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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Work hard for regional development making best use of favourable conditions and projects of the State

Senior General Than Shwe inspects development of townships in Rakhine State

YANGON, 15 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-

Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and heads of departments, left Sittway for Maungdaw by helicopter on 13 April. Senior General Than Shwe and party toured

Maungdaw by car. Senior General Than Shwe met Chairmen of Maungdaw District and Township and Buthidaung Township Peace and Development Councils and members, departmental personnel, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and townselders at Thiri Mingala Hall in Maungdaw.

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- * Administration is the main machinery that contributes toward development of economic and social conditions of a region.
- * Maungdaw which borders the neighbouring country has been upgraded to the district level and power has also been conferred to make the administrative body effective, to deal with other country on equal terms and to undertake regional development effectively.



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to local authorities, departmental personnel, members of USDA and social organizations and townselders in Maungdaw. — MNA



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

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For development of own regions

Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Therefore, steps are being taken for the development of agricultural, industrial and fish and meat sectors, making better use of terrestrial and aquatic resources in the nation.

Better transport plays an important role in ensuring the development of national economy. With better transport, there are opportunities for economic development, resulting in bringing about equitable development in all parts of the nation.

The government spent a large amount of funds on building bridges large and small and Union Highways in Rakhine State for better transport. Hence, local people from Rakhine State can now travel from one place to another by land and engage extensively in trade and business.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe toured Rakhine State on 12 April to inspect development tasks there and fulfil the requirements.

During his inspection tour, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met with members of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council, state-level departmental officials, members of Sittway District and Sittway Township Peace and Development Councils and departmental officials of Sittway district and township at Sittway Station and gave guidance.

In his guidance, Senior General Than Shwe said that local authorities, departmental officials and the people are to make concerted efforts with farsightedness for national development and strengthening economy in the respective regions. Only then will different parts of the nation develop, he stressed.

At present, Rakhine State is making relentless efforts for self-sufficiency in rice. Moreover, it is growing rubber, Thitsint, oil palm, pepper and physic nut plants in addition to ten major crops. At the same time, it is engaging in prawn breeding on commercial scale.

The government built the Yangon-An-Sittway road and is building the Kyaukpuy-Yangon road. As a result, the new Yangon-Sittway Union Highway will soon emerge. Moreover, arrangements have been made to build the Rathedaung-Ponnagayun road, the Pauktaw-Minbya road, the Myebon-Minbya road and the Manaung island circular road.

With better transport, the socio-economic life of local people in respective regions will improve. Therefore, local people of the respective regions are to exert earnest efforts for the development of their own regions, making the best use of development infrastructures created by the government.



Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board recently accepted K 100,000 donated by U Myo Kyaw-Daw Myintmo Khin of 52, Bayintnaung Tower, Kamayut Township. —^၁H

People's Desire

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

214-mile Sagaing-Shwebo-Katha district-to-district road under construction



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of No 3 district-to-district Sagaing-Shwebo-Katha road. —^၁MNA

YANGON, 11 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, visited the market in Tagoung on 8 April.

At the briefing hall at Shwetantkyi Port, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with level departmental officials of Katha District and Htigyaing-Tagoung Township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected progress in construction of No 3 district-to-district road namely Sagaing-Shwebo-Katha road. At the briefing hall of the construction site in Shwebo, the commander reported on construction tasks. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented cash rewards to drivers of heavy machinery.

At the briefing hall in Htantaw Village of Katha District, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with local people and explained construction of the district-to-district road

for ensuring better transport and smooth flow of commodities; and he urged those present to maintain the road for its durability.

On his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented exercise books, periodicals and sports equipment to students and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association from the villages.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the physic nut nursery of Shwebo District. At Pyi Shwebo Yeiktha, he met with departmental personnel and explained construction of the district-to-district road in States and Divisions.

Sagaing-Shwebo-Katha district-to-district road is 213 miles and 7 furlongs long. The road is linking Sagaing Division and Kachin State. The road is stretching from Sagaing to Myitkyina in the western part of Ayeyawady River. At present, construction of the road is under construction. — MNA

Thingyan Golden Cup Golf Tournament commences

YANGON, 12 April — The 48th Thingyan Golden Cup Golf Tournament was opened at PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PyinOoLwin Township this morning.

PyinOoLwin Station Commander and Rector of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Nyi Tun, Commandant of Defence Services Administration School Col Zarni Win and Executive of MPGA and MGF U Ko Ko Lay opened the tournament.

In the professional golfers division, Min Naing (Srixon) and Zaw Zaw Latt stayed at the top position by shooting one-stroke-under-par 71 each. Myint Shwe (Srixon) and Aung Hsan Win (Srixon) fired a par score each. Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) and Yin Htwe (KM Golf Centre) stood in the third position 75 each.

In the amateur golfers division, Aung Win (Forestry) was leading the game with 71 strokes. Win Htaik was the closet runner-up of the leader, shoot-

ing 73. Than Naing Oo scored 75 in the third position. Myanmar Golf Federation and PyinOoLwin Golf Club organized the tournament with co-sponsors Air Bagan Ltd, KM C Ltd, Mandalay Golf Association, AK Group, KBZ Bank, Srixon, MK Fashion Shop, and Hotel PyinOoLwin. PyinOoLwin

Golf Club and Han Event Management were performing the functions of the com-

petition. The second round of the tournament continued on 13 April. — MNA

Valiant water-throwing pandal opened in Latha Township

YANGON, 13 April — A ceremony to open Valiant water-throwing pandal was held at No 4 Ward on 19th Street, Latha Township this afternoon.

No 4 Military Region Commander Lt-Col Khin Maung Tun, Latha Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Thein Tun and Patron of Myanmar Towards Co Ltd Daw Ni formally opened the pandal. At the pandal, the entertainment of vocalists with the songs and serving of refreshments to the people would be presented until Atet day of Thingyan Festival. — MNA

The opening ceremony of Valiant water-throwing pandal in progress in Latha Township. — MNA



Chinese Vice-President meets Lithuanian FM

BEIJING, 15 April — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong met here on Thursday with Lithuanian Foreign Minister Antanas Valionis.



Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong (R) shakes hands with Lithuanian Foreign Minister Antanas Valionis.

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Zeng said the relations between China and Lithuania are developing smoothly with frequent high-level contacts and fruitful cooperation in economic and cultural sectors.

"China values its relations with Lithuania, respects the development mode chosen by its people and sincerely hopes Lithuania makes further progress in its social and economic development," Zeng said. He expressed the Chinese Government's appreciation to the Lithuanian Government for its adherence to the one-China policy.

Valionis said his government would abide by the one-China policy and would continue to enhance friendly cooperation with China.

Valionis arrived in Beijing on Wednesday at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Li Zhaoxing.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dragon Boat Competition is held on Lancang River in Jinghong, Xishuangbanna, southwest China's Yunnan Province on 13 April, 2006. Activities celebrating the New Year 1368 in Dai Ethnic Group Calendar and the 2006 Splashing Water Festival kicked off here on Thursday.—INTERNET

Singapore-Malaysia relations to remain good

SINGAPORE, 14 April — Singapore's Foreign Minister George Yeo said on Wednesday that he believed that the bilateral relations between Singapore and Malaysia will continue to be very good.

Yeo's comment came after the Malaysian Government announced earlier on the day its decision not to proceed with the construction of a bridge to replace the Causeway linking its A Toyota concept car sits on display at the New York International Automobile Show, in Jacob Javits Convention Center of New York, on 12 April, 2006. Starting in 1900, the New York International Automobile Show is now the largest auto show in North America.

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Johor State and Singapore. According to Channel NewsAsia report at night, Yeo told reporters that Singapore respects the Malaysian Government's decision and the result has nothing to do with victory or defeat.

"Whatever we work

on should be to our mutual benefit. And we negotiated on the full bridge on the basis of mutual benefit for both sides. And I am quite sure we will be able to find other areas where we can cooperate to our mutual benefit," he was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Retired US general demands Rumsfeld to resign

WASHINGTON, 14 April — A recently retired two-star general who just a year ago commanded a US Army division in Iraq on Wednesday joined a small but growing list of former senior officers to call on Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign.

"I believe we need a fresh start in the Pentagon. We need a leader who understands teamwork, a leader who knows how to

build teams, a leader that does it without intimidation," Major General John Batiste, who commanded the Germany-based 1st Infantry Division in Iraq, said in an interview on CNN.

In recent weeks, retired Marine Corps Lieutenant-General Gregory Newbold, Army Major-General Paul Eaton and Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni all spoke out against Rumsfeld. This comes as opinion polls show eroding public support for the three-year-old war in which about 2,360 US troops have died. "You know, it speaks volumes that guys like me are speaking out from retirement about the leadership climate in the Department of Defence," Batiste said.

"But when decisions are made without taking into account sound military recommendations, sound

military decision making, sound planning, then we're bound to make mistakes."

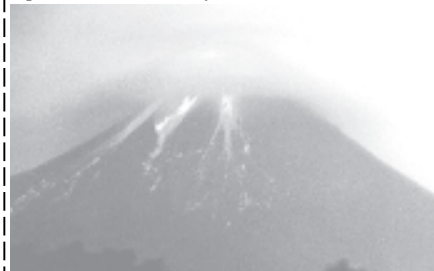
Batiste, a West Point graduate who also served during the previous Gulf War, retired from the Army on November 1, 2005. While in Iraq, his division, nicknamed the Big Red One, was based in Tikrit, and it wrapped up a yearlong deployment in May 2005.

Critics have accused Rumsfeld of bullying senior military officers and disregarding their views. They often cite how Rumsfeld dismissed then-Army Chief of Staff General Eric Shinseki's opinion a month before the 2003 invasion that occupying Iraq could require "several hundred thousand troops", not the smaller force Rumsfeld would send.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia boost alert status at volcano

JAKARTA, 14 April — Indonesia has raised the alert status of a massive volcano on Java Island to the second-highest level, warning increased activity at its crater means it could erupt anytime, local media reports said on Thursday.



Mount Merapi volcano spews lava and hot clouds from its crater as dawn breaks as seen from Ngepos observatory in Muntilan subdistrict, Magelang, in February 2001. Vulcanologists have upgraded an alert on Indonesia's Mount Merapi volcano on densely-populated Java island after it recorded increased activity.—INTERNET

Monitors have been watching Mount Merapi closely for several weeks, and late Wednesday raised its status to "Beware," one notch below the highest level that requires immediate evacuation of villagers living on its slopes, reported The Jakarta Post online news service.

"An eruption could happen at any time," Heru Suparogo, from a monitoring station overlooking the crater of the 2,968-metre (9,737-feet) mountain, was quoted as saying.

Heru said instruments in the crater have recorded an increase in quakes inside the mountain, which he said were a sign that an eruption was likely.

The mountain was also spewing smoke some 250 metres (820 feet) into the air — much higher than normal — another indication it might blow its top.

Villagers living nearby have already been told to prepare for a possible evacuation.

Merapi, located in Central Java Province, is one of the most active of at least 129 volcanoes in Indonesia. Merapi's last major eruption was in 1994, killing at least 43 people. It is about 400 kilometres (250 miles) east of Jakarta. — MNA/Xinhua

US military death toll rises to 2,371

WASHINGTON, 15 April — As of Friday, 13 April, 2006, at least 2,371 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 1,861 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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

The British military has reported 103 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, Denmark three; El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, one death each.—Internet

Chinese State Councillor meets Goh Chok Tong

BEIJING, 14 April — Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan met here on Thursday with visiting Singaporean Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong.

Tang said relations between the two countries were good, with mutual trust and common interests.

The two countries effectively cooperated in the fields of high technology, and China's western and northeastern regions, Tang said. "This cooperation has breathed new vitality into the development of bilateral ties."

Tang said China

attached great importance to relations with the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and its ten member countries, including Singapore. China and the ASEAN had comprehensive and mutually beneficial cooperation.

The Chinese Government was willing to actively forge a strategic partnership and promote a free trade

zone with the ASEAN so as to improve cooperation.

Goh Chok Tong said China's development had brought opportunities to ASEAN countries, including Singapore.

Singapore was willing to boost cooperation in trade and economy, investment and energy and promote regional development and prosperity, he said.

He reiterated that Singapore would adhere to the one-China policy and oppose "Taiwan independence".

MNA/Xinhua



Five young cheetah cubs watch from their habitat at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington on 13 April, 2006.

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Two Marines killed, 22 wounded in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 April—Two US Marines were killed and 22 wounded in combat against guerrillas in Anbar province in western Iraq on Thursday, the US military said on Saturday. The military issued a statement on the casualties but gave no details on the fighting.

More than 2,370 US troops have been killed since the US-led invasion of Iraq in March, 2003.

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Imperial Prayer Hall in Beijing ready to reopen next month

BEIJING, 15 April — The year-long repair work has been completed on the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests,

the landmark of the Temple of Heaven in downtown Beijing, a popular UNESCO's World Heritage site. The

repaired hall will be reopened to visitors on 1 May, said Jiang Shibin, head of the culture department of the

Temple of Heaven park, on Thursday.

The maintenance work started in May 2005 with an investment of 47 million yuan (5.8 million US dollars). The maintenance has restored the prayer hall's imperial appearance in the reign of Emperor Guangxu (1875-1908), when the ancient structure underwent a major reconstruction, said Yang Xiao-dong, manager of the park. The lofty, round structure with triple eaves and a cone-shaped deep blue-tile roof crowned with a gilded knob is 38 metres high and 30 metres in diameter.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 April, 2006 shows the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, capital of China. The maintenance project of the hall, beginning on 21 May, 2005, has been completed, and it will be reopened to the public on 1 May. —INTERNET

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The picture shows the maiden flight of Xiaolong 01. The maiden flight of China's third generation fighter Xiaolong 04 will take place at the end of April 2006, according to China Aviation News. Xiaolong 04 is equipped with complete avionics systems. In addition, its structure has been optimized and appearance adjusted, which gives certain boost to the combat capability. —INTERNET

Egypt wants diplomatic solution to Iran crisis

CAIRO, 14 April — Egypt said on Thursday it wanted a diplomatic solution to the dispute over Iran's nuclear programme and could not accept the emergence of a nuclear-armed power in the region.

In a statement after a meeting with the US State Department's senior arms control official, it also said that failure to persuade Israel to join the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) was a setback to the non-proliferation system.

"It is important to reach a diplomatic solution to the crisis over the Iranian nuclear file," Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said in the statement.

"Egypt cannot accept the appearance of a military nuclear force in the region, since that would further complicate the regional security imbalance in the

Middle East," he added.

The Foreign Ministry released the statement after Aboul Gheit had talks with US Under Secretary of State Robert Joseph, who handles arms control and international security.

Joseph will also visit other countries in the region to talk about Iran's nuclear programme after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad announced this week that his country has succeeded in producing enriched uranium, officials said.

Aboul Gheit said there had been no progress towards the Egyptian goal of a nuclear-free Middle East "in the light of Israel's

persistence in refusing to join the NPT or even announce its intention to join the NPT". After talks between Joseph and Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa,

league spokesman Alaa Rushdi said Israel's nuclear programme should be treated in the same way as Iran's "without using a double standard".

MNA/Reuters

Thieves steal ancient cannon from British barracks

LONDON, 14 April — British police are hunting for thieves who stole a 200-year-old cannon from outside a military barracks in southern England.

They said at least two people would have been needed to hoist the (68 kilo) cannon from outside St George's Barracks in Gosport on the south coast.

"These artefacts are loaned to various locations in Gosport to show the pride that people have in the history of our town," said Josephine Lawler, curator of the museum which owned the cannon. "However, if this is what happens to them, there will soon be no more left to display." — MNA/Reuters



Smoke rises from a grain silo on 13 April, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq. A mortar shell landed in the silo, injuring at least 6 workers and causing fire according to the Iraqi police. —INTERNET

China could be a very large investor in L America

SANTIAGO, 14 April—China, which is the world's third largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI), is potentially "a very large investor" in Latin America and the

Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said here on Wednesday.

Jose Luis Machinea, executive secretary of the

ECLAC, said that although China did not play a prominent role in the investment field at present, the country would invest more to ensure access to the natural resources of the region in the future.

"Traditionally, foreign investment in Latin America has come from the United States and Europe," he said, citing the chapter covering China in ECLAC's annual report on the region's FDI in 2005 entitled "Latin America's World Presence". However, it is essential to diversify capital flows, he added.

Commenting on the report published on Wednesday, Machinea highlighted China's investment and joint-ventures in projects in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and

Cuba, but he also said Chinese investment levels were not significant enough yet to be mentioned in the ECLAC document.

The report, which includes advice for government and businesses, says the policies and institutions designed to attract investment to the region are weak, given the fierce competition from elsewhere.

It praises the Asian countries whose governments have developed close relationships with large companies to promote closer ties between trade strategy and development policy.

Latin America and the Caribbean received 61.6 billion US dollars of FDI in 2005, about the same as in 2004, the report says.

MNA/Xinhua



Men perform a stunt of pouring tea at the folk tea ceremony at the Wushan Square in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 14 April, 2006.

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A motorcycle passes by a building carrying an anti-United States poster in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 13 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Hanks picks "Space Odyssey" as favourite film

BERLIN, 14 April—Two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks picked "2001: A Space Odyssey" as his favourite film of all time and selected four other films among his "top five" that he had nothing to do with. "I just can't see enough of '2001: A Space Odyssey'," the American actor told Germany's *Bild* newspaper in an interview published on Thursday. Stanley Kubrick directed the 1968 film.

Hanks also picked "Elephant" (2003) by Gus Van Sant because it "is one of the most moving films I've ever seen." He also listed "The Godfather" (1972) by Francis Ford Coppola, "Fargo" (1996) by Joel and Ethan Coen among his all-time

favourites.

Hanks, who won two Academy Awards for best actor in "Philadelphia" and

"Forrest Gump", rounded out his top five with "Boogie Nights" (1997).

MNA/Reuters



Children surf the Internet at an Internet cafe in Hanoi, on 14 April, 2006. The different faces of Vietnam's changing state-controlled media have been on view in the weeks before the ruling Communist Party National Congress, which opens on 18 April. —INTERNET

Moderate quake jolts Turkey, no injuries

ANKARA, 14 April — A moderate earthquake measuring 4.2 on the Richter Scale hit western Turkish Province of Izmir on Thursday, no injuries or damage reported, according to semi-official *Anatolia* news agency. The earthquake occurred at 7:18 pm (1718 GMT) and the epicentre was Urla town, some 50 kilometres from the city of Izmir, *Anatolia* reported.

No injuries or property damage has been reported, said *Anatolia*. Earthquakes are frequent in Turkey, which straddles on several seismological fault lines.

Two massive quakes in Turkey killed more than 18,000 people in 1999. —MNA/Xinhua

Argentina seizes 2.5 tons of marijuana

BUENOS AIRES, 14 April — The Argentine authorities seized 2.5 tons of marijuana on Wednesday in the northeast province of Corrientes, the country's National Guard said in a statement.

The seizure took place in Tatare, some 600 kilometres northeast of Buenos Aires, when officials stopped a truck to carry out a routine drug inspection, said the statement.

"When we intercepted the vehicle there was an intense shootout," which led to the escape of the drug traffickers, it said, adding that no one had been arrested or hurt in the incident. —MNA/Xinhua

Eight dead, over 30 missing in Colombian mudslide

BOGOTA (Colombia), 14 April—Colombian rescue workers have found eight bodies and more than 30 people were missing after a mudslide swept over a small town in the country's south, police said on Thursday. Mud swept over the tiny town of Bendiciones in Valle Province on Wednesday after heavy rains.

A local television news reporter who had gone to cover the disaster, Jairo Munoz, added to the toll of missing when a fresh mudslide washed him away and injured his cameraman, colleagues said.

Rescue workers, using earth-moving equipment in the rain, have recovered six bodies and located another two, but a further 30 people were missing, police said. —MNA/Reuters

46 killed in road accidents in Venezuela

CARACAS, 14 April—Road accidents in the pre Holy Week holiday rush have claimed 46 lives in Venezuela, said the country's Civil Protection Office on Wednesday.

The total number of road accidents amounted to 1,646 ahead of the holiday, which spans from Thursday to Sunday. This is a significant rise on the 1,489 cases last year, said Colonel Antonio Rivero, head of the Civil Protection Office. However, he also said there had been a decline in casualties per incident, saying that the number of those injured had fallen by 28 per cent and deaths in every accident had dropped by 32 per cent compared with last year. —MNA/Xinhua

At least 50 injured in traffic accident in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 April — At least 50 people were injured in southeastern Brazil on Wednesday, when a coach was in collision with two other vehicles.

The coach was travelling along a main access road when it was in collision with a car and a bus. The three vehicles were all travelling in the same direction.

The accident on Brasil Avenue, which leads to the centre of the port city of Rio de Janeiro, also caused serious traffic jams in the Irajá neighbourhood and 15 ambulances attended the incident. —MNA/Xinhua

What you want to happen, what ought to be and what is possible

Kyaw Swa Myo Htet

Nowadays, internal and external anti-government elements in collusion with certain media members under the influence of the West bloc are attempting to win the support of the international community, claiming that the National League for Democracy (NLD) issued the so-called most flexible offer to the Tatmadaw Government for Myanmar's democratic transition and national reconsolidation.

It was the special announcement 1/02/2006 NLD issued on 12 February 2006 (Union Day).

The support voiced by certain internal and external anti-government elements for the announcement is, in fact, in contrary to the desire of Myanmar national people.

To present the announcement in brief, the Tatmadaw Government should call a Hluttaw; the Hluttaw will proclaim the ruling government as a de jure government from de facto one and recognize it as a government for democratic transition (interim government); the two sides should fix a term of transition through coordination; Daw Suu Kyi should be released unconditionally for a dialogue on national reconsolidation; a leader of a certain ASEAN nation should be chosen as the mediator in the dialogue for national reconsolidation if required; and the Tatmadaw Government should launch the implementation of the announcement on 17 April 2006.

The announcement is not different from its old demand for a dialogue with participation of Daw Suu Kyi. The basic of the dialogue calls on the government to recognize the 1990 election results without a State constitution, in other words the government should hand over State power to NLD with a temporary constitution NLD has drawn.

In fact, the NLD's special announcement is the same in essence as the proposal of late ex-prime minister U Nu. In 1968 when the Revolutionary Council Government was in power, a 33-member advisory body for national unity was formed to present proposals on facts about political, economic, administrative and legal affairs to be included in drafting a State constitution. Ex-prime minister U Nu, a member of the advisory body, made a suggestion that the Revolutionary Council Government hand over State power back to him it had seized. And he said that he would convene a Hluttaw as an official interim government and would hand over State power to the Revolutionary Council. Later, U Nu went abroad on the pretext of going on a pilgrimage to India but he became the leader of the expatriate insurgents.

Instead of holding discussions at the National Convention where representatives from political parties, various national races and all strata of life are holding discussions for writing a State constitution, the most fundamental requirement for finding a solution through political means, NLD issued an announcement forwarding a proposal that it would declare the Tatmadaw Government as a legal gov-

ernment if the latter convened a Hluttaw through dialogue. Its announcement is exactly the same as the attitude of ex-prime minister U Nu.

NLD is opposing the State's seven-step Road Map. At the same time, anti-government elements in exile are resorting to various organizational means around the world and persuading the UN to force through the Security Council the government to honour the 1990 election results.

The 1988 disturbances were followed by a period of anarchy and the nation was on the verge of losing sovereignty in the absence of stability, peace, prevalence of law and order. That called for the Tatmadaw to take over State power and restore normalcy. It nullified the Socialist Programme the people no longer favoured and introduced the market-oriented economic system and the multi-party democracy system in the nation. That symbolized the Tatmadaw's drive for rebuilding the nation and democratic transition. Nevertheless, anti-government elements at home and abroad, considering what is right as wrong, still persist in claiming that the Tatmadaw mounted a coup and is suppressing the democracy movement.

They should assess the activities of the Tatmadaw Government based on its economic, political and social policies, but they regard it as a military junta although it is practising the market-oriented economic system and has allowed the people to establish political parties legally for democracy.

The West bloc and its minions and internal and external anti-government groups in Myanmar consider that the country will be able to transform itself into a democratic one after the downfall of the ruling Tatmadaw government with mass demonstrations that stem from economic crisis of the nation and the people due to economic sanctions imposed against the nation and when NLD comes to power. They say that they give priority to the interests of the people rather than to that of the political party. But they are in practice misleading the people into believing their activities for NLD to be in power as public interests.

Members of the West bloc and foreign mediators to reconcile the two sides for democracy in Myanmar fail to view objectively the attitude and activities that anti-government elements are perpetrating economically and politically for disrupting the nation from democratic progress such as economic sanctions and pressure on the nation and opposition to the Tatmadaw Government's drive to implement the market-oriented economic system, opposition to the efforts to translate the election results into reality in accordance with the parliamentary democracy traditions through elections for political and democratic affairs, and the National Convention being held for formulating a State constitution. But, they are supporting and encouraging as democracy campaign the activities to hinder economic, political and democratic affairs that are, to all outward appearances, acts just to

oppose the government.

These points are major causes that hinder the Tatmadaw Government's efforts to ensure peaceful transition, the Myanmar's democratic transition and national reconsolidation.

The stability and peace in the political arena Myanmar is enjoying are unprecedented. Concerning national unity, many national race armed groups including 17 major ones have made peace with the government and are dedicating themselves to the tasks hand in hand with the people for national and regional development in respective regions across the nation.

It is NLD that never recognizes the National Convention being held based on Our Three Main Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

And it is the National League for Democracy and the renegades that are dissuading international community from providing assistance and loans, dealing with Myanmar, and making investment in the nation and persuading them to withdraw the foreign investments made in the nation with the intention of blocking the economic and social progress of Myanmar.

Given the conditions of productive forces in Myanmar, NLD ought to join hands with the Tatmadaw Government for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system that can guarantee stability of the State and tranquillity and national cohesion. Only then will there emerge necessary materials needed for genuine and enduring democracy.

With the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system, the class of national capitalists will grow and the classes of modern workers and educated people will develop. Then, the nation will see traditions on democracy step by step and will be able to turn itself into a democratic one. If so, the national political leadership role will evolve accordingly.

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NLD should have realized that there is no country in the world that has transformed itself from dictatorship into democracy due to economic sanctions. And it should take lessons from the nations that were able to build democratic ones through flourishing market-oriented economy and stop calling for international community to impose economic sanctions and put pressure on the nation.

Accepting the State's seven-step Road Map and extending a helpful hand with cooperation whatever role it is in for speedy implementation of the Road Map is the correct way of peaceful democratic transition in today's Myanmar society.

So, NLD should not pay all its attention to what it just wants to happen. Today's Myanmar has changed much for the better if compared with the conditions in 1990 in various spheres. It should exert efforts harmonious with prevailing objective conditions of the nation in the interests of the nation and the people.

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pay homage to Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paying homage to Gotama Buddha Image in Gandakuti Building of Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway. —MNA

YANGON, 14 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and



Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Çakkyamuni Buddha Image at Aung Çakkyamuni Ordination Hall in Sittway. —MNA



wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid homage to Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway on 13 April evening.

Accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and party, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at Lawkananda Pagoda at 8 pm, and paid homage to Gotama Buddha Image in the Gandakuti Building.

The Senior General and wife made cash donation to the fund of the pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees.

Members of the State Peace and Development

Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, handed over cash donations of those who accompanied the Senior General to the pagoda board of trustees.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited the pagoda.

They paid obeisance to Çakkyamuni Buddha Image being kept in the Aung Çakkyamuni Ordination Hall. Later, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented cash donations to the fund of the pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present cash to fund of Lawkananda Pagoda through Pagoda Board of Trustees. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe hand over cash donations to the pagoda board of trustees. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe offers water to Mahakyan Buddha Image in Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Maungtaw. — MNA

Work hard for regional development making best use of...

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Chairman of Maungtaw District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Yan Myo

a certain degree according to the reports and findings.

Though the percentage of rice sufficiency in

Maungtaw has developed to some extent and the region has been upgraded to the district level. Administration is the main machinery that contributes toward development of economic and social conditions of a region. Maungtaw which borders the neighbouring country has been upgraded to the district level and power has also been conferred to

equal terms and to undertake regional development effectively.

The Senior General urged those in charge in the regions, service personnel and local people to work hard for the progress of their region politically, economically and socially.

Field trips are also necessary for rural development in the area in carrying

made for administrative functions and better transport and border area development project and rural region development project are being implemented, he added.

He pointed out that it is important to work hard for regional development making the best use of better foundations and the projects of the State. He spoke of the need for

obedience to Maha Kyan Buddha Image at Myoma Pariyatti Sarthintaik. Presiding Nayaka of the Sarthintaik Agga Maha Gandhavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ketu explained the brief history of Maha Kyan Buddha Image. Next, Senior General Than Shwe offered alms food to the Buddha Image. Senior General Than Shwe and party



Senior General Than Shwe offers alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ketu of Myoma Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Maungtaw. — MNA

Aung reported on rainfall, land use, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, sufficiency of rice, cultivation of rubber and Thitseint, pepper, physic nut and onion, production, raising of cattle, breeding of deep sea prawn, education and health, GDP of the district and per capita income.

General Thura Shwe Mann said the respective regions are making efforts for development of their regions under the leadership of the State and considerable progress has been made in each region. He said the party led by the Head of State came to Maungtaw to fulfil the requirements. Maungtaw region has developed to

Rakhine State is over 149%, there is still insufficiency of rice in Maungtaw. Therefore efforts are to be made for rice sufficiency. The region borders the other country and service personnel in the region are to discharge their duties with sense of duties, loyalty and patriotism. He spoke of the need to establish the strong regional economy and commerce.

He said the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to implement political, economic and social objectives in accord with the national policy for greater development of the entire nation.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe said he found

make the administrative body effective, to deal with other country on

rying out regional development tasks. Concerted efforts are to be made for greater development of Maungtaw like Muse, Tachilek, Myawady and Tamu which border neighbouring countries, he said.

Arrangements are be-

service personnel to work in accord with rules and regulations in the town like Maungtaw.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

Senior General Than Shwe and party paid

presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Wakhokechaung Station in Buthidaung Township, Maungtaw District and met Tatmadaw members and their families.

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- * **Concerted efforts are to be made for greater development of Maungtaw like Muse, Tachilek, Myawady and Tamu which border neighbouring countries.**



Senior General Than Shwe greets local authorities, service personnel, USDA and social organization members and townselders from Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships in Maungtaw District in Maungtaw. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to Tatmadawmen and family members in Wakhokchaung Station in Buthidaung Township. — MNA

Work hard for regional development making best use of favourable conditions and projects...

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General Thura Shwe Mann explained building of units and regiments. Senior General Than Shwe

gave guidance and cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen and their families.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected development of Buthidaung Township. In meeting with the Tatmadawmen of Buthidaung Station and their families at Bandoola Hall, General Thura Shwe Mann spoke at length on equal development in various regions including border areas, the Tatmadaw's

participation in nation-building tasks, importance of unity inside and outside the regiments and units, hindrance and destruction of internal and external destructive elements who begrudge the development of the State.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe cordially met with military officers, other ranks and their families.

On arrival at the local battalion of Rathedaung Station, Senior General Than Shwe and party met with military officers, other ranks and their families of units and regiments and General Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions on observing the military codes of conduct strictly and oneness with people. Next, Senior General Than Shwe clarified the Tatmadaw's participation in the State's affairs and the need to build a capable and modern Tatmadaw and cordially greeted Tatmadawmen and their families.

Later, Senior General than Shwe and party inspected the development of Rathetaung, greeted local people and left for Sittway.

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Senior General Than Shwe cordially converses with officers, other ranks and family members of regiments and units in Rathedaung Station. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets officers, other ranks and family members of Buthidaung Station at Bandoola Hall.

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General Thura Shwe Mann of Ministry of Defence.

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Interest rate of banks increased

YANGON, 12 April—With a view to serving the interests of the people, the Government of the Union of Myanmar has increased the interest rate of banks as follows with effect from 1 April 2006 in line with the market-oriented economic system.

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| 1. The interest rate of the Central Bank of Myanmar | 12 % |
| 2. The interest rate of private banks | |
| (a) normal loan | 17 % |
| (b) loan for special projects
(agricultural & industrial projects) | 15 % |
| (c) savings | 12 % |

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State spent large sum of money ...

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented his reports on improvement of telephone communication sector, hotel and tourism industry in Rakhine State.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein reported on increased income of the state from breeding prawn, and prevention against spread of disease from animal to human beings.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint submitted

projects being implemented in Rakhine State.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi briefed them on matters related to offshore oil and natural gas blocks in Rakhine State.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance. He said that they arrived in Rakhine State to fulfil requirements for more development by reviewing progress of Rakhine State. The State had constructed Yangon-



Senior General Than Shwe and party receive a warm welcome from Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, senior military officers, departmental personnel and members of Rakhine cultural troupe at Swittway Airport. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann. — MNA

reports on arrangements being made to fulfil requirements of health sector in the state.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint reported on progress of hydel power

An-Sittway Highway overcoming difficulties for ensuring development of Rakhine State and smooth transportation. Now, local people have enjoyed fruitful results of transport facilities thanks

to the highway.

He continued to say that Kyaukpyu-Yangon Motor Road is under construction passing through mangrove forests. Hence, Kyaukpyu-Yangon Union

Highway will emerge soon. The State has spent a large sum of money on construction of roads and bridges crossing rivers and creeks in Rakhine State. The roads and bridges in

bridges had been constructed in Ayeyawady Division that relies on waterway transport. Therefore, remarkable development has been made with momentum in Ayeyawady Division. In reality, transport facilities can contribute toward progress of economic and social sectors of all regions, and uplift of living standard of the local people.

which bio-diesel can be produced grow in Rakhine State. In the country, physic nut plants grow naturally. In addition, they can systematically be grown in all parts of the nation to be able to produce bio-diesel that can be used in all kinds of machines in rural areas.

He said that as rubber can be cultivated in almost all of the regions of the country growing of rubber plantations are to be extended for earning foreign exchange.

In conclusion, the Senior General said that Myanmar is rich in terrestrial and aquatic resources. Therefore, local authorities, State service personnel and local people are to join hands for ensuring progress of the State and strengthening economic development of the respective regions.

After the meeting, Senior General Than Shwe and party met with Tatmadawmen and their families of regiments and units in Sittway Station at Bandoola Hall in Sittway.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.

MNA

the state were built with the aim of narrowing the development gap among all parts of the Union, and ensuring equitable development of all the regions.

Kawthoung - Bokpyin-Taninthayi-Myeik-Dawei Road was also built in Taninthayi Division similar to that in Rakhine State, he added. Likewise, roads and

physic nut plants from

He noted that all parts of the nation are precious regions. Economic prospects can be witnessed in all the regions. For example, Rakhine State is similar to delta region where agricultural tasks meet success. Likewise,

Kyaukpyu-Yangon Motor Road is under construction passing through mangrove forests. Hence, Kyaukpyu-Yangon Union Highway will emerge soon.



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

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Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

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Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe meets officers, other ranks and family members of regiments and units at Bandoola Hall in Sittway Station in Sittway. — MNA

State spent large sum of money on construction of roads, ...

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Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence explained the purpose of the inspection tour of Senior General Than Shwe in Rakhine State, and the building of the Tatmadaw to become a strong and efficient one.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on the important role of organizational task inside and outside the units in building the nation and the Tatmadaw, and strengths of the Tatmadaw and the people. He cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen and their families.

In the evening, Secretary-General of the Union

Solidarity and Development Association Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, and CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe who accompanied the Senior General met with secretaries, executives, organizers and members of State/District and Township USDAs at the office of Rakhine State USDA in Sittway. — MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. — MNA

Water-throwing pandals crowded with merry-makers

YANGON, 15 April — Yangonites enjoyed Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival 1367 ME on Akyat Day today.

Belles and young men joyfully participated in the water festival at pandals in Botahtaung, Mingala Taungnyunt, North Okkalapa, Yankin, Thakayta, and Thingangyun Townships. A total of 578 pandals were erected 14 townships of Yangon East District.

Likewise, pandals in 13 townships of Yangon West District were



Merry makers joyfully participate in Maha Thingyan Festival at Jewelery Luck Co Ltd Pandal in front of the National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road on Akyat Day. — H

crowded with merry-makers and revellers.

Similarly, those who enjoyed the Maha

Thingyan Festival thronged 25 pandals in the townships of Yangon North District.

On Akyat Day, today devotees and pilgrims visited the Shwedagon, Sule, Botahtaung, Shwephone-pwint, Kaba Aye, Tooth Relic (Yangon), Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Maha Wizaya, Kyaikkasan, Koedatgyi, Chaukhtetkyee, Meilamu pagodas and other religious buildings here. — MNA

Myanma Traditional Water Festival

- * In Meiktha Tagu month, Sitra constellation Yinkhat and Gantgaw, fragrance spreads Waterfest prides special beauty.
- * New Year's love, which finds rejoice Summer month Tagu, this period Golden Padauk blooms, special beauty Usher in New Year, in brilliant yellow 'Cause its the season, there's brilliance.
- * Thingyan New Year, in month Tagu One and another, let all rejoice Early dousing, brimming with joy Minds all clear, free from strife Season's timeliness, all so apt.
- * Buddhist, of Myanmar race Tradition upheld, to elderly folks Old Grandpas, Grandmas, parents Donate water, douse the heat May they feel fresh, we supplicate 'Tis cool because 'tis festive water.
- * To monasteries and pagodas, they repair Preachings overwhelm, blessings aplenty May multitudes, at New Year tide May all beatitudes, rest on them To the statue, they offer water There's music befitting the time
- * Free eats plenty given to all Amid village, in the rest place Sound of Thingyan drum, lilting sound Incessant music, at traditional fest Young men, and women celebrate Traditional eats, they enjoy Tha Hla, Chet Kye, those bachelors Caught with pepper, they're surprised That's what all festival goers enjoy.

Po Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi) (Trs)

- (က) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုမဟာသင်္ကြန်ကာလအတွင်း ယာဉ်မောင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန်၊
- (ခ) မူးယစ်သောက်စား ယာဉ်မောင်းရ၊
- (ဂ) အလျော်လွန်ကျူး စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ပြိုင်မောင်းရ၊ လူမမောင်းရ၊
- (ဃ) မော်တော်ယာဉ်၊ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များတွင် အိတ်စော့ရိုက်ဖြုတ်မောင်းရ၊
- (င) ယာဉ်နှံ့ပါးတိပြားမပါရှိဘဲမောင်းရ၊
- (စ) ယာဉ်နှံ့ပါးတိအတွေးများ၊ အခြားယာဉ်နှံ့ပါးများ တပ်ဆင်ခြင်းလုံးဝမပြုလုပ်ရ၊
- (ဇ) ယာဉ်၏ဘေးတံခါးများ၊ နောက်ဖုံးများဖြုတ်၍ မောင်းနှင်ခြင်းမပြုရ၊
- (ဇ) ယာဉ်မောင်းလိုင်စင်နှင့် ယာဉ်မှတ်ပုံတင်(ရီးတက်)မပါဘဲမောင်းရ၊
- (ဇ) ဖျက်သိမ်းထားသော ယာဉ်အို/ယာဉ်ဟောင်းများနှင့် ပြုပြင်ဆင်ယာဉ်များ မမောင်းရ၊
- (ဇ) နိုင်ငံတကာအလံများ ယာဉ်တွင်တပ်ဆင်၍ မောင်းနှင်ခြင်းမပြုရ၊
- (ခ) ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာနယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း မည်သည့်မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်မျှ စီးနင်းခြင်း လုံးဝမပြုရ၊
- (ခ) ဟွန်းသံကင်းမဲ့စုံများအတွင်း ဟွန်းလုံးဝမတီးရ၊
- (ဂ) ကျူးလွန်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူမည်။
- (ဃ) “သင့်ကြောင့် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုမဟာသင်္ကြန်ကို အကျည်းတန်မညစ်နွမ်းပါစေနှင့်”
- ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

Many firm evidences uncovered NCGUB, FTUB, ABSDF & NLD-LA committing terrorist acts individually or in groups from inside and outside the Union of Myanmar

Government of the Union of Myanmar

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Declaration as terrorist groups

1. At a time when the entire national people of the Union of Myanmar are participating in the drive for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, certain groups are committing atrocious acts against the nation and the people such as planting and blasting bombs, manufacturing fabricated news stories designed to undermine national unity, exaggeration of news stories in order that the government may be misunderstood in various sectors, and providing cash assistance and masterminding such destructive acts with the intention of causing bloodshed and panic among the people.

2. Some of despicable acts perpetrated by some terrorist groups are as follows:—

- (a) A three-inch-long TNT time bomb went off near the entrance to Maha Bandoola Park in Kyauktada Township at 6.25 am on 27 March 2003 while it was being checked, leaving a security member wounded. At 12.55 pm the same day, a bomb exploded near the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications office on Bo Sun Pet Street in Pabedan Township, Yangon Division, while workers of the Development Affairs Department were carrying out sanitation tasks, killing worker Aung Tun Shwe, 18, and injuring Aung Htay, Hla Htay and Ma Aye San. According to the confessions of some members of the People Power 21st Century (PP 21), the bomb explosion was responsible for the PP 21, which was founded with expatriates from the National League for Democracy led by renegade Sein Win and insurgents of the All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF) led by Moe Thee Zun in Chiangmai, the neighbouring country, in 1998.
- (b) A bomb explosion occurred at Myaukmin Sports Gear Shop in front of Aung Than Lwin Sports Ground in Kayin State at noon on 24 December 2004. The incident killed selected Kayin State footballers Aung Myo Myint, 20, and wounded Chit Nyi Nyi, 19, and Aung Soe Moe, 19, and shop owner Win Phone Kyaw, 17. According to the confessions of private San Htwe (a) Shan Pok of company 2, battalion 9 of the ABSDF who was seized on 24 December 2005, it was exposed that he committed the act under orders of company commander captain Saw Kyaw Lay (a) Saw Thamu He.
- (c) At 14.45 hours on 7 May 2005, a series of bomb explosions took place at Yangon Trade Centre where Thailand Trade Fair was being held in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division; Junction-8 Shopping Center City Mart on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township; and Dagon Centre in Sangyoung Township, leaving 23 innocent people dead and 150 wounded. According to the confirmation and admission of members of Network for Democracy and Development (NDD), members of ABSDF who had returned to the legal fold, it was exposed that the explosions were committed by Aung Min of NDD, Zaw Win Lwin, Ne Paledo and Ko Pauk of ABSDF under the sponsorship and instructions of National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB), Federation of Trade Union of Burma (FTUB).
- (d) The bomb blast that took place at a restaurant kitchen in Nan Phar Lon Market in Tamu Township, Sagaing Division, at 8.15 am on 8 January 2006 killed innocent restaurant proprietor U Maung Maung Tun, 43, and the bomb blast in the kitchen at Shwe Kaung Hlyan Tea Shop at 10.45 am, killed owner Maung Soe (a) Soe Myint, 38. Deputy military operation in charge of ABSDF (West) Chit Thein Tun and in charge of Moreh office of ABSDF (West) Maung Maung Oo who were seized on 15 January 2006 confessed that they committed the terrorist acts.

3. Some events in which destructive acts were exposed in time saving lives of many people and property due to the collaborative efforts of the people, the Tatmadaw and the Myanmar Police Force are as follows:—

- (a) On 4 January 2000 while people were enjoying themselves at the Independence Day commemorative fun fairs, a bomb was uncovered and cleared near Maha Bandoola Park in front of the City Hall in Yangon. According to the confessions of Soe Thiha (a) Thura Kyaw Zin, a member of PP 21, who was arrested, he took a leading role in the crime together with PP 21 members Ye Kyaw Swa, Naing Naing and Min Min (a) Kyaw Kyaw.
 - (b) At Chaunggyi Ward, Taninthayi Township, Taninthayi Division, at about 1700 hours on 5 February 2005, Win Aung (a) Nyo Win Aung (a) Saw Nyan Lin of ABSDF was arrested together with 24 2.5-inch bamboo cartridges, one pound of cordite, five Power Brand batteries, and devices used in planting bombs. He confessed that he was arrested while he was on his way to pile No 8 of Taninthayi Bridge to blast it.
 - (c) Security members exposed two mines weighing about ten pounds of TNT cordite and an 85-foot-long wire on Kwinchaung Bridge on Yangon-Mandalay Railroad at 02.05 hours on 7 February 2006. At 07.30 hours the same day, a 3.5 rocket launcher shell and a clock set for 11.00 hours attached with the shell were exposed at the foot of a tree near that site. According to the reliable source, San Gyi of the National League for Democracy (Liberated Area) (NLD-LA) and five accomplices entered the nation from Mae Hong Son region of the other country in the first week of February 2006 and planted explosives along Bago-Toungoo-Pyinmana route.
 - (d) At 06.40 hours on 23 February 2006, seven pounds of TNT cordite, one pound of cordite, one pound of gunpowder, 12 detonators, and 20 batteries were exposed under Yangon-Mandalay Railroad at mile post No 176/21 in Toungoo Township, Bago Division. According to the reliable information, the acts were responsible for the group of San Gyi of NLD-LA and five accomplices.
4. In addition to above-mentioned incidents, the following acts were perpetrated to cause unrest among the people.
- (a) According to Hla Myint Than (a) Hla Myint of No 910, Ottha 2nd Street, Nandawya Ward, Bago, who was arrested on 5 July 2005 in Bago, he received an illegal satellite phone from NLD-LA Secretary Myint Thein abroad in around April 2003 and as a hard-core he sent news stories that could cause unrest in the State to NLD-LA abroad.
 - (b) According to the confessions of member of NDD Saya Ye (a) Than Oo who was arrested in Myawady at 1100 hours on 23 March 2006, Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung was a follower of expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB, under the advice of expatriate Sein Win, he received aid from international community and formed FTUB to commit terrorist acts. Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung handed the cash assistance provided by international community to the terrorists in the nation through NDD Thein Win. Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung is skillful in detonating bombs with the use of a computer. Moreover, these facts are also disclosed by the confessions of members of NDD Wai Lin, Aung Moe and Yu Nut (a) Aung Cho Oo.
 - (c) According to the confessions of Aung Than (a) Aung Moe and Zeya Aung of Bago who were arrested at Myawady toll gate at 16.00 hours, on 24 March 2006, as assigned by NLD-LA youth in charge Thauang Dan Cho, they organized some university students and distributed poem books designed to incite political unrest in the nation.
5. Many firm evidences have been uncovered that the following illegal organizations have been committing terrorist acts individually or in groups from inside and outside the Union of Myanmar.
- (a) Dr Sein Win and National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB) led by himself
 - (b) Hla Oo, Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung and Federation of Trade Union of Burma (FTUB) led by themselves
 - (c) Than Khe and All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF) led by himself
 - (d) Win Khet and National League for Democracy (Liberated Area) (NLD-LA) and led by himself
6. The organizations and members stated in the para No 5 are hereby declared as terrorists.

By order

Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZHE HAI 316 VOY NO (057) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.4.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S EAGLE SHIPPING

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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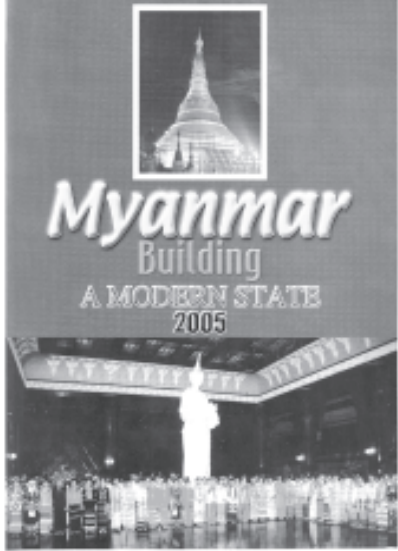
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Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon.

UAE, Qatar agree to provide more jobs to Nepalis

KATHMANDU, 14 April — Nepali Foreign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey said on Thursday that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar have agreed to provide more employment opportunities to Nepalis.

Pandey, who just returned from a visit to the two countries, said that the UAE has also agreed to conduct a feasibility study to set up special economic zone and it was positive about investing in Nepal.

According to a Foreign Ministry release, Qatar has also agreed to provide

employment on security-related sector and to invest in some special economic zones.

According to statistics from the Department of Labour and Employment Promotion, Qatar may soon replace Malaysia as the most favoured labour destination of Nepali

workers. The statistics revealed that the total number of workers leaving for Qatar on employment purpose increased by 70 per cent in the first eight months of the current fiscal year (starting from July 2005) to 39,397, compared to 23,125 of the same period of last fiscal year.—MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopian archaeologists uncover ancient relics

ADDIS ABABA, 14 April — Ethiopian archaeologists said Wednesday they have uncovered several ancient relics and building through excavations they conducted at the northern ancient town of Axum.

Tekle Hagos, co-ordinator of the archaeologists' team told journalists that the team

has been carrying out excavations beginning from 8 February on the tombs of King Izana and King Remhai around the Statue of Queen of Sheba in Axum Town.

Tekle said the team has uncovered claywares, several metallic and stone-made relics as well as a four-pillar building. He added that by the side of

the ancient building was found a throne statue erected for a warrior named Hatsani Daniel.

"The script on the statue describes the victory of Hatsani Daniel at Kessela and Wolqait and his refusal to accept the appointment offered to him by the Aksumite king," said Tekle.

MNA/Xinhua

China cracks down on illegal foreign publications

BEIJING, 14 April — China's publishing authority has warned it will crack down on illegal foreign publications "to prevent disruption to the publishing market and a negative impact on the people".

A spokesman from the General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP) said that unlicensed journalists had been publishing illegally after misleading low-ranking officials with the serial number of a foreign publication registered overseas.

Under Chinese publishing regulations, foreign publications must be licensed by the state council, or the central government. Foreign publishers, news agencies or editing offices that engage in unlicensed publishing, printing and distribution are considered illegal.

Among the couple of illegal foreign publications shut down this year are the Baoding-based *China Art Circle* newspaper in the northern Hebei Province and *China News*, whose reporters engaged in "illegal activities" in Jianhu County, east China's Jiangsu Province.

Heilongjiang publication department on 16 March closed the office of *China Business*, a newspaper claiming to be based in Hong Kong.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



AC Milan goalkeeper Nelson Dida Brazil, right, tries to stop a ball as AC Milan's Kakha Kaladze of Georgia, left, and Inter Milan striker Adriano of Brazil pull each other jerseys during an Italian major league soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, on 14 April, 2006. —INTERNET

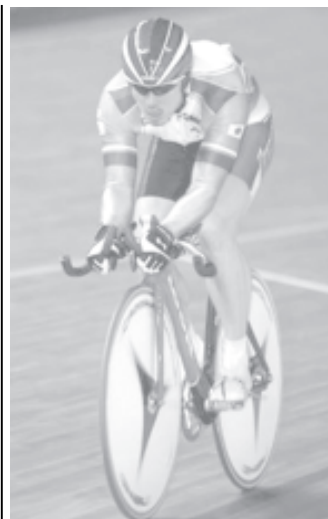
Kaladze strike gives Milan derby victory

MILAN, 15 April — AC Milan celebrated a 1-0 derby win over city rivals Inter thanks to a 70th minute strike by Georgian defender Kakha Kaladze in Serie A on Friday. The victory takes Milan within four points of leaders Juventus, who visit Cagliari on Saturday, while third-placed Inter are now five points adrift of Milan. There are four rounds of matches to be played after this weekend's fixtures.

"It was an important win for us," said Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti. "We have extended our lead over Inter and need to keep that in the coming games. "Now we are thinking only about Tuesday's game with Barcelona," he added, referring to the first leg of their Champions League semifinal at the San Siro.

Milan's Alberto Gilardino and Inter's Luis Figo missed good chances as they sent headers wide from promising positions but neither team looked sharp going forward in a rather flat game.

The decisive goal came when Milan's Dutch midfielder Clarence Seedorf looped in a high cross from the left and with the Inter defence stationary Kaladze chested the ball down and blasted past Inter keeper Julio Cesar. Despite a 74,000 crowd there was an unusually subdued atmosphere in the San Siro, largely due to a boycott by Inter fans who left their section of the north stand largely empty. The "ultras" were protesting against a disappointing season and in place of the colourful flags that normally fill their sector, banners criticizing the team were displayed in front of empty seating. —MNA/Reuters



Masaki Inoue of Japan competes during the men's 1km time trial event final at the track cycling world championships in Bordeaux, on 14 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Barcelona striker Larsson suffers thigh injury

MADRID, 15 April — Barcelona striker Henrik Larsson left the pitch with a thigh injury just nine minutes into his side's Primera Liga game against Villarreal on Friday.

The injury is likely to make him a doubt for Tuesday's Champions League semifinal first leg against AC Milan.

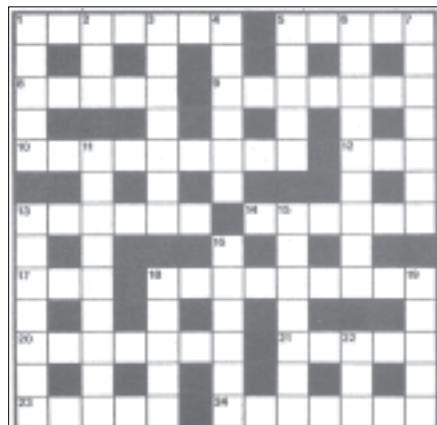
The Sweden international limped off claspings the back of his left leg after sprinting for the ball in one of the first attacks of the game.

Larsson's replacement Santi Ezquerro left the pitch 25 minutes later when he suffered an injury to his right knee after a challenge from Villarreal defender Juan Manuel Pena.

League leaders Barca are already without Argentine forward Lionel Messi, who is expected to be out for at least another three weeks with a thigh muscle tear.

MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Investment funds
- 5 Hungarian composer
- 8 Spring flower
- 9 Grew vigorously
- 10 Breathe in (anag.)
- 12 Sprint
- 13 Ailment
- 14 Negligent
- 17 Island in the Irish Sea
- 18 Plenty
- 20 Abounding in riches
- 21 Scope
- 23 Board game
- 24 Regal dignity

DOWN

- 1 Ensnare
- 2 Buddy
- 3 Came to a point
- 4 Deadly
- 5 Spacious
- 6 Gold coin
- 7 News
- 11 Able to speak two languages
- 13 Enormous
- 15 Past one's prime
- 16 Stringed instrument
- 18 Battleground
- 19 Pensive poem
- 22 No score



Manchester United's Ji-sung Park, right, and Sunderland's Justin Hoyte fight for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 14 April, 2006.

INTERNET

Barca edge nearer title with win over Villarreal

MADRID, 15 April — Samuel Eto'o struck his 24th goal of the season to give Barcelona a 1-0 win over Villarreal on Saturday that took them closer to retaining the title.

The Cameroon striker turned sharply on the edge of the area and fired low past Villarreal keeper Mariano Barbosa in the 11th minute at the Nou Camp to earn his side a deserved victory over their fellow Champions League semifinalists.

The win sent Barca 14 points clear of Valencia and Real Madrid at the top with five games left, although the Catalan side's two rivals have yet to play this weekend. Valencia host King's Cup winners Espanyol on Sunday, while Real Madrid travel

to the south of the city to meet modest neighbours Getafe. —MNA/Reuters

Man United held goalless by relegated Sunderland

LONDON, 15 April — Sunderland held Manchester United to a shock 0-0 draw at Old Trafford on Friday but were still relegated despite their battling display.

United's bid to catch Chelsea also seems doomed as they are six points behind the leaders, who visit Bolton Wanderers on Saturday needing seven points from five games to win the title.

"We need a miracle now of course and it has given a great boost to Chelsea," said disappointed United manager Alex Ferguson. "But we can't give up because we have come too far to give up. We're still a very good team." Sunderland, rooted to the bottom with 12 points from 33 games, cannot now catch 17th placed Birmingham City and swiftly return to the Second Division after promotion as champions.

United were overwhelming favourites to pick up three points in their late bid to catch Chelsea in the title race but ran into a Sunderland team determined to go down fighting. Ferguson's side dominated play and created countless chances but inspired goalkeeper Kelvin Davis managed to keep strikers Wayne Rooney and Ruud van Nistelrooy at bay.

In the first half man-of-the-match Davis produced sparkling saves to deny Ryan Giggs and Rooney before Sunderland went close through Liam Lawrence and Jon Stead, who hit the side netting.

After the break United piled on the pressure but Sunderland refused to wilt as van Nistelrooy just failed to connect with the ball in front of an open goal after Davis misjudged a cross. —MNA/Reuters



Nadia Petrova of Russia serves to Catalina Castano of Colombia during their quarterfinal match of the 2006 Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, South Carolina, on 14 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Sheffield United on brink of promotion with Cardiff win

LONDON, 15 April — Sheffield United moved to the brink of promotion to the Premier League when they won 1-0 at Cardiff City in the English Second Division on Friday.

United will be promoted on Saturday if Leeds United fail to beat champions Reading at Elland Road after third-placed Watford were held to a 1-1 draw by Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Danny Webber scored the Sheffield side's winner after 76 minutes at Ninian Park when he fired into the corner of the net to finally end Cardiff's bid to make the playoffs.

United have 85 points from 43 games. Watford are on 74 and Leeds have 73 from 42 matches. Reading, who have 98 points from 42 games, wrapped up the title earlier this month.

MNA/Reuters



A young Chinese gets into his Lamborghini outside the newly-opened Harley-Davidson dealership in Beijing recently. — INTERNET

UNSG urges int'l community to work for harmonious coexistence

HANGZHOU, 15 April — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan called on the international community to work for the common interests and harmonious coexistence of people across the world in a letter congratulating on the opening of the First World Buddhist Forum here on Thursday.

The letter was read by Tung Chee Hwa, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Annan urged people to think beyond their narrow and short-term interests, and raise themselves to a universal perspective from which the well-being of the broader human community can be seen to be as important as the individual well-being.

He said that the Buddha's ethical and humanitarian ideals gave birth to a vibrant spiritual tradition that continues, more than 2,500 years later, to ennoble the lives of millions of people.

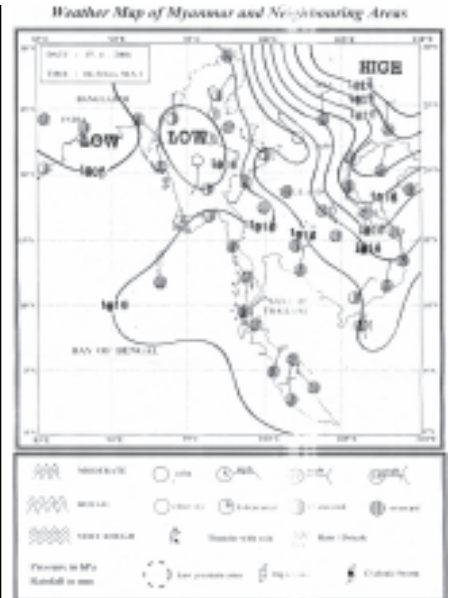
"Today, the Buddha's vision of peace may be more relevant than ever before. Indeed, if we want to have a chance of overcoming the many challenges that face us today — in the fields of peace and security, development, and the protection of our global environment." — MNA/Xinhua

Tibet's first railway to start unmanned operation next month

BEIJING, 15 April — The Golmud-Lhasa section of the Qinghai-Tibet railway will start unmanned test runs from 1 May in preparation for its trial operation on 1 July.

Sources from China's Ministry of Railways said here on Thursday that the country will complete the construction of a number of key railway projects with an investment of 34 billion yuan (about 4 billion US dollars) in the second quarter this year, including the opening of the Qinghai-Tibet railway.

Built on the "Roof of the World" and zigzagging across 5,000-metre-high mountain ranges and a 550-kilometre-long frozen belt, the Qinghai-Tibet railway is the first railway in Tibet, aiming at building a closer tie between the plateau with other parts of China. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 15 April, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Shan State and weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Kayah States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Mandalay Divisions, (7°C) to (8°C) above normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Myingyan, NyaungU and Magway (44°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (0.15) inch and Putao (0.07) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-4-2006 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 15-4-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 15-4-2006 was (74%). Total sunshine hours on 14-4-2006 was (10.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-4-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 14-4-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-4-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the extreme northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 16-4-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-4-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-4-2006: Generally fair weather.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued at 04:30 hours M.S.T, Today)

A slight earthquake of intensity (4.1) Richter Scale with its epicenter near Myanmar-Thai Border about (172) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (01) hrs (19) min (02) sec M.S.T on 15th April 2006.



Sunday, 16 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးတင်စွာနိုးဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ ဗဟုကဿင်အဖွဲ့အစည်းတော် ထောင်ချီ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဏာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဝုဇ္ဇာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဏာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိဇ္ဇာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိန္နဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတ သတ္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (သုတေသန မင်္ဂလာ)

8:05 am

7. ဓါသန္တရအဆိုအကများ

8:20 am

8. အဆိုပွဲပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. ဆယ်စုနှစ်က ဓါသန္တရ

(ဝင်းဦး)

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. ဓါသန္တရအဆိုအကများ

11:25 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:40 am

4. နှစ်စရာတာသန္တရ

12:05 pm

5. နိုင်ငံခြားကားတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"

12:20 pm

6. "သန္တရနိဂုံးလေးပျော်ပါစေ" (ခေမ္မာကျော်၊ ကြည်လဲလဲဦး၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်ဆောင်း)

2:15 pm

7. ဓါသန္တရအဆိုအကများ

2:30 pm

8. "မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ" (မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်၊ မထူး၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

2:45 pm

9. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အစောင့်အရှောက်တပ်မတော်

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်္ချေဇာ

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သရုပ်ဆောင်မှုများ

(ရုပ်သံ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national races

5:00 pm

5. ဓါသန္တရအဆိုအကများ

5:15 pm

6. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening news

6:30 pm

8. Weather report

6:35 pm

9. Discovery

6:50 pm

10. ဓါသန္တရအဆိုအကများ

7:05 pm

11. Agricultural source of country's development

7:15 pm

12. ရွယ်လိပ် ဖြန့်ချိခြင်း

(အပိုင်း-၄)

7:25 pm

13. ဓါသန္တရအဆိုအကများ

7:50 pm

14. ထုတ်ကြီးဇာတ်

ထင်ရှားစက် ဓမ္မရုံ

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. "မရနိုင်သောနေ့ပထမ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

(ရန်အောင်၊ ဒွေး၊ မေသန်းနု၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်)

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19. The next day's programme

State spent large sum of money on construction of roads, bridges in Rakhine State

Senior General Than Shwe meets departmental personnel, Tatmadawmen in Sittway

YANGON, 14 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air)

departmental heads, arrived at Sittway Airport by special aircraft from Nay Pyi Taw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw City at 11.40 pm on 12 April.

Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station, senior military officers, departmental officials and traditional dance troupe.

tal personnel of Sittway District and Township PDCs.

The commander reported on land utilization, cultivation of 10 major crops in 2005-2006, growing of rubber, Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan), and oil palm, arrangements for planting 100,000 acres of rubber, cultivation of pepper, the plan to put 500,000 acres of land under physic nut in three years, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, progress of livestock breeding,



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to local authorities and departmental personnel at the hall of Sittway Station. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, and de-

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matters related to education and health sectors, supply of power, GDP of the state, and the increase of per capita income.

He continued his report on arrangements be-

ing made for construction of Rathedaung-Ponnagyun Road, Pauktaw-Minbya Road, Myebon-Minbya Road, and the island circular road in Manaung, upgrading of telephone installation in Sittway and requirements of regional development.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann explained cultivation of various kinds of crops on cultivable land for development of the state, enhancement of cultivation capacity, local food sufficiency and surplus production, extended cultivation of edible oil crops for ensuring sufficiency of edible oil, the increase of per-acre yield, efforts to be made for meeting the target production of 10 major crops, and

boosting of the production in Rakhine State to have economic development on which the State can rely.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on extension of cultivable land in the state, township-wise food sufficiency, rubber cultivation and distribution of physic

nut saplings.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein briefed the Senior General on the raising of export products, and prospects for increasing income of the state by exporting pepper, fisheries, agricultural and forestry products, onion and vegetables.

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Excerpts from guidance given by Senior General Than Shwe

- * Roads and bridges in the state were built with the aim of narrowing the development gap among all parts of the Union.
- * Transport facilities can contribute toward progress of economic and social sectors of all regions, and uplift of living standard of the local people.
- * Physic nut plants can systematically be grown in all parts of the nation to be able to produce bio-diesel
- * Local authorities, State service personnel and local people are to join hands for ensuring progress of the State and strengthening economic development of the respective regions.

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NLD should have realized that there is no country in the world that has transformed itself from dictatorship into democracy due to economic sanctions. And it should take lessons from the nations that were able to build democratic ones through flourishing market-oriented economy and stop calling for international community to impose economic sanctions and put pressure on the nation.