Nibbana sacchikiriya ca, realize the Nirvana; this is the way to auspiciousness.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets U Phone Kyar Shin, Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 and party. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives national race leader of Shan State (North) Special Region-1

YANGON, 19 Jan — Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 U Phone Kyar Shin and Vice-Chairman U Phone Kyaw Phu and members at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyntha here at 5 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Col Pe Nyin, Director-General of the Government’s Office U Soe Tint, and senior officers of the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence.

During their meeting, the national race leaders said they fully support the seven-point policy programme of the State (roadmap) clarified by the Prime Minister and made commitment to actively participate in the successful implementation of the roadmap under the leadership of the State. They also said that emphasis was to be laid on the elimination of narcotic drugs and poppy-substitute crops cultivation would be extended according to the instructions of the State. Later, they reported on their regional development, agriculture, road and bridge construction and economy and assistance rendered by the State. — MNA

Defence Services C-in-C’s Trophy for weightlifting, bodybuilding, and beauty contests 2003 commence

YANGON, 19 Jan — The opening of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) weightlifting, bodybuilding, and beauty contests 2003 for the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy was held at the stadium of People’s Sport Grounds in Myitkyina on 15 January.

It was attended by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman and Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Myitkyina Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Bo Kyi, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tha, senior military officers, departmental officials, members of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and others.

The ceremony was opened with an address by the commander. After the ceremony, weightlifting events at respective categories for the first day were started. The contest will be held up to 18 January. — MNA

Volleyball tournament for Commander’s shield opened

YANGON, 19 Jan — Men & women volleyball tournament 2003 for the Eastern Command Commander’s Shield was opened at the stadium of Taunggyi Township sport grounds on 13 January.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Commander Col Win Mynn, Senior military officers of the command, departmental officials, commanders and commandants of Taunggyi Station and others.

After delivering an address, the commander opened the tournament. Next, the commander and those present enjoyed the first day events. A total of 279 athletes are taking part the competition, which will last till 20th of this month. — MNA

Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
* National reconciliation
* 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

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
For the emergence of a strong, fair and upright judicial system

The Government has been striving for the emergence of a new, peaceful and developed nation by systematically laying down the good political, economic and social foundations. Moreover, for the prevalence of law and order and for the people to be able to have life security and live with peace of mind within the framework of the law, it is also endeavouring for the emergence of a strong judicial system.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with judges and law officers of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General’s Office, states, divisions and districts at the Hall of the Institute of Nursing on the morning of 17 January and gave instructions on judicial affairs.

In his meeting with the judges and law officers, the Prime Minister said that the Government has introduced necessary laws, rules and regulations and is constantly practising them so as to safeguard the interest of the entire national people.

As judges are the ones who possess good moral, integrity and wisdom, they should strive for the correctness of judicial pillar, for exposing the truth in order to win the trust of the people and for ensuring that those who break the law cannot disrupt the court. Moreover, judges, law officers and other service personnel related with the judicial system are to perform their duties with uprightness to realize the goals of the State, upholding the truth, fairness and sympathy so that law enforcement is ensured. And the lawyers are to assist and cooperate with the courts to expose the truth.

It must be borne in mind that malpractices of corrupt service personnel can be detrimental to the Government’s nation-building endeavors and tarnish its public image. We would like to urge all those responsible for the administration of justice to make efforts for the emergence of a strong, fair and upright judicial system, a peaceful and developed nation and for the success of the seven-point future policy programme of the State.

Efficient use of fuel

* Use daylight as the main source of light
* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

高效電力利用

* 日光を主な光源として使用
* 無理に電力を使用しないでください
* 只有在必要时才使用少量电力
* 避免浪费电力，对用户和他人有益

在仰光约有500,000户家庭使用电力。因此，每天每户家庭节省一个四英尺的荧光灯可以为一个20兆瓦的发电站供电。

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

People’s Desire

* 反对那些依赖外部势力、充当走卒、持有消极观点的人
* 反对那些试图危及国家稳定和进步的人
* 反对外国势力干涉国内政治
* 打击所有内部和外部的破坏性力量，作为共同的敌人

高效电能利用

* 在尽可能的情况下使用自然光
* 仅在自然光无法满足需求时才使用电力
* 避免电力浪费，有利于用户和他人

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Kennedy says Bush’s Iraq war decision was dishonest; made America more hated in world

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan — Senator Edward Kennedy has once again attacked President George Bush on Iraq, saying that his decision to go to war was “dishonest.”

In an article in the Washington Post on Sunday, the much-respected Democratic senator from Massachusetts wrote that debate over military action began as soon as President Bush took office, as former Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill recently confirmed. “The facts demonstrate how dishonest that decision was,” he added. He maintained that the events of September 11, 2001, gave advocates of war the opening they needed. They tried immediately to tie Hussein (Saddam) to Al Qaeda and the terrorist attacks. Secretary of Defence Donald H Rumsfeld created an Office of Special Plans in the Pentagon to analyse the intelligence for war and bypass the traditional screening process. Vice President Dick Cheney relied on intelligence from Iraqi exiles and put pressure on intelligence agencies to produce the desired result, the senator said.

Mr Kennedy wrote that despite the war in Afghanistan, Iraq remained the focus of the Bush administration, with major figures such as Vice President Cheney and Chief of Staff Karl Rove drumming up support for the war.

Mr Kennedy said that in the following months, although bin Laden was still at large, the drumbeat on Iraq gradually drowned out those who felt Hussein was no imminent threat.

On 12 September, the President told the United Nations that Iraq had stockpiles of VX, mustard and other chemical agents and had made several attempts to buy high-strength aluminium tubes used to enrich uranium for a nuclear weapon. He said Iraq could build a nuclear weapon “within a year” if Hussein obtained such material.

Mr Kennedy wrote that the final step in the march to war was a “feint” to the United Nations, but Cheney, Rumsfeld and Deputy Defence Secretary Paul D Wolfowitz had convinced the President that war would be a “cakewalk, with or without the United Nations, and that our forces would be welcomed as liberators.”

In March, the war began. Hussein’s regime was not an adequate justification for war, and the administration did not seriously try to make it one until long after the war began and all the false justifications began to fall apart. There was no imminent threat. Hussein had no nuclear weapons, no arsenals of chemical or biological weapons, no connection to September 11 and no plausible link to Al Qaeda. We never should have gone to war for ideological reasons driven by politics and based on manipulated intelligence,” the senator said.

According to Mr Kennedy, vast resources have been spent on the war that should have been spent on priorities at home. US forces are stretched thin. Precious lives have been lost. The war has made America more hated in the world and made the war on terrorism harder to win. — Internet

Iraq politics poses dilemma for US

NAJAF, Iraq, 19 Jan — As the United States considers changing its plan to bring stable government to Iraq, its quandary grows more acute: stick with proposals for an unelected assembly and risk a revolt by the Shiite majority, or cave to a Shiite coalition in Baghdad, Iraq on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. Eighteen people were killed, and dozens of others injured. US officials said — internet

China attracts $3.5b of foreign investment in 2003

BEIJING, 19 Jan — China actually utilized $3.5 billion US dollars of foreign investment in 2003, up 1.44 per cent from the previous year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

In 2003, China approved 41,081 foreign funded firms, an increase of 20.22 per cent over the previous year, and the contractual foreign investment reached 115.07 billion US dollars, 39.03 per cent higher than that of 2002. By the end of 2003, China had altogether approved 465,227 foreign funded companies, whose contractual investment totalled 943.13 billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua

Mahathir says ‘Sell oil for gold, not dollars’

JEDDAH, 19 Jan — Former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad has said Saudi Arabia should sell oil for gold, not dollars, to avoid being “short-changed” by a decline in the US currency.

“The price of oil is $33, but the US dollar has declined by 40 per cent against the euro so you’re effectively getting $20,” Mahathir told an economic conference in Saudi Arabia’s Red Sea city of Jeddah. “Why are you being short-changed?”

Saudi Arabia, the world’s biggest oil exporter, has justified higher world oil prices by saying they are necessary to compensate for the slide in the US currency.

Mahathir, who retired last October, spent much of his time in office upsetting Western governments and defying their economic orthodoxies. But he became a respected spokesman in Muslim and developing states and received an ovation in Jeddah.

He suggested countries tally their total annual imports and exports and settle the difference at the end of the year in “gold dinars”.

“They (the WTO) try to impose their agenda without regard for some other countries” — Mahathir Muhammad

Former Malaysian Prime MinisterSoundung a discordant note, Mahathir also warned Saudi Arabia against rushing to join the World Trade Organization (WTO), saying it was not necessarily a positive move.

Saudi Trade Minister Hashim Yamani said on Saturday his country had narrowed differences with the United States that would be settling up accession to the organization and said he wanted to join “tomorrow”.

In this image taken from video, US soldiers inspect burning vehicles at the scene of a car bomb explosion outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, Iraq on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. Eighteen people were killed, and dozens of others injured. US officials said — internet

Two Americans killed in Iraq car blast

BAGHDAD, Iraq, 19 Jan — A car bomb exploded outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition Sunday, killing 18 Iraqis and two Americans, and wounding many other people, American and coalition officials said.

The blast, apparently caused by a suicide bomber, occurred at about 8 am near the “Assassin’s Gate” to Saddam Hussein’s former Republican Palace complex, now used by the US-led occupation authority for headquarters. The gate is used by hundreds of Iraqis employed by the Coalition Provisional Authority, the formal name of the US-led occupation authorities, as well as US military vehicles.

Brig General Mark Hertling, deputy commander of the 1st Armoured Division, said the blast was caused by a car bomb, and American officials were “assuming this was a suicide bomb.”

The dead Americans may have been civilian contractors, the US command said.

Drive with care
Democrats blast Bush after latest Iraq bombing

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—Democrats seeking to replace President George W Bush cited a massive suicide bombing in Baghdad as evidence of the failure of US policy there.

Administration officials called the deadly attack at the entrance to the US-led coalition’s heavily fortified central Baghdad headquarters part of a pattern to disrupt efforts to rebuild the war-torn country.

The attack killed at least 25 and wounded about 130, including some believed to be Americans.

The blast was the bloodiest single attack in Baghdad since the beginning of the US occupation, and the first vehicle bomb attack since New Year’s Eve which killed eight people at a popular restaurant.

Bush’s Democratic opponents have harshly criticized the president’s Iraq policy, and some said the bombing was the latest proof it is a failure.

“We have a failed policy right now. Why the administration is not willing to change course, I have no idea,” Senator John Edwards of North Carolina told CBS.

“The one thing we clearly need to do is we need to internationalize the security force in Iraq... The other thing we should be doing... is turn the transitional government over to the United Nations.”

At an appearance with candidate Howard Dean that stopped just short of an endorsement, former president Jimmy Carter said the US-led Iraq war “has proven to be not only based on erroneous information and misleading statements, but also sustained demonstration of tragedy” in the wake of the latest attack.

Dean has made opposition to the war a centerpiece of his campaign. —Internet

Iraqi antiques robbed by visitors

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan — The relics and treasures of the ancient and historical city of Borsiba, 22 kilometers south of Hillah, were being robbed under the noses of officials, local independent newspaper Al Shuraa reported on Saturday.

The paper quoted witnesses from Ibrahim Al Khalil region as reporting that lime rocks and marble tombstones were stolen by a number of foreigners, who visited the city to see its cultural and historical sites.

Edwards says Bush out of touch with Americans

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—Democratic presidential contender Senator John Edwards of North Carolina said on Sunday US President George W Bush was out of touch with Americans and should get out for “just one day” to listen to their concerns.

Bush is showing a tightening race in the critical Iowa caucuses, a clearly buoyed Edwards said Bush’s main initiative was a case in point and Bush would benefit from the August attacks on US headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people, is hesitant about being asked to validate a process the world body had no role in formulating in transferring sovereignty to Iraqis by July 1.

And events over the weeks have not made his decision easier. As the United Nations was weighing whether it was safe enough to send its foreign staff back to Iraq, a suicide bombing outside headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad killed at least 20 people.

Annan himself called the Monday meeting to, in his own words, get some “clarity” on a future UN political role in Iraq. The session includes Paul Bremer, the American administrator in Iraq, his British counterpart, Sir Jeremy Greenstock and a delegation from the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

Nevertheless, UN officials caution about expecting any definitive decision at Monday’s meeting, calling it a “stage along the road”. —MNA/Reuters

More than 500 US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan—The death toll of US soldiers rose up to more than 500 since US President George W Bush announced the major military actions over in Iraq on 1 May. Armed attacks against US-led coalition forces by unknown fighters gradually increased after the Bush announcement, which was described at the time by observers as hasty.

The fatal casualties of the US forces in the past nine months surpassed what Washington lost in Vietnam during the first four years of that war three decades ago.

The American losses in Iraq caused negative reactions in the US public opinion in the year of the presidential elections, which are to take place in November. The increased losses made the US administration call for help from its allies to send troops to Iraq in order to lessen the burden on the American soldiers.

Acceleration in making the decision of power transfer to Iraqis, which is supposed to be taken in June, is just another result of these losses. On Sunday morning, a deadly suicide car bombing took place outside the compound housing IGC offices and the US-led coalition headquarters in central Baghdad, killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 60 others.

It seemed that the arrest of ousted Iraqi president Saddam Hussein in December near his hometown Tikrit, 170 km north of Baghdad, did not end the armed attacks. Some observers say that the deteriorating security situation in Iraq is a constant headache for Bush, who wants to concentrate on his re-election campaign, as a scary ghost that threatens failure in his political future. —Internet

World War II aerial photographs on Internet

LONDON, 19 Jan— More than five million detailed aerial photographs from World War II go onto the Internet from Monday, giving the public their first views of some of the most dramatic and grisly moments of the conflict.

From the smoke follow —interpreters had been watching the whole shoreline of France,” Williams said. The pilots who took the highly detailed pictures were some of the most daring in the skies, flying unarmed, unprotected and alone often at very low level to fulfil their missions.

MNA/Reuters

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION

A US soldier guards the scene of a car bomb which exploded outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. Eighteen people were killed, and dozens of others injured. US officials said —INTERNET

Destroyed vehicles are seen near the Jumhuriya bridge at the scene of a massive truck bomb explosion at the main entrance to the US-led coalition headquarters in Baghdad on 18 January. —INTERNET

An Iraqi views a palm grove, through a window of a train shattered by a bullet, after leaving the capital Baghdad, on 15 January, 2004. —INTERNET

British Army troops investigate the site of a roadside blast which damaged an army Land Rover in the southern Iraq city of Basra, on 18 January, 2004. —INTERNET

An image from TV of a US soldier yelling near the blast scene after a suicide bomber detonated 450 kilogrammes (1,000 pounds) of explosives in a pickup truck outside the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004, killing about 20 people and injuring more than 60. —INTERNET

US soldiers inspect destroyed vehicles after a massive suicide car bomb blew up at the main gate to the US-led coalition headquarters in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. The blast on early Sunday killed at least 20 people, including two employees working for the US Defence Department, and injured over 60 others. —INTERNET
Iraq suicide bombing kills 25

Baghdad, 19 Jan—A massive suicide truck bomb killed 25 people in the deadliest attack yet on the US-led coalition’s central headquarters as US presidential candidates stepped up criticism of President George W Bush’s Iraq policy.

US officials said the attack, which left about 100 people injured, bore out their predictions that insurgents would try to derail US plans to return sovereignty to Iraqis by the end of June without elections.

A pick-up truck crammed with 500 kilograms of explosives blew up at the Assassin’s Gate, the main entrance to the sprawling riverside complex in the heart of Baghdad where many Iraqis had been lined up to enter for work.

Pandemonium ensued in the moments after the car exploded 100 metres from the cement barrier checkpoint beneath a giant archway erected by Saddam.

Dead and wounded lay on the ground, flames devoured cars and black smoke spewed into the air as US tanks and armoured vehicles sealed off the street near the wall surrounding the palace compound known as the Green Zone.

“The blast was so strong. I never heard anything like that before,” said witness Ahmed Hassan. “Soldiers panicked. One was thrown to the ground. I saw an Iraqi coalition employee hit the ground. He was wounded. It was so strong.”

Combined tolls from hospitals and the military put the number of dead at 25 and the wounded at least 100.

US officers said the toll was expected to rise yet further as bodies remained trapped in the wreckage of vehicles.

At least two American civilian contractors were believed to be among the dead, the coalition’s deputy director of operations Brigadier General Mark Kimmait told reporters.

US child abuse fugitive arrested in Mexico

Mexico City, 19 Jan—Mexican police said on Saturday they arrested a US citizen wanted in Minnesota in connection with sexual offences against at least 37 minors.

Federal police detained Edward Lawrence Carlson, 37, in the border city of Tijuana accompanied by a 14-year-old American girl, the Mexican Attorney-General's Office said in a statement.

It said Carlson had jumped bail after being charged in Minnesota last August with sexual offences against minors.

He entered Mexico illegally three months ago and was deported and handed over to the US Justice Department, police said.

A US soldier aims his weapon as another soldier leads a sniffer dog around a car parked near the site of a massive truck bomb explosion at the main entrance to the US-led coalition headquarters (background) in Baghdad, on 18 January. (Reuters)

Two British soldiers injured in blast in southern Iraq

London, 19 Jan—The British Ministry of Defence said on Sunday that two British soldiers sustained slight injuries when a roadside bomb exploded close to them in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The troops were on routine patrol when the explosive device detonated around 0600 GMT on Sunday, a spokesman for the ministry said, adding that the two soldiers only suffered very minor cuts and bruises.

The incident occurred after a car bomb exploded on Sunday morning outside the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad.

At least 16 people have been killed and dozens more wounded in the most deadly suicide bombing in Iraq since former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was captured by US forces in northern Iraq in December.

The 10 people killed in a plane crash in Canada include nine Canadians and one American, police said, adding that Canadian police drivers and Coast Guards crews have huddled to plan the recovery mission Sunday afternoon.

But the ice field covering the downed plane had shifted overnight making it difficult to pinpoint exactly where the plane had come to rest.

A pick-up truck crammed with 500 kilograms of explosives blew up at the main entrance to the US-led coalition headquarters (background) in Baghdad, on 18 January. (Reuters)

Nitrogen blast kills two at Georgia’s scientific institute

Moscow, 19 Jan—Two people were killed and another two were injured when a blast rocked a scientific institute in Georgia’s capital of Tbilisi on Sunday, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The blast occurred on the 14th floor of the Institute of Isotopes while two people were transferring containers filled with nitrogen, according to preliminary information from the local police.

The two victims were a Georgian-Dutch firm staff living at the institute. The wounded have been hospitalized.

Two killed in glider crash in Britain

London, 19 Jan—A glider has crashed Sunday into a field in Leicestershire, central England, killing the two people on board.

One person was pronounced dead at the scene, while the other died later from injuries, according to a BBC report.

Two air ambulances responded to the incident, which took place at about 1330 GMT, said the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

The British Gliding Association is investigating the accident along with the Department of Transport and local police.

The International Space Station (ISS). The two-man crew of the International Space Station (ISS) took steps to close off the US module of the craft temporarily after it discovered a leak that caused a drop in pressure, Russian officials said—INTERNET

Astronauts check for more leaks on space station

Moscow, 19 Jan—Astronauts have sealed off two sections of the International Space Station to check that the hole they found in a hose this week is the only leak on board, a mission control spokesman said on Saturday.

Air pressure aboard the orbiting station dropped slowly for three weeks until the crew found a pinhead-sized hole in a hose in the US laboratory on Monday.

Space officials said pressure had stabilized after the crew removed the defective equipment, but it was still necessary to seal off the modules to double-check there were no more leaks.

“More likely than not, no leaks will be found,” the mission control spokesman said. “Nevertheless the astronauts need to make sure that this was the only leak.”

“At midnight (2100 GMT) on Friday they closed Zarya and Destiny for two days to wash the water inside the two modules.”

He said NASA astronaut Michael Foale and Russian Alexander Kaleri would stay in a separate section of the station for two days while the checks were carried out. Russian and US space officials said the steady loss of air pressure had not posed any danger to the crew because there were adequate air supplies on board.

The crew will be sent a replacement hose when the next Progress cargo ship blasts off to the station on January 29.
In building a nation, the development of research works on economic, political, social and cultural sectors is a must. A study of developing countries in the world will reveal the fact that their success in making their countries modernized ones is based on research works.

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YANGON, 19 Jan — A ceremony to open Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Cobalt machines was held at the Out-Patient Department in Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Present were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, the directors-general of departments, the deputy directors-general, rectors, medical superintendents and officials and wellwishers.

The minister spoke on the occasion. Managing Director of Europ Continent Myanmar Mr Jean Marie Pas-...
Myanmar youth tennis player with bright future

Kyaw Mya Naing

Phyo Min Tha trying to save the strike of Batrakh Munkhbastar.

The ITF 14 and Under ASIAN Championships 2004 Zone-2 commenced on 12 January 2004. A total of 43 tennis players from nine countries including Myanmar participated in the tournament. Mongolia tennis team did not appear at the tennis court till the first round matches had been held. In the men’s singles event of the first round, Phyo Min Tha (Myanmar) led the game with 300 points, followed by Zin Bo (Myanmar) with 200 points and Surish Shanmugam (Malaysia) 150 points. In the women’s singles event, Moe Chit The (Myanmar) stood fifth with 70 points.

After the first round, the latecomer team arrived at the court via Beijing and Kunning. The Mongolians’ height ranges from five feet and 11 inches to six feet and two inches. Batrakh Munkhbastar (Mongolia) and Aung Kyaw Naing (Myanmar) (Palaung national) met in the first match of the second round and the former beat the latter 6-1, 6-2.

Mr Suresh Menon of the ITF said that Mongolians were lucky because the Mongolian team had been absent in the first round. Otherwise, Mongolians could not stand first, he added. It was right. Batrakh Munkhbastar with six feet and two inches in height and 135 pounds in body weight has got three-year experience in the U-14 event. He is the champion of Asian Junior Circuit held lately in Malaysia. The three strapping Mongolians with fair complexion drew the attention of Myanmar enthusiasts. The three had their hair dyed green, red and grey respectively.

At 9 am on 19 January, Phyo Min Tha and Batrakh Munkhbastar (grey hair) met in the first match of the second round and the victory was his. The hearts of all the audience were filled with full of spectators including the MTF patron, the minister for Sports, the MTF president and diplomats. I heard the MTF patron says to the minister that we had to study the tennis player who said Phyo Min Tha could not beat. This match will show how much harder our children will have to work in the future, he said. Batrakh Munkhbastar was so famous and good. It was somewhat like a match between an elephant and a goat. At the start of the match, he secured five points consecutively. At that time, Phyo Min Tha had got only one point. The audience got worried. However, Phyo Min Tha did not lose his heart. He hit back with powerful strikes, using backhand, forehand overhead all correctly. Winning one point after another. At that time, the audience gave him a big hand. At last, the victory was his. The hearts of all the audience were filled with exhilaration so much that tears dropped from their eyes.

To the amazement of Batrakh Munkhbastar of Mongolia, Phyo Min Tha took the lead of the match with five points ahead in the second round. Phyo Min Tha was teaching his rival a good lesson. Unable to hit back, Batrakh Munkhbastar was losing one point after another and at last he had to admit his 2-0 defeat to Phyo Min Tha. All in All, Phyo Min Tha did bring credit to Myanmar by beating his stout rival in the men’s singles tournament of 2004 Asia Zone-2. The minister, the patron and the president came into the tennis court to honour him. At that time, the audience cheered and applauded.

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Coord meeting of Attorney-General, State/Division law officers concludes

YANGON, 19 Jan — The second day session of the 24th Coordination Meeting of the Attorney-General and State/Division law officers concluded at the Meeting Hall-2 of the Attorney-General’s Office, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorney-Generals Dr Tun Shin, U Han Shein and U Myint Naing. Director-General of Attorney-General’s Office U Mya Nyen, Deputy Director-General of Attorney-General’s Office (Mandalay Branch) U Tin Myint, directors, law officers from states and divisions, deputy directors and the Head of Office. The deputy attorney-generals and the director-general made discussions and the meeting came to a close in the afternoon with concluding remarks by the attorney-general. — MNA

Phyo Min Tha forehanding the ball to his Mongolian rival.

Prize presentation ceremony...

Next, officials presented gifts to the leaders of the respective tennis teams. Next, officials of the respective tennis teams and tennis players presented the entertainment. Officials presented certificates of honour to the sub-committees that provided assistance for successful holding of the tennis tournament. A leader and a player, on behalf of the tennis teams, spoke words of thanks. Myanmar Tennis Federation hosted a dinner in honour of those present. — MNA

Minister visits Photolitho Press

YANGON, 19 Jan.—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspected Photolitho Press of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise. — MNA

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(News reported) — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect sanitation work being carried out on the bank of Inya Lake on 18-1-2004. (News reported) — MNA

SANTIAGO, 19 Jan — Party leaders from Latin American counties on Saturday reached an unprecedented agreement on continental cooperation and security after the end of a two-day meeting.

This was announced on Saturday by the meeting organizer, the Latin American Centre for the Relations with Europe (CELARE).

The two-day meeting in Chile’s capital opened on Thursday, gathering some 30 representatives of the principal political parties of both left and right wings, analyzed the perspectives of the developing ties within the continent and with Europe.

The participants agreed to reinforce the process of bi-regional summits and advance the consensus within the framework of the negotiations with the World Trade Organization (WTO) by focusing some strategic issues such as the proposal to sign a Euro-Latin American Charter for Peace.

13 members of money laundering ring captured in Colombia

BOGOTA, 19 Jan — Colombian police captured on Saturday 13 members of an illegal organization laundering money originated from drug trafficking, through several operations in financial institutions of the country, the United States and Asia.

The operation discovered the laundering of some $3 billion US dollars in Colombia, and investments in stock amounting to 120 million dollars in US and Asian banks.

The operation, carried out by the anti-narcotics police in coordination with the Money Laundering Unit of the Attorney-General’s Office of Colombia, was simultaneously undertaken in the cities of Bogota, Cali, Manizales and San Jose del Guaviare. According to the police, the operation took the name of the Colombian firm Fraternidad Divina Providencia, that was utilized to open bank accounts and the handling of illegal assets.

The judicial investigation on the case started in October, 2002, and since then 50 financial analyses, 45 fingerprint studies and the collection of banking documents have been made. — MNA/Xinhua
US-bound flight lands at Shannon after bomb scare

DUBLIN, 19 Jan — A US-bound flight en route from Frankfurt made an emergency landing at Shannon Airport in Ireland shortly after noon on Sunday after a bomb scare, officials said.

All 134 passengers and 10 crew members disembarked safely and the Delta Air Lines plane was moved to a remote part of the airport pending security checks, an airport official said.

A note was apparently discovered in a toilet suggesting a bomb might be on board, said Siobhan Moore, a spokeswoman for airport operating company Aer Rianta in Dublin.

"Police are currently interviewing passengers inside the terminal building."

"The next procedure is to wait until the time lapses that it was due to land at its destination before carrying out a search of the plane," she added.

The plane had been originally scheduled to arrive in Atlanta at 1900 GMT.

An airline spokeswoman earlier said Delta Flight 27, en route from Frankfurt to Atlanta, had diverted to Shannon Airport for security reasons.

"Delta does not discuss security issues as the safety and the security of its passengers are its number one priority," she added. Among them were 35 Iraqis, 12 Somalis, 10 Chinese, 10 Bangladeshis, 10 Iranians, three Algerians, eight Chadians, five Mauritanians, and two Moroccans.

These foreigners will be deported following legal proceedings, added the report.

More than 728,500 illegal foreigners have been captured by the Turkish security forces in separate operations in Turkey in the last five years, according to a statement issued recently by the Directorate-General of Security.

The statement also said that Turkey has set up a special mission force to fight against illegal migration, and several agreements have been signed with the neighbouring countries to this end. MNA/Reuters

China to increase investment in cultural undertakings

BEIJING, 19 Jan — Chinese governments at all levels will increase their investment in public cultural undertakings in a bid to meet the growing demand of the general public to the maximum for cultural consumption for better human development, a senior Chinese leader has said.

Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, said China will continue its reform of its cultural institutions so as to enable them to better serve the general public.

During his inspection tour of the National Museum of China, Li said the governments should make better use of their cultural resources to prevent duplicated construction.

Li said all kinds of museums, memorials and exhibition halls should gradually open to middle and primary school students free of charge.

China would pay close attention to the development of public cultural undertakings while doing a good job in promoting a market-oriented cultural sector in a bid to better promote social, economic and human development. MNA/China Daily

West-East pipeline starts commercial operation

BEIJING, 19 Jan — China’s west-east gas pipeline Sunday began supplying natural gas for east China’s Zhejiang Province, after Shanghai, Henan, Anhui and Jiangsu, marking the start of the commercial operation of the pipeline project.

So far, it has provided more than 70 million cubic metres of gas to those areas, said PetroChina, which is in charge of the pipeline project.

Construction started in July 2002 and the project cost more than 200 billion yuan (24.1 billion US dollars).

It is designed to carry 12 billion cubic metres of natural gas a year from the Tarim Basin in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and the Changxing gas field in Shaanxi to the eastern region.

A total of 3,900 kilometres of pipeline will be laid for the project. The eastern section, linking Shaanxi and Shanghai, was completed and started trial operation in October 2003. MNA/China Daily

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Ankara, 19 Jan — Turkish Gendarmerie forces captured on Sunday 95 foreigners who wanted to cross Turkey-Greece border illegally in northwestern Edirne Province, the Anatolia news agency reported.

These foreigners wanted to sneak into Greece in Hamidiye hamlet of Edirne’s Uzunkopru Town, the report said. Among them were 35 Iraqis, 12 Somalis, 10 Chinese, 10 Bangladeshis, 10 Iranians, three Algerians, eight Chadians, five Mauritanians, and two Moroccans.

These foreigners will be deported following legal proceedings, added the report.

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AIDS is a national concern.

Spain heads confiscations of drug in Europe

MAZAR, 19 Jan — About 60 per cent of the drug confiscations last year in Europe were made in Spain, Cesar Pascual, the governmental representative for the National Anti-Narcotics Plan, said on Friday.

Spain made important achievements in 2003 in drug confiscations, seizing 45 tons of cocaine and 700 tons of hashish, Pascual said at a conference with students in the southern city of Granada.

The official said cocaine confiscations increased by 15 per cent in comparison with those in 2002 and those of hashish, by 23.8 per cent.

The figures reflect an “extraordinary” efficiency of the Spanish security forces, he added.

According to Pascual, the confiscation of heroin registered in 2003 a slight decrease from 2002, possibly due to a decrease in consumption. The number of captured drug traffickers was also on decline.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil prices jump 5% on deep freeze in US

NEW YORK, 19 Jan — Oil prices jumped 5 per cent on Friday, reversing Thursday’s fund-led sell-off, as subzero temperatures in the US Northeast threatened to strain already low US fuel stocks.

US light crude for February delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) settled up 1.63 US dollars or 4.9 per cent at 35.07 US dollars a barrel after peaking at 35.30 US dollars. The contract fell 1.06 US dollars Thursday.

There was frantic activity in the refined products markets, with US heating oil and gasoline prices also rallying Thursday’s sharp losses and leaping 5.4 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively, in a shortened trading session that ended at 1 p.m. EST (1800 GMT).

In London, the new March Brent crude contract likewise ended higher, adding 1.13 US dollars or 3.8 per cent to 30.47 US dollars a barrel. February Brent went off the board on Thursday at 31.56 US dollars.

Prices found renewed strength on worries that bitter cold in the US Northeast, a ravaging consumer of heating oil, will deplete US inventories which are already at record low levels, though the freeze is expected to ease early next week.

Heating energy demand in the region will average near-record highs with the region in the icy grips of an Arctic blast, according to weather forecaster Meteorilogix. “The cold will ease over the weekend as well heating energy demand, though it will still run much above normal,” it predicted.

MNA/Reuters

33 kilos of cocaine seized in Greece

ATHENS, 19 Jan — Greek police on Saturday said they had seized 33 kilos of cocaine hidden in a truck in a warehouse in the port of Piraeus and arrested four Belgians, along with Dutch and Italian men.

Police said that one of the Belgians and the Dutchman arrested are thought to be the ringleaders of an international drug gang smuggling large quantities of cocaine from Latin America to Western Europe.

MNA/Reuters
“Black box” from Red Sea crash site heads to Cairo

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, 19 Jan — A French salvage team gave Egypt on Saturday the data recorder from a Boeing 737 that crashed into the Red Sea killing 148 people, and Egyptian officials said it was going to Cairo for analysis.

The office of French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said the salvage team had also located the second “black box”, which records cockpit conversations, and was trying to retrieve it from the bottom of the Red Sea.

Search and rescue experts detected a weak signal from the second flight recorder four days after the plane carrying 133 tourists and 15 other people, plunged into the sea minutes after take-off from Sharm el-Sheikh on 3 January.

But so far they have not been able to retrieve it from the sea bed with their submersible robots.

In Cairo, Egyptian Civil Aviation Minister Ahmed Mohamed Shafiq Zak said reporters that Egypt had the technical means to download and analyse the data from the flight recorder, while personnel from the US plane manufacturer Boeing would take part in the investigation as observers.

If the Egyptians need any help from France, they will ask for it “without embarrassment”, the minister added.

Egypt has asserted its sovereign right to take the lead in the investigation and has defended its air safety record against allegations that Switzerland banned the operating company, Flash Airlines, from its airspace because of safety violations.

Zaki said: “If it turns out there was a flaw in the plane, we will announce that straight away without any embarrassment.”

He said that the Swiss ambassador in Cairo had admitted to him that a Swiss official made a mistake when she told reporters that Switzerland had taken steps against the airline.

--- MNA/Reuters

Warner Bros marches into China’s cinema market

BEIJING, 19 Jan — Warner Brothers on Saturday signed an agreement with China’s Wanda Group to create 30 Warner Wanda International Cinemas, bringing more movie-going opportunities and options to people across China.

According to the agreement, Wanda Group, a well-known Chinese real estate company, will invest in the building of the 30 Multiplex cinemas, while Warner Bros. will provide overall technical, operational and managerial services. The Multiplex cinemas will use the brand names of both Warner Bros and Wanda Group.

The first of the 30 Multiplex cinemas is already set to open Sunday in north China’s Tianjin Municipality, while another 29 will finish construction during the coming three to four years in the municipalities of Beijing, Shanghai, north China’s major cities of Harbin, Dalian and Shenyang and central China’s cities of Wuhan and Zhengzhou.

Millard Ochs, chief executive of Warner Brothers International Cinematics, told Xinhua that “China’s cinema market is young and full of opportunities”, adding that Warner intends to further invest in China and help nurture China’s cinema industry.

China issued new rules in December 2003 allowing foreign investors to hold up to 75-per-cent stake in joint venture cinemas in seven of China’s largest cities, which took effect on 1 January this year.

--- MNA/Xinhua

Malaysians send 6 billion SMS messages in 2003

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Jan — Malaysians sent an estimated six billion messages through the Short Message Service (SMS) in 2003, showed figures released by the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission on Sunday.

The Malaysians spent about 315 million US dollars last year for SMS, the figures indicated.

In 2002, 3.64 billion SMS were sent, and in 2003, some 4.5 billion SMS had been sent by the end of September. Figures for the year’s last quarter have not been finalized, but the average of the first three quarters puts the estimated total for the year at six billion, according to the figures.

The six billion messages were almost double the 2002 volume, and the increase also, to a certain extent, reflected the increase in the number of mobile phone subscribers.

--- MNA/Xinhua

Chinese PM conveys festival greetings to scientists

BEIJING, 19 Jan — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday visited the Chinese Academy of Sciences, conveying greetings to science workers nationwide on the occasion of Spring Festival, which will fall on 22 January.

After visiting the Institute of Electronics and the Institute of Automation under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Wen, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), stressed the importance of science and technology innovation to the scientists.

He said scientific innovation played a pivotal role in enhancing a country’s economic competitive power. In order to stay ahead, scientists should put more efforts into the research of those fundamental sciences and high technologies with strategic meaning.

The academy should put the research related to information, energy resources, environmental protection, agriculture, modernization and life sciences into a more important place and strive to make new breakthroughs in these fields. Wen called the Chinese Academy of Sciences the most important organization in the country’s scientific innovation system and hoped the academy would make new contributions to enhancing the country’s comprehensive national strength.

--- MNA/Xinhua

Bank of Italy, Economy Ministry row over Parmalat

ROMA, 19 Jan — Tensions between the Bank of Italy and the Italian Economy Ministry over the Parmalat fraud scandal were fuelled this weekend by the bank’s denial that its Chief Antonio Fazio had been warned of the multinational’s approaching collapse.

Sources at the Bank of Italy said on Saturday that the bank “had not received any warnings about Parmalat” from Italian Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti. They also said that such cautions should in any case have been sent to watchdog Consob, arguing that it was up to the regulator to monitor potential fraud and not the Bank of Italy.

Reporting to the Senate last week on the Parmalat scandal, Tremonti said that both Consob and the Bank of Italy should have known something was amiss at the dairy multinational.

Tremonti said inspectors at the Bank of Italy, which oversees banking operations, should have spotted “at least something anomalous” when checking Parmalat’s bond operations over the last few years.

Parmalat was declared insolvent last month with a reported hole in its accounts of more than 10 billion euros.

Parmalat’s crisis came to a head last month when Bank of America declared as a forgery an admission claiming Parmalat account with the bank.

--- MNA/Xinhua

Colombia safe from bird flu virus

BOGOTA, 19 Jan — Colombia is safe from the bird flu virus, Alvaro Abisambra, Director of the Colombian Agricultural Institute, said Saturday.

The sanitary authorities have kept strict control and permanent vigilance over the poultry-producing centres of the country for years.

The Colombian poultry imports during the past year “come from bird-flu-free countries,” Abisambra said.

In Colombia, the imports of products that could be contaminated with bird flu are banned, including those from the Netherlands and the country of New London, the US state of Connecticut. This measure has been taken since late March, 2003.

Abisambra added that Colombia had established a registration of the business to authorize animal imports of any species, and the authorization was only given to those passed several tests.

Colombia has developed a plan to prevent bird flu, including the “strict control and evaluation of the risk of fowl imports, of which samples are taken and analysed in our laboratories,” said Abisambra.

According to the Agricultural Institute, Colombia imported in 2003 a total of 19.7 million US dollars in fowl meat and products, live animals, egg for consumption or incu- bation, and vaccines, especially from the United States, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Spain, Ecuador and Venezuela.

The World Health Organiza- tion (WHO) confirmed Monday that at least three of the 12 Vietnamese who died of respiratory disease had contacted the human version of the virus.

--- MNA/Xinhua

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Egyptian officials put the black box of the plane that crashed off the coast of the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm El Sheik on a pickup truck on 17 January, 2004. The black box was recovered in a joint operation between the French and Egyptian Navy experts. The Egyptian Boeing 737 crashed into the sea on 3 January killing all 148 people on board, 135 of whom were French tourists. — Internet

A Parmalat truck makes his way to the Italian food giant’s main factory in Collecchio, near Parma. Investigators pressed former executives of bankrupt Parmalat for more secrets to find out how the giant food and financial group collapsed as the scandal tarred an ever widening circle of companies, and predators staked group assets. — Brenno
Struggling Lazio held 1-1 by lowly Modena

ROME, 19 Jan.—Lazio’s disappointing Serie A form continued on Saturday when they drew 1-1 with lowly Modena. The result left the Rome-based club 10 points behind league leaders and arch-rivals AS Roma before Sunday’s matches, having taken just one point from their first three games of 2004.

Modena failed to capitalise on better first-half possession and fell behind in the 24th minute, when a Lazio counter-attack ended with striker Roberto Muzzi rolling the ball into the path of Claudio Lopez, who fired low into the net. Lazio continued to look dangerous on the break immediately after the interval, but were pegged back on the hour when uncertainty in defence allowed home midfielder Nicola Campe-delli to sweep a loose ball past keeper Angelo Peruzzi.

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Despite creating more chances in a lively first half, Udfors struggled to find a way past visiting keeper Sebastien Frey, who showed the same composure that inspired his side to a 1-0 win over Inter last weekend. But Frey was left with nothing to do when the ball put the home side ahead in the 23rd minute, when a meeting of the club’s shareholders approved a 120-million-euro capital hike, deemed essential to prevent top players leaving during the January transfer window.

Late winner keeps Rangers hopes flickering

GLASGOW, 19 Jan.—Rangers kept alive their faint Scottish Premier League title hopes courtesy of Shota Arveladze’s late winner in a 1-0 home victory against Motherwell on Saturday. Motherwell’s young side fought gamely until Georgian striker Arveladze’s 82nd minute effort settled matters.

Rangers were relieved to collect the three points in a match of few chances though they remain eight points behind unbeaten leaders Celtic who travel to third-placed Hearts on Sunday. Celtic have 55 points from 19 games while Rangers move on 47.

Hearts are a distant last on 33: “A win’s a win but it was a difficult game and Shota scored a brilliant goal,” Rangers manager Alex McLeish told reporters.

“I played with the ball to midfield and gave it on for him to feed the cross. The important thing was the resilience and grinding out the result like we did on the way to winning the last league game.”

McLeish paid tribute to battling Motherwell and also praised 19-year-old Tunisian midfielder Hamed Namouchi’s home debut.

Arsenal will have to rest Henry, says Wenger

LONDON, 19 Jan.—Arsenal’s striker crisis looks set to worsen after manager Arsene Wenger said he would have to reduce the workload of Frenchman Thierry Henry. Pressure on Henry has been high with fellow strikers Dennis Bergkamp, Sylvain Wiltord and Jeremie Aliadiere all injured and Nige- rian Nwanwo Kamu set to depart for the African Nations Cup next week.

“I will have to give him a breather at some stage, a break for one or two games at a row,” Wenger told a news conference before his team’s trip to Aston Villa on Sunday.

“There are signs when you see that a player is always on the edge and when those signs happen I will take him out.”

France striker Henry has been out- standing form in Arsenal’s unbeaten start to the Premier League season, scoring 13 goals so far. Wenger admitted he would be sorely missed. “This is a price you pay for having a super player, you become a bit dependent on him.”

Manager Arsene Wenger

English Premier League match reports

Bolton Wanderers 1 Portsmouth 0

A close game between two hard-working teams was settled when Seamus Coleman scrambled the ball over the line in the 53rd minute. Portsmouth had chances to equalise, not least when Yakubu Aiyegbeni had a post 20 minutes from time, but they could not find a way back.

Everton 0 Charlton Athletic 1

Charlton’s terrify form continued but they were fortunate to take all the points from a game Everton dominated. Charlton travelled without Scott Parker, a transfer target for Chelsea, and spent the first half repelling a flood of Everton attacks – until former Everton striker Graham Stuart struck out of the blue for the London- ers late in the first half.

Everton continued to make all the run- ning after the break but Charlton defended bravely to earn a point and consolidate their fourth place.

Manchester City 1 Blackburn Rovers 0

City ended their 14-game winless run with their first win in the FA Cup in midweek but it was business as usual on Saturday as they yet again threw away a lead.

Five minutes into the second half Nicolas Anelka curled in his 17th of the season to reward City for their dominance but former City midfielder Gary Fittipaldi levelled five minutes later – converting Blackburn’s first real chance.

England goalkeeper David James, mak- ing his debut for the hosts after his midweek arrival for West Ham United, barely had a save to make.

Middlesbrough 3 Leicester City 0

An action-packed game saw Middles- brough score twice in the last two minutes to earn a point. Boro got a gift early leads when Leicester keeper Ian Walker thumped a clearance straight at Joseph-Desire Job who fed Jutinho to score.

Aston Villa Hotspur 2 Liverpool 1

Spurs won the battle of the revivalsists to make it four wins in a row as Liverpool, who had also won their last three, were below par.

Spurs led with a 25th-minute Robbie Keane penalty after the Irish striker had been brought down by Igor Biscan and 6.5 mil- lion-pound (11.79 million-US-dollar) striker Helder Postiga finally got his first goal of the season nine minutes after the break.

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Manager Arsene Wenger

Leaders Monaco, PSG both held to goalless

PAris, 19 Jan.—Ligue 1 leaders Monaco and second-placed Paris St Germain were both held to goalless draw on Saturday.

Monaco travelled to Cor- sica and dominated Bastia but blustered conditions and a sturdy defence hampered the chances of the visiting team who have taken all three points from their first three games of 2004.

Monaco missed a opening chance when the ball hit the bar following a lightning break by Betis on Sunday.

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Lay Procession to mark the 1520th anniversary of the Nagari U Janmawu Season. Dhammakaya and Mandalay.

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Asleep in Jesus

Dr Charles Pangi

Skinner Specialist, Yangon General Hospital (Retired)

Age (68) Years

Son of (U Pangi and Gha Ida) of No. 234, A/4th Street, A/B Ward, Myothit, Insein Township, Yangon, son-in-law of (Mahn Aung Myaing) and Gha Tin May, brother of Daw Khin Thet Mu (DSY) + U Soe Win Tun, Mahn Lin Shwe + Gha Othu Kyang, Gha Rose Mary + Mahtein Pae, husband of Gha Shirley Myaing (Singapore), father of S’ Aung Thet Se + Ma Myat Win Kyi, Nant Sabai Thynn + Saw Johnathan (PC MYANMAR), Nant Zarni Aye (YIEC) + Ko Aung Hpone Shain, S’ Zaw Thet Naing, Nant May Hnin Chesein (Singapore), S’ Aung Thet Wai (B E), grandfa-
ther of six. Asleep in Jesus on 16th January 2004 at Singapore (NUH). The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday (20-1-2004) at Immanuel Bap-
tist Church in Mahabandoola Panyang Road and thence to Weywai Christian Cemetery for burial.

Friends and Relatives accept only intimation, Bereaved Family.

WEATHER

Monday, 19 January, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Eastern Shan State, (3°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant night tempera-
ture was (2°C) at Namsar.

Maximum temperature on 18-1-2004 was 33.0°C (91°F). Minimum temperature on 19-1-2004 was 12.8°C (55°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-1-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 18-1-2004 was (9.09) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from North-
west at (17.05) hours MST on 18-1-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal Forecast valid until evening of 20-1-2004: Possi-

bility of isolated light rain in Kochin State and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Depress-
yion is (40%). State of the sea: Waves will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Coord meeting on observance of 57th Anniversary Union Day held

YANGON, 19 Jan — A coordination meeting of the subcommittee for holding the 57th Anniversary Union Day Flag-hoisting ceremony, the decoration subcommittee and entertainment subcommittee was held at the meeting hall-3 on the first floor of Yangon City Hall this afternoon.

At the meeting, the subcommittees discussed their respective sectors.

Civil aviation security course No 1/2004 opens

YANGON, 19 Jan—A civil aviation security course No 1/2004 was opened at the aviation institute this morning.

Present were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials.

The six-week course is being attended by 74 trainees.

Phyo Min Tha wins best player award in ITF 14 and Under Asian Championships 2004 Zone-2

YANGON, 17 Jan—The final matches of the ITF 14 and Under Asian Championships 2004 Zone-2 jointly sponsored by International Tennis Federation and Myanmar Tennis Federation were held at Theinbyu tennis plaza this morning.

Present were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung and Win Htet Paing of Linn (Aung Mingalar Co) presented trophies to the winners of each event.

Next, International Tennis Development Officer Mr Suresh Menon spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, the prize-presentation ceremony followed.

Chairman of MOC Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and President of MTF U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co) presented prizes to the winners of each event.

Next, MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win presented man of the match award to Phyo Min Tha of Myanmar, women of the match award to Noordin of Malaysia, and man of the match award (doubles) to Phyo Min Tha and Win Htet Paing of Myanmar.

MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed K 100,000 presented by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt to Phyo Min Tha who won man of the match award.

Boiler operator course No 1/2004 opens

YANGON, 19 Jan — The boiler operator course No 1/2004 was opened at the boiler inspection division on Kyaukwaing pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung spoke on the occasion. Present were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials.

The six-week course is being attended by 57 trainees from the ministries and private organizations.

Similarly, a financial refresher course No 1/2004 was opened. Present were Deputy Ministers for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials.

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Prize presentation ceremony of 14 and Under Asian Championships 2004 Zone-2 Tennis Tournament

YANGON, 19 Jan — The prize presentation ceremony of the U-14 Asian Zone-2 Tennis Turnament organized by International Tennis Federation and Myanmar Tennis Federation was held at the Theinbyu tennis plaza here at 6.30 pm today. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, members of MOC, the leading tennis studios, coaches, tennis players and enthusiasts.

First, MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win extended greetings.

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