new manager.

"The club's star appeal is likely to increase further and as long as it continues its 'on the field' success and retains existing players, fan loyalty in other markets is likely to grow," the report said.

AC Milan, Bayern Munich, Barcelona, Juventus, Inter Milan, Borussia Dortmund and Liverpool, also featured among the leading brands.

MNA/Reuters

Egypt welcomes Athens torch

CAIRO, 13 June—Egyptians welcomed the Olympic torch on its first visit to the country on Friday with flags, dancing and Arabic pop music in the heart of Cairo as part of the run up to the Athens Games.

Around 2,500 spectators in the Egyptian capital cheered as businessman Mohamed Nossair came into view carrying the torch before several children broke away to run alongside him.

A large contingent of police kept watch over the crowd as the torch was placed on a stand in Liberation Square while traditional dancers and musicians performed around it during a 30-minute break. The flame arrived in Cairo on Friday from Delhi, where it finished its final lap in Asia on Thursday. It's nice to see the (Olympic) torch here," said Ashraf Farooq who had come with his wife and three children to see the festivities.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) sponsored an Afghan mine victim named Najmuddin to be one of the 103 runners, who carried the torch for around 300 metres each, taking it a total distance of around 34 kilometres to the pyramids from the local Olympic Committee's office in the suburb of Nasr City.

Najmuddin was fitted with artificial legs after driving over an anti-tank mine when he was 18.

Egyptian actor Hussain Fahmy, who is also a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador, was mobbed by the crowd as he prepared to carry the torch on from Liberation Square.

"I'm enjoying it," he said, while fixing a sweatband to his forehead. The torch's passage through Cairo came to an end at the pyramids where around 1,000 people gathered to see an official from the local Olympic Committee and the last runner use the torch to light a cauldron by the ancient monuments.

The torch will travel on to Cape Town in South Africa for the second part of its African leg before going to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. It returns to Greece on July 9 for a final homecoming tour before entering the Olympic Stadium in Athens to light the cauldron on August 13. — MNA/Reuters



Portugal's goal keeper Ricardo dives for the ball as Angelos Basinas (C) of Greece scores the second goal from the penalty spot during the Group A Euro 2004 opening soccer match between the two countries at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, on 12 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Greece stun hosts Portugal with 2-1 win

PORTO, 13 June—Greece got the European Championship off to a stunning start on Saturday when they recorded the greatest win in their history by upsetting host nation Portugal 2-1 in the tournament's opening game.

Portugal had not lost any of their previous nine European Championship group games and were hot favourites to claim another win but they could have no complaints about the defeat as they rarely troubled a well-drilled and committed Greek team.

The Group A outsiders, looking composed on the ball and determined in attack, led through Giorgos Karagounis' seventh-minute shot and doubled the advantage with an Angelos Basinas penalty six minutes into the second half.

They then held out until injury time when Cristiano Ronaldo got a consolation goal with a close range header from a Luis Figo corner.

After the excitement of Porto's Champions League

success last month and the anticipation of hosting their first major tournament it was a huge anti-climax for most of the 50,000 crowd.

Greece, who qualified ahead of Spain and drew with Portugal in a November friendly, showed they would not be overawed as they cut through in the first minute, striker Angelos Haristeas miskicking in front of goal after a low cross by Zisis Vryzas.

It was an encouraging start for a team who failed to score in their three group games during their last appearance in a major tournament, the World Cup in the United States 10 years ago.

It got better five minutes later as midfielder Karagounis

pounced on a misplaced pass out of defence by Paulo Ferreira. With the defenders retreating, he took the ball forward and drove a low shot past goalkeeper Ricardo from the edge of the area.

Greece had more chances as Haristeas shot wide and overlapping fullback Takis Fyssas arrived in the box to send a volley over the bar.

Portugal eventually settled, with Figo, Rui Costa and Simao Sabrosa beginning to show some nice touches in midfield. But their chances were limited, Costa heading the best of them wide from the near penalty spot after 25 minutes.

Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari introduced Cristiano Ronaldo to add some invention in the second half but the winger's first contribution was to bring down Yourkas Seitaridis as he drove into the penalty area.

Italian referee Pierluigi Collina pointed to the spot and midfielder Angelos Basinas duly sent Ricardo the wrong way with a crisply-struck penalty.

Despite having almost 40 minutes to try to get back into the game, Portugal appeared bereft of ideas and failed to test Greek keeper Antonis Nikopolidis until the 86th minute when he made his first real save of the match from a Nuno Gomes effort.

MNA/Reuters

Raul seeks heat from Spanish crowd

FARO (Portugal), 12 June—Raul believes Spain will benefit from the warmth of the crowd as well as the heat of the sun when they start their Euro 2004 campaign with what is virtually a home game against Russia on Saturday.

The Algarve Stadium, between the towns of Faro and Loule, is just a 40-minute drive to Ayamonte over the border in Spain and over 15,000 Spanish fans are expected at the Group A game.

"At last, we're going to feel real backing from the crowd when we play in the European Championship," Raul told reporters on Friday.

"We're all looking forward to seeing the ground full of Spanish fans."

Spain, who go on to face Greece and Portugal in the group phase, flew into sweltering temperatures on Portugal's southern coast.

An evening kick-off on Saturday will mean some relief but the Spaniards do have a plan to make the most of the conditions.

"If the heat plays a part it should be in our favour," Raul said. "For that reason we want to play the game at a high intensity."

"If we can set a high tempo, our quality should shine through."

Spain in general, and Raul in particular, did not show too much quality in the last European Championship, when they lost to Norway and needed fortunate wins over Slovenia and Yugoslavia to make the quarterfinals.

Raul's last contribution was to fire a penalty over the bar in the final minute of the quarterfinal against France, thus missing the chance to take the game into extra-time.

Raul has been in poor form for Real Madrid this season but he maintained his excellent scoring run for Spain over the qualifiers for Euro 2004, with seven goals in 10 appearances as Inaki Saez' made it through with a playoff win against Norway.

"I feel that I'm in good form," Raul said. "I'm really optimistic about this tournament, as is the rest of the squad."

"The atmosphere in the camp is good and friendly. It's going to be important to win the first game to keep morale high."

MNA/Reuters

Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

1	B	U	L	L	E	T			P	A	G	A	T	E
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17	C	A	A	A	A	S	P		P	R	A	R	A	P
21	R	O	M	E	A	A	S		P	E	A	K	E	R
	O	A	O	A	M	A	A		P	N	A	S	A	O
26	C	O	N	C	E	A	L		P	S	T	O	R	M
	U	A	E	A	R	A	M		P	I	A	M	A	P
31	S	T	Y	L	E	A			A	C	C	E	P	T



Spain's Juan Carlos Valeron, right, takes the ball past Russia's captain Alexei Smertin, center, and approaches Russian goalkeeper Sergey Ovchinnikov before scoring the only goal during the Euro 2004 Group A soccer match between Spain and Russia at the Algarve Stadium in Faro, Portugal, on 12 June, 2004. Spain won the match, 1-0. — INTERNET

14-6-2004 (Monday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

15:30 Signature Tune
 Greeting

15:32 Song of Myanmar
 Beauty & Scenic
 Sights "Myanma Panora-
 ma & Myanma Sentiment"

15:36 Popa Mountain Park

15:40 **Headline News**

15:42 Mann Ma-Yway

15:45 **National News**

15:50 A Glimpse at the life
 of an Artist (Veteran
 Donmin Musician U
 Sein Chin Lay)

16:00 **National News**

16:10 Song "Journey Towards
 A New Golden State"

16:12 World Blood Donor
 Day

16:15 **National News**

16:20 Around Bagan by Pony
 Cart (Ananda Temple)

16:25 Song of Myanmar
 Beauty & Scenic

1. ဂျော့ချုတ် လီးကွဒ်ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်တော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကွိုတော်သောင်းချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဂ္ဂမဟာမဂ္ဂဗုဒ္ဓ၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိရိစ္ဆာန်ဓမ္မသက္ကရာဇ်၊ ဆရာတော်အဒ္ဓန္တဝိမ္ဗိယသုဘောဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. Song of national races
- 8:15 am
6. ရွှေလင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
7. National news
- 8:45 am
8. Let's Go

20:05	Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
20:10	Song "Moonlight Flower"
20:12	Myanmar Traditional Pickled Tea
20:15	National News
20:20	Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-II)
20:25	Song "Across The Ayeayawady"
20:30	National News
20:35	Breeding and Production of Fresh water & Sea water Shrimp
20:40	Discussion Points on Lacquerware College
20:45	National News
20:50	The Fascinating Oceanography of Myanmar
20:55	Khame Traditional Oceanography of Myanmar
21:00	National News
21:05	Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
21:10	Song "Truth and Beauty"
21:15	National News

**14-6-2004 (Monday) &
15-6-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting

23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"

23:36 Popa Mountain Park

23:40 Headline News

23:42 Mann Ma-Yway

23:45 National News

23:50 A Glimpse At the life
of an Artist (Veteran
Donnin Musician U
Sein Khin Lay)

24:00 National News

15-6-2004 (Tuesday)	
Morning Transmission (03:30 - 07:30)	
03:30	Signature Tune Greeting
03:32	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
03:36	Ecstasy of Life
03:40	Headline News
03:42	Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
03:45	National News
03:50	Ayeyawady Second Defile
03:55	Sein-Kyung-Nilar Royal Group Dance
04:00	National News
04:05	Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
04:10	Song "Moonlight Flower (KTU)"
04:12	Myanmar Traditional Pickled Tea
04:15	National News
04:20	Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-II)
04:30	National News
04:35	Breeding and Production of Fresh water & Sea water Shrimp
04:40	Discussion Points on Lacquerware College
04:45	National News
04:50	The Fascinating Ocean

04:55	nography of Myanmar
	Khame Traditional
	Cultural Dance
05:00	National News
05:05	Myanmar Performing
	Arts Showroom
05:10	Song "Truth and
	Beauty"
05:15	National News
05:20	Myanmar Traditional
	Flower Arrangements
	(Harp)
05:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
5:36	Popa Mountain Park
05:40	Headline News
05:42	Mann Ma-Yway
05:45	National News
05:50	A Glimpse at the life
	of an Artist (Veteran
	Donmin Musician U
	Sein Khin Lay)
06:00	National News
06:05	Song "Journey To-
	wards A New Golden
	State"
06:10	World Blood Donor

	Day
06:15	National News
06:20	Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
06:25	Myanmar Modern Song "The Art Win- ning Post"
06:30	National News
06:35	Myanmar Traditional Folk Songs
06:40	Fishery Enterprise in Pyapon
06:45	National News
06:50	Bamboo Parquet
06:55	Royal Rose
07:00	National News
07:05	Tour In Myanmar "Pindaya"
07:10	Song "Speaking through our eyes"
07:12	Let's Mail the Lovely Cards
07:15	National News
07:20	Myanmar Crocodiles
07:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Yangon Division and isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Central) (5.00) inches, Yangon Airport (4.49) inches, Yangon Kaba-Aye (4.21) inches, Yangon (Hmawbi) (3.98) inches and Mandalay (2.95) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-6-2004 was 31.0°C (88°F). Minimum temperature on 13-6-2004 was 20.0°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-6-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-6-2004 was (2.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 13-6-2004 was 114mm (4.49 inches) at Yangan Airport, 107mm (4.21 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 127mm (5.00 inches) at central Yangan. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 777mm (30.59 inches) at Yangan Airport and 652mm (25.67 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 813 mm (32.01 inches) at central Yangan. Maximum wind speed at Yangan (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from South at (13:50) hours MST on 12-6-2004.

Bay infatigable. According to the observations at (09:30) 13 hrs MST today, the depression over Bay of Bengal has centered about (320) miles Southwest of Kolkatta, India and forecast to move North-Northeast direction. Monsoon is generally vigorous in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 14-6-2004:** Rain or thunder showers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)mph. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-6-2004:** Some rain with temporary heavyfalls. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-6-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

(Issued at 09:30 hrs MST 13th June 2004)

According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the depression over Bay of Bengal has centered about (320) miles Southwest of Kolkatta, India forecast to move North-Northeast direction.

TV
Myanmar

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Demonstration Exercise
For Correct Pronunciation

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm
5. အခင်းသစ်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး
တိုက်ပြိုင်သည့်ကြားသင့်နေ့ဇာတ်
- ဘတ်လျှော် (ဇာတ်ဆောင်းအမျိုးမျိုး)
(ဇာတ်ဆောင်း)

5:15 pm
6. Dance of Variety

5:25 pm
7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတခေါ်

5:30 pm
8. Industrial Source
Country's Development

5:40 pm
9. Musical programme. (The
Radio Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)

5:50 pm
10. ကချင်တို့နေ့ထိုင်ရာ
တိုင်ရင်သာယာ့စွာ

5:55 pm
11. မြန်မာ့ဂီတရာဇာဓိပတိ
အားလက်ထောက်ပေးသော

Radio Myanmar

Monday, June 14	
Tune in today:	
8.30 am	Brief news
8.35 am	Music: Let me in (OTT)
8.40 am	Perspectives
8.45 am	Music: Moonlight shadow (Missing heart)
8.55 am	National news/Slogan
9.05 am	Music: Baby keep smiling (Loubega)
9.10am	International news
9.15 am	Music: Balck coffee (All Saints)
1.30 pm	News/Slogan
1.40 pm	Lunch time music
9.00 pm	Spotlight on the star "Five"
9.15 pm	Article
9.25 pm	Radio Magazine/ Drugs Elimination/ Women's affairs: Strive for development of the women sector and of the nation
9.35 pm	Vocal Gems/Golden Land's Melody
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects agriculture tasks in Lashio Station, attends opening of 100-ton Feedstuff Factory in Kutkai

YANGON, 13 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at Model Perennial Crops Farm of North-East Command on 11 June morning. Farm in-charge Lt-Col Myo Chit reported on cultivation of perennial and seasonal crops. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected Thitseint (belleric myrobalan) and maize plantations.

On arrival at 21,000-acre Highland-Land Reclamation Project of the command in Lashio, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint reported on cultivation of Hsinyadana paddy strain, pigeon pea and



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe unveils signboard of 100-ton Feedstuff Factory in Lashio.— MNA



Hsinshweli maize strain on the area of the land reclamation project. In-charge Lt-Col Khin Maung Win presented reports on cultivation matters, yield of the crops, fuel supply, providing of heavy machinery and cattle by the command.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party together with local national races inspected (See page 10)

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours MraukU and Minpya townships in Rakhine State

YANGON, 13 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Col Than Tun Aung of Swittway Station and officials of the State Peace and Development

Council Office, on 10 June morning paid homage and offered Shwethingan to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw and donated cash to the funds of the image through Chairman of the board of trustees U Tun Aye.

After signing in the visitors' book, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than released fish into U Tawhse Lake and left instructions on renovation of the Buddha Image. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed Yangon-Sittway Union Highway

between Kraukta and MraukU townships by car and arrived at MraukU People's Hospital where he comforted patients and inspected the medical store, operation theatre, X-ray room, and male ward.

On arrival at the local battalion in MraukU Station, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers and other ranks and their families at the meeting hall and gave instructions on raising of education, health and social standards, carrying out social welfare tasks, boosting of incomes and breeding of livestock on a manageable scale. He then cordially greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental staff, members of social organizations and townsenders at MraukU (See page 10)



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental personnel, social organization members and local people in MraukU.— MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo on tour of Myeik, Kyunsu townships

YANGON, 13 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence met local people and social organizations at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 10 June and delivered an address. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Taininthyai Di-

vision Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of social organizations and

local heads.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the Union of Myanmar is home to national brethren who have been living in the country throughout the successive eras. Myanmar regained her independence through the united strength of all nationals. Flourishing

of Union Spirit and forging the national unity are of vital importance for the country. The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is striving with might and main for perpetuation and development of the nation. In so doing, government and pri-

vate sectors have been combined for agricultural development and for emergence of an industrialized nation. The government is enlisting the strength within to bring about all-round development of the State, and creating opportunities for departments and social organizations enabling them to

take part in nation-building tasks. Being a developing country, the nation is trying hard in order not to lose the national interests due to development gaps among the nations of the world.

The government is building infrastructures in transport, education and (See page 10)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets local people and social organization members at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik.—MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.