Aid agencies say deteriorating security situation impeding their activities

BAGHDAD, 27 June—As attacks on coalition troops occur in Iraq on an almost daily basis, many aid agencies say the security situation in the country is deteriorating and that their activities are directly threatened.

International aid groups in Iraq say the security situation is worsening in the country, directly impeding their work.

The feeling of insecurity is shared at all levels, from companies under direct contract to the US government to independent nongovernmental agencies with long experience operating in danger zones worldwide.

Frank Dall, a top official at Creative Associates International, a Washington-based company that has a $62 million US government contract to help rebuild Iraq's education system, said this week there is an "ad hoc security situation which is extremely dangerous in Iraq."

He told a public briefing in Washington organized by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) that his teams fear becoming what he called "soft targets" as some groups in Iraq continue to attack coalition forces.

Dall added that — amid continuing lawlessness in some areas — his aid teams also are encountering hostility from some of the groups they want to help. He said "there is aggressive behavior toward us.... In one instance, we had car windows removed and smashed by pupils after we had checked out a school."

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A suspected Iraqi insurgent is blindfolded and taken away by US Army soldiers after he was detained in a raid in Khaldiyah, Iraq on 26 June, 2003. Troops from A Company 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment detained several men wanted for attacking Army patrols with rocket propelled grades, mostly during night patrols in the area.—INTERNET

UN not ready to send troops to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 27 June—The United Nations does not currently have the capacity to send a security force into Iraq, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said Wednesday after talks in London with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Until the (UN Security) Council gives us a new mandate, we are not really talking of a UN force and, quite frankly, I doubt that we will have the capacity to take over that responsibility at this stage," Annan said.

"If we don't have the capacity, I wouldn't want to take on the additional role and more responsibility."

Speaking in the wake of the killing of six British troops in southern Iraq Tuesday, Annan said the "occupying powers" had the responsibility to provide security and effective administration to the people of Iraq.

This should continue to be delivered by the multinational coalition led by the United States and Britain, he added.

Asked by reporters whether he wanted a greater security role for the UN, Annan said: "We are guided by UN Security Council resolution 1483", passed unanimously in May, "which leaves the responsibility for security and for creating a secure environment to the coalition forces or the occupying power.

"The occupying power does have a responsibility to promote the welfare of the Iraqi people through effective administration of Iraq," Annan added. —*Internet*

Pakistani lawyers oppose troop deployment to Iraq

LAHORE, 27 June—A top Pakistani lawyer Thursday said sending troops to Iraq would be a "national tragedy" after President Pervez Musharraf reportedly said he agreed with the move in principle.

Hamid Khan, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association, warned Pakistan could suffer casualties if peacekeeping troops went to Iraq.

"Sending Pakistan army to Iraq will be a national tragedy," said Khan. "The government should not send a single soldier there.

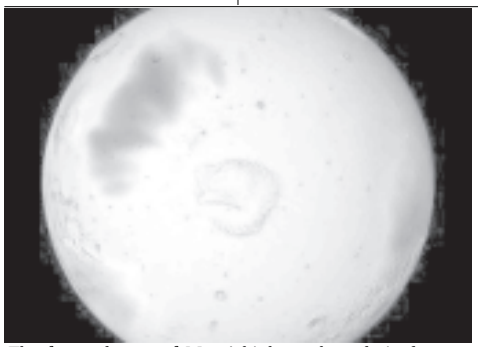
"The people of Iraq are resisting against US occupation and killing US and British soldiers, therefore Pakistan being an Islamic country should refrain from participating in any operation in Iraq," Khan told a joint news conference attended by officials from about a dozen lawyers' organisations.

Musharraf, after summit talks with President George W Bush, told the ABC television channel in Washington on Wednesday that Pakistan agrees in principle with sending its troops to Iraq.

President Bush asked Pakistan to send troops to Iraq during the meeting in Camp David, he said.

But Musharraf said any deployment should be under the auspices of the United Nations, Organisation of the Islamic Conference or the Gulf Cooperation Council.

"The United States wants that soldiers of Muslim countries should be killed in Iraq. We should not become a party in the dirty occupation," Khan said.—*Internet*



The frozen layers of Mars' high northern latitudes are shown in this image taken by the NASA 's Mars Odyssey spacecraft released on 26 June , 2003. The orbiting spacecraft was designed, in part, to detect water and shallow buried ice on Mars. The blue colors indicate water ice, the Martian equivalent of permafrost, observed by the Odyssey during the northern winter months, when 'dry ice' (carbon dioxide frost or snow) covers the region's surface. Data gathered by the Odyssey has shown that Mars' frozen layers undergo seasonal changes as the layers of 'dry ice' accumulate and then dissipate in the spring, exposing a soil layer rich in water ice. The implications of the Odyssey's data have a bearing on science strategies for future missions in the search for habitats.—INTERNET

Indonesia, Singapore discuss ways to combat SARS

JAKARTA, 27 June—Indonesia and Singapore have been discussing ways to combat further severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) that has haunted a number of Asian countries these past few months.

Indonesian Health Minister Achmad Suyudi and his Singaporean counterpart, Lim Hgn Kiang, are attending the discussion in Indonesia's Batam Island on Thursday, the official *Antara* news agency reported.

Both Suyudi and the information chief of the Indonesian embassy in Singapore, Chalief Akbar, however did not name the crucial topics being discussed at the meeting, which began Wednesday.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Bangladesh to apply new method to kill aedes mosquito

DHAKA, 27 June— A new facility called "Lethal Ovitrap" to kill aedes will be applied experimentally in five wards in the capital of Bangladesh from 1 July.

Lethal Ovitrap takes advantage of the container breeding habitats of the aedes to track and control this dengue vector mosquito species.

It is a 400 millimetre plastic cup with a "deltamethrin" (a widely used pesticide belonging to the pyrethroid group) treated oviposition strip in it. The cup to be set up in and outside houses will be half full of water, and a piece of cloth pasted with insecticide will be put in the cup in a way that some part of the cloth drown in the water while the other part stays outside the cup.

When an aedes comes to lay eggs, it will die if it comes in close contact with the cloth. If it succeeds in laying eggs anyway, the larvas in the water will die at last.

The cost would be only 16 to 25 US cents for each Ovitrap, and the piece of cloth must be changed after one month. Manjur A Chowdhury, an entomologist and Chief Executive Officer of Safeway Pest Control company, told *Xinhua* the Lethal Ovitrap was originally developed by the US military and was proved effective in many other countries such as Brazil and Thailand. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Philippine envoy in Libya wants SARS-free proof from WHO

MANILA, 27 June — The Philippine Embassy in Libya has requested the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to secure a SARS (the severe acute respiratory syndrome)-free certificate from the World Health Organization (WHO).

In its report to the DFA, the embassy said despite its persistent request, the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) still has yet to lift the travel ban against overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

Philippine Embassy Charges d'Affaires Benito Valeriano said the Libyan MFA based its travel restriction on alleged daily reports it has been receiving from the WHO headquarters in Geneva which said the Philippines is still a SARS-afflicted nations.

However, the Philippines was officially delisted by the WHO from its roster of SARS-affected countries in May.

Until now, Filipinos are still barred from entering Libya unless they present a written permission from the Libyan Embassy in Manila authorizing their travel. Libyan MFA said the travel ban will only be removed if the WHO has delisted the Philippines.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Drug deals in Russia amount to $10b a year

Moscow, 27 June— Annual turnover of drug deals in Russia totals 10 billion US dollars, Chairman of the State Committee for the Control of Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Viktor Cherkesov, said Thursday.

"Experts estimate the size of the world drug market at 200 to 700 billion dollars. The average amount is 400 billion dollars a year. Turnover reaches nine billion to 10 billion dollars in Russia," Cherkesov told a Press conference.

"About four million Russian citizens are drug-dependent. Most of them consume drugs regularly and are drug addicts," Cherkesov said, citing experts' estimates.

The official number of drug addicts is 1.5 million, he noted. "The drug problem is fraught with many threats, whose combination endangers national security," Cherkesov warned, noting "more than 10 per cent of all crimes registered in Russia are related to drugs."

MNA/Xinhua

Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt hears reports from Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on production of Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory and research on the six diseases to be cured with traditional medicines. (News on page 16) — MNA

Fingerlings released to …

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Then, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivered an address. He said that the Fisheries Department released various kinds of millions of fingerlings into lakes, dams and reservoirs, ponds, creeks and rivers annually. Altogether 39.05 million fingerlings were released into the natural expense of water, 38.8 million of fingerlings into dams and reservoirs and 159.25 million of fish into Ayeyawady River in 2002-2003 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Fingerlings were released with the aims of avoiding depletion of fish resource and ensuring sustainability of fish species.

There are over 12 million acres of monsoon paddy in the country. If the releasing of fish will be carried out at the cultivation areas, production of fresh water fish will increase . If at least five viss of fingerlings will be bred in an acre of paddy field, a total of 60 million viss of fish will be produced for one year.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will cooperate with the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to breed fish at 5,500 acres of paddy fields as a preliminary project for boosting production of fish in seven States and Divisions in 2003-2004.

The fish breeding task will correctly benefit the farmers in the rural areas and it is also a basic factor for development of the rural regions. In releasing fingerlings free of charge, the Fisheries Department and the Myanma Agriculture Service will provide technological assistance to the local farmers.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Commander of No 77 LID Brig-Gen Than Htay released fingerlings into the paddy fields. Daw Sao Nan Khun Hsam, wife of the commander, members of Division, District and Township Working Committees for Women's Affairs and officials of social organizations set fingerlings free into the paddy fields.

Then, officials of the Fisheries Department distributed fingerlings to the farmers.

At the ceremony, altogether 237,000 fingerlings — 500 fingerlings per acre — were released into 474 acres of paddy fields.

MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko addresses the ceremony to release fish for the paddy-plus-fish project. — MNA

ကျွဲနွား ခွာနာလျှာနာ ရောဂါသတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသောအချိန်ကာလ

မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါသည် မိုးဦးကျကာလနှင့် ဆောင်းဦးကာလများတွင် ကျယ်ပြန့်စွာဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပြီး အချို့ဒေသများတွင် ရာသီမရွေးဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

၂။ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားစေသောပိုး၊အမျိုးအစား၊နှင့်တိရစ္ဆာန်များ

ဤရောဂါသည် လျင်မြန်စွာပြန့်ပွားကူးစက်တတ်သော ခွာနာလျှာနာဗိုင်းရပ်စ်ပိုးကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပြီး ရောဂါပိုးမျိုးကွဲ ခုနှစ်မျိုး ရှိသည့်အနက် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် (အိုု) အမျိုးအစား၊မှာ အဖြစ်များပြီး (အာရှ–၁)အမျိုးအစား၊သည် ရံဖန်ရံခါဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။ ၎င်းရောဂါသည် ကျွဲနွားများ၊အပြင် ခွာကွဲသတ္တဝါ များ၊ဖြစ်သော ဝက်၊ သိုး၊ ဆိတ်နှင့် တောရိုင်း၊တိရစ္ဆာန်များ၊တွင်ပါ ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။

၃။ ရောဂါ၊အသွင်လက္ခဏာများ

(က) ကိုယ်အပူချိန်မြင့်တက်၍ အစာမစား၊ဘဲငေးမှိုင်ခြင်း၊

(ခ) သွေး၊ရည်ကျ၍ နှုတ်ခမ်း၊များ၊အထိမခံနိုင်ခြင်း၊

(ဂ) လျှာ၊ အာခေါင်နှင့် ပါး၊စပ်အတွင်း၊ အပူဖုများ၊ပေါက်၍ အနာများဖြစ်ပေါ်ခြင်း၊

(ဃ) ခွာနှင့်ခွာပန်းကုံး၊များ၊ခွာကြား၊များ၊တွင်အနာများ၊ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊

(င) ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့ကျ၍ အမွေးဆောင်း၊လာခြင်း၊

၄။ ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊လျှင် လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊လျှင်ဖြစ်ပွား၊ခြင်း၊ နီးစပ်ရာပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း/ခရိုင်/မြို့နယ် ကျေးရွာများ၊ရှိ မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ကုသရေးဦးစီးဌာနသို့ အလျင်အမြန် သတင်းပို့ အကူအညီ တောင်း၊ရန်။

(ခ) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊နေရာ၌နှိုးတွင် ကူး၊သန်း၊သွား၊လာမှု ထိန်း၊ချုပ်ကန့်သတ်၍ ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသော တိရစ္ဆာန်များ၊အား ခြောက်သွေ့သောနေရာများတွင် သီး၊ခြား ထိန်း၊သိမ်း၊ပြုစု ထား၊ရန်။

(ဂ) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊နေသော ကျွဲနွား၊များ၊အား အစာကြေလွယ်သော အစာနှနှင့် ကစီရည် များ တိုက်ကျွေး၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(ဃ) ဆေးပြီးတိုနှင့်ကုသမှုတွင် မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ကုသရေးဦးစီးဌာနမှ ညွှန်ပြထား၊သည့် မှန်ကန်သောကုသနည်းဖြင့် ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်။

(င) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသည့် ကျွဲနွား၊တင်း၊ကုပ်များ၊တွင် အဝတ်လျှော်ဆိုဒါ (၄)ရာခိုင်နှုန်း၊ ဖျော်ရည်ဖြင့် ပက်ဖျန်း၊ခြင်း၊ (သို့)ထုံးဖြူး၊ခြင်း၊ပြုလုပ်ထား၊ရန်။

(စ) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊နေသော ကျွဲနွား၊များ၊၏အစာအကြွေး၊အဂျုန်များ၊နှင့် ဆီး၊ဝမ်း၊တို့အား ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါက သီး၊ခြား၊မြေကျင်း၊တူး၍ပွန့်ပစ်ရန်။

(ဆ) ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွား၊နေ၍နိုင်တွင် အိမ်မွေး၊ဝက်များ၊အား ကျွဲနွား၊များ၊နှင့် မထိတွေ့စေရေး၊အတွက် လွှတ်ကျောင်း၊မထား၊ဘဲခြင်လောင်ထိန်း၊သိမ်း၊ထား၊ရန်။

၅။ ကျွဲနွား၊တစ်ကောင်ခြင်း၊ပြုပုံစောင့်ရှောက်ရန်

(က) **လျှာအတွက်ကုသနည်း၊များ**

(၁) ကျောက်ချဉ်နှစ်ကျပ်သား၊ကို ရေကြည်ပျော်ဖျံ၊တစ်ပုလင်း၊ဖြင့် ဖျော်ထား၊သော ဖျော်ရည်ဖြင့်လျှာအနာ၊ကိုတစ်နေ့လေး၊ကြိမ်ထက်မနည်း သုတ်လိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(၂) ငှက်ပျောသီး၊မှည့်နှစ်လုံး၊နှင့် ပျား၊ရည်တစ်ကျပ်ခွဲသား၊ ရောနှစ်ပြွမ်းလိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(၃) တောစပါယ်မြစ်ကိုသွေး၍ လျှာကိုသုတ်လိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(၄) ပါး၊စပ်နှင့်သွား၊ဖုံး၊များ၊ကို အိမ်သုံး၊ဆား၊ရည်ဖြင့် သန့်စင်ဆေး၊ကြော၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(ခ) ခွာနာအတွက်ကုသနည်း၊များ

(၁) ခွာအနာကိုဖန်ရည်ဆေး၍ ဆေး၊ကတ္တရာဖြင့် အနာထဲဝင်အောင် ထိရောက်စွာ သုတ်လိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန် (သို့) ရေနံချေး၊တစ်နေ့သုံး၊ကြိမ် သုတ်လိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန် (သို့) ဆေးမျက်ကြီး၊တစ်မြက်၊ ဆား၊တစ်ကျပ်သား၊၊ ထုံး၎ါး၊မှု၊သား၊၊ ရေနံဆီနှစ်ကျပ် သား၊ရောရှဲ့ ထိရောက်စွာလိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(၂) လိမ်ခေါက်၊ မာလကာခေါက်၊ တုမာခေါက်၊ မန်ကျည်းခေါက်တစ်မျိုးမျိုး သွေး၍ ခွာအနာကို တစ်နေ့လျှင် လေးကြိမ်သုတ်လိမ်း၊ပေး၊ရန်။

(ဂ) ရောင်ကြဉ်ရန်

(၁) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသော ကျွဲနွား၊တို့ရဲ့ခွာနံ၏ လျှာကို ရေတံမှန့်ဖြင့် လိမ်းကျံခြင်း၊ ခွာကို သံပုတ်ရွင် နင်းစေခြင်း၊များ၊မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

(၂) ရောဂါဖြစ်နေသောကျွဲနွား၊တို့ရဲ့ခွာနံ၊များ၊၏သွား၊ရည်၊ စမြှုံ၊များ၊နှင့် ဆက်သွယ်နေသော အစား၊အစာများ၊နှင့်သောက်ရေများ၊ကို ကျန်း၊မာစေသောအခြား ကျွဲနွား၊များ၊အား တိုက်ကျွေး၊ခြင်း၊မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

(၃) ရောဂါ ဖြစ်နေသော ကျွဲနွား၊တို့ရဲ့ခွာနံ၊များ၊၏ ဆီး၊ ဝမ်း၊တို့ကို ရောဂါဖြစ်နေစဉ် ကာလအတွင်း မြေဩဇာအဖြစ် လယ်ထဲသို့သယ်ယူဖြန့်ဖြူး၊ခြင်း၊ မပြုလုပ်ရန်နှင့် အခြား၊ကျွဲနွား၊တို့ရဲ့ခွာနံ၊များ၊စုစည်း၊သည့် သောက်ရေကန်များ၊၊ စား၊ကျက်များ၊သို့ ရောက်ရှိ မသွား၊စေရေး ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်။

၆။ သတင်းပို့အကူအညီတောင်း၊ခံရေး၊

ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွား၊မှုရှိပါက ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ကုသရေးနှင့် ထိန်း၊ချုပ်ရေးတို့အတွက် ပြည်နယ်/ တိုင်း/ ခရိုင်/ မြို့နယ်/ ကျေး၊ရွာများ၊ရှိ အနီး၊စပ်ဆုံး၊မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ကုသရေး ဦးစီး၊ဌာနသို့ တောင်သူလယ်သမား၊ မွေးမြူသူပိုင်ရှင်များ၊မှ စောလျင်စွာ သတင်းပို့ အကူအညီတောင်း၊ခံကြပါ၊ရန် နိုး၊ဆော်အပ်ပါ သည်။

၇။ ကာကွယ်ဆေး၊ကြိတင်ထိုး၊ရေး၊

မိမိကျွဲနွား၊များ၊အား၊ ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါ မှကင်း၊ဝေး၊စေရန် မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ကုသရေးဦးစီး၊ဌာနမှ ထုတ်လုပ်သော ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ဆေး၊ကို တစ်နှစ်လျှင် နှစ်ကြိမ်ထိုး၊ပေး၊ခြင်း၊ဖြင့် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊မှုမှ ကြိတင်ကာကွယ် ပေး၊နိုင်ပါသည်။ ကာကွယ်ဆေး၊ထိုး၊ရန် နီး၊စပ်ရာမွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ကုသရေးဦးစီး၊ဌာန ဝန်ထမ်း၊နှင့် ဆက်သွယ် ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ပါ သည်။

၈။ ခွာနာလျှာနာရောဂါ၏ နောက်ဆက်တွဲဆိုး၊ကျိုး၊များ၊

(က) ခိုင်း၊ကျွဲနွား၊များ၊အမောမလုံခြင်း၊

(ခ) နို့ပေး၊နွား၊မများ၊တွင် နို့ထွက်နှုန်း၊လျော့ကျခြင်း၊

(ဂ) ဗီး၊နွား၊မများ၊တွင် သား၊လျော့နိုင်ခြင်း၊

(ဃ) (၆) လအောက် နွား၊ငယ်လေး၊များ၊သေဆုံး၊တတ်ခြင်း၊

(င) ခိုင်း၊ကျွဲနွား၊ကြီး၊များ၊တွင် ပျက်စီး၊ဆုံး၊ရှုံး၊မှုနည်း၊ပါ၊သော်လည်း လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုး၊မှု လုပ်ငန်း၊ဝင်ကာလများ၊တွင် ၎င်း၊ရောဂါဖြစ်သောခိုင်း၊ကျွဲနွား၊များ၊၏ လုပ်ငန်း၊နှင့်ဝန်ဆောင်မှုအား၊ကို ထိခိုက်စေနိုင်ပါ သည်။

၉။ နယ်စပ်ဒေသကျွဲနွား၊မွေး၊မြူသူများ၊အထူးသတိပြုရန်

မြန်မာနိုင်ငံနှင့် နယ်မြေဆက်စပ်လျက်ရှိသော အိမ်နီး၊ချင်း နိုင်ငံများ၊တွင် ခွာနာလျှာနာ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊မှု ရှိပါက မိမိနိုင်ငံတွင် ဖြစ်ပွား၊ခြင်း၊မရှိသေး၊သည့် ခွာနာလျှာနာဗိုင်း၊ရပ်စ်မျိုး၊ကွဲများ၊ (ဥပမာ–အေ (သို့) စီမျိုး၊ကွဲများ၊) အား ခုခံမှုစွမ်း၊အား နည်းပါး၊နိုင်မှုကြောင့် ဆေးကြေဆုံး၊ရှုံး၊မှု များ၊ပြား၊နိုင်ပါသဖြင့်–

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊သော အိမ်နီး၊ချင်း၊နိုင်ငံမှ ကျွဲနွား၊သို့၊ဆိတ်ဝက်နှင့် ခွာကွဲသတ္တဝါ များ၊ အား မိမိတို့၏ ခွာကွဲတိရစ္ဆာန်များ၊နှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုမရှိစေရေး၊ထိန်း၊ချုပ်ရန်။

(ခ) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွား၊နေသော တိရစ္ဆာန်များ၊အား ထိန်း၊ကျောင်း၊သည့် လူ၊ သယ်ဆောင်သည့် ယာဉ်၊ ကျွေး၊မွေး၊သည့်အစာ၊ အသုံး၊အဆောင်ပစ္စည်း စသည်တို့နှင့် ထိတွေ့မှု မရှိစေရန် လိုအပ်ပါ သည်။

မွေး၊မြူရေးနှင့်ကုသရေးဦးစီး၊ဌာန၊ မွေး၊မြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်း၊ဝန်ကြီး၊ဌာန

Minister inspects construction of Bwetgyi Dam in Aunglan Township

YANGON, 27 June—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, accompanied by officials concerned, on 25 June morning, inspected Bwetgyi Dam being built by Construction Group-3 of Irrigation Department near Dandaung Village, 26 miles east of Aunglan, Thayet District, where those in-charge of the construction reported on progress of work and future tasks.

Then, the minister and party inspected progress in construction of the 105-foot-wide and 500-foot-long spillway and the 380-foot-long conduit, 4x6 feet sluice gates and earth work for construction of earth embankment.

Next, the minister inspected special Pedisein plantations around Padaukgon Village-tract, Aunglan Township.

Director-General of Myanma Agriculture Service U Tun Than reported to the minister on work being carried out for boosting the per acre yield of Pedisein, choosing quality strain, minimizing loss and wastage in harvest and research findings.

Then, the minister gave necessary instructions. He called on those who are engaged in cultivation of Pedisein and other crops to follow the research findings and scientific techniques.

Afterwards, the minister and party inspected groundnut plantation and ground-nut and sunflower double cropping plantations and edible oil-crop plantations near Mausu Village, Aunglan Township and gave instructions to officials. Then, the minister arrived at No10 Sugar Mill of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise in Aunglan Township and inspected arrangements being made for running the mill in the coming sugarcane season and overhauling of the machinery.—*MNA*

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the weekly meeting on Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport.— YANGON COMMAND

Coord meeting held for smooth and secure transportation

YANGON, 27 June — The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transportation held a work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Command, with an address by Supervisory Committee Chairman Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Present on the occasion were No 2 Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint, military region commanders, station commanders, local authorities, members of the Supervisory Committee, registrars and officials from universities and colleges, chairmen of bus lines, and guests.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe called on the members of the Supervisory Committee to discuss their respective tasks being carried out for the convenience of the travelling public from Yangon City as well as from every corner of the country. Next, the members of the Supervisory Committee, university and college registrars and officials, and chairmen of bus lines reported on close supervision for the avoidance of traffic incidents for the convenience of commuters; for timely arrival and departure of buses; for cleanliness of highway terminals, rail stations, jetties, and airports; for cooperation with officials for the comfort of travelling teachers and students; and for bus drivers and conductors to abide by the laws and regulations.

Later, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on awareness of traffic incidents, observance of traffic rules, and action to be taken against law breakers. Afterwards, the commander attended to the needs. — *MNA*

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at the ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar tennis players.— MNA

Third-prize winner Myanmar tennis team honoured

YANGON, 27 June— A ceremony to honour selected Myanmar tennis team which won the third prize in the Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group (IV) 2003 Tennis Tournament in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 16 to 22 June, was held at Kan Yeiktha Restaurant on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township yesterday.

The selected Myanmar tennis players were introduced to the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee and officials.

President of MTF U Zaw Zaw recounted his experience to the audience.

Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win gave a speech on arrangements for development of tennis event.

Officials of the team answered the queries of the journalists. Then, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address. Present at the dinner were Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, President of MTF U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd) and officials, the leader, the chief coach, the manager and players and guests. The selected Myanmar tennis team included in the Group-B together with Oman, Singapore and Bangladesh teams. Host Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Brunei and Saudi Arabia included in the Group-A. After the final match, Vietnam won the first, Oman the second and Myanmar and Saudi Arabia tied at the third.

Myanmar took part in the Davis Cup for two times—in 1955 and 1963, and did not win the prize. Taking part for the third time in the 40 years of its history, the Myanmar team secured the third position. The Myanmar team comprising Chief Coach U Maung Maung Lay, Manager U Khin Maung Win and players Zaw Zaw Latt, Min Min and Tu Maung were led by President U Zaw Zaw of MTF.— *MNA*

Four-monthly work coord meeting of Ministry of CPT held

YANGON, 27 June — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected materials used in the installation of telephone exchange lines and cable communications, locally produced by FISCA Enterprise, at Myanma Posts and Telecommunications this morning.

Then, Ms Catherine Yang of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd of China called on the minister at his office. Next, the minister attended the first four-monthly work coordination meeting for 2003 held at the meeting hall of the ministry in Ahlon Township.

The minister spoke on the occasion and heard reports on progress of work, future tasks. The managing director and the general manager of MPT, and the director-general of the Directorate of Telecommunications gave supplementary reports. After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions and made concluding remarks. — *MNA*

Minister receives Thai guests

YANGON, 27 June — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw received President Dr Nongluck Phinaintisart and party of Shin Satellite Public Co Ltd at his office near Hanthawady roundabout on Pyay Road this evening. They discussed matters related to satellite communications between the two countries. Also present at the call were officials of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. — *MNA*

Victorious football team honoured

YANGON, 27 June — The Banner Football Club honoured Myanmar youth football team at a ceremony held at Kan Yeiktha restaurent on 24-6-2003. The Banner Club awarded K 500,000 each to footballers Tun Min Oo and Han Win Aung of the U-18 youth team. Then, the footballers and over 90 guests were hosted to a dinner with Chinese cuisines and presented with Myanmar traditional costumes. The expenses of dinner and costumes worth over K 500,000 were borne by Paingtha Co and Kan Yeiktha Restaurant. The Kan Yeiktha restaurant is launching sales promotion programme with experienced chefs from China. Its design was drawn by a noted architect in Myanmar. With superb view of Kandawgyi Lake, the restaurant is serving quality foods at fair prices. With no stage show, its entertainment programmes are with Myanmar harp, xylophone and piano. *MNA*

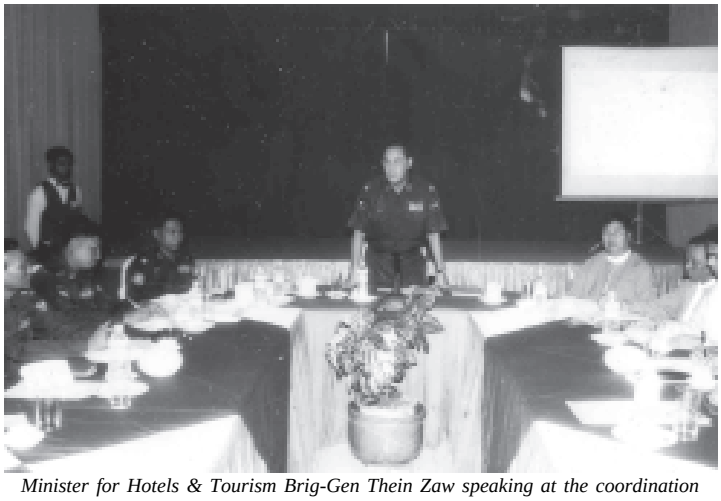
Coordination meeting held for organizing Salon traditional festival

YANGON, 27 June — With the aim of boosting the tourism industry on Myeik archipelago in Taninthayi Division and of making the archipelago and Hsalon nationals known to the international tourism market, a coordination meeting on organizing the traditional festival of Salon nationals took place at the Asia Plaza Hotel on Bo Gyoke Aung San Street here this afternoon.

Chairman of the committee for the development of Taninthayi Division tourism industry Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended the meeting and spoke on the occasion.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu reported on arrangements for the holding of the festival.

Local authorities, departmental officials, and hotel and tourism entrepreneurs also reported on their respective activities. Afterwards, the minister and the deputy minister gave instructions. — *MNA*



Minister for Hotels & Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw speaking at the coordination meeting for Organizing Salon Traditional Festival.— H&T