People’s militia means entire people collectively building, safeguarding nation, with Tatmadaw as main pillar

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation parade of 107th Intake of DSAOTS**

In his address, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that although they all had joined the Tatmadaw and served in other ranks, they were later admitted to the officers training school as they kept good discipline, worked hard and met the required qualifications, and that therefore they would be commissioned.

He recalled that the Tatmadaw is endowed with the 12 fine traditions as it was born during the independence struggle, and the members of the Tatmadaw make sacrifices on the virtue of patriotism. It is through which the Tatmadaw can survive till now as one capable of overcoming the obstacles and taking great pains. He added that such attributes as valour, good discipline, unity, selflessness, perseverance, deligence and capability spring from patriotism.

He also said that these characters enable the Tatmadaw to win public love and reliance, and the members of the Tatmadaw, offspring of the people, are also greatly loyal to the State and its citizens. Keepin in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, the Tatmadaw, which always puts in the first place nationalism, stands before the people whenever crucial time arises. He urged the graduating cadets to maintain the fine traditions of the Tatmadaw and to acquire the leadership skill as they are young leaders.

He also pointed out that the basic phenomenon of the leadership is to accomplish the responsibilities by directing the spirit and attitude of the subordinates, and urged to be in consistence with the 16 characteristics of leadership. Likewise, a leader needs to win the trust and respect of his comrades, especially in military service because not only his own life but also numerous lives of his comrades depends on the decision he makes. Therefore, a leader must be capable of anticipating the possible dangers, whether it is in battle ground, and making a right decision after considering it in proper order. Such is called military strategy.

He said that the military strategy is practised in the Tatmadaw when it comes to carrying out minor to major tasks. In doing so, limitations should be considered first to calculate the possible risks in case previous experiences and lessons proved wrong. Ways and means must be sought amidst such limitations so as to reach the goal. Moreover, facts valuable enough for the successful realization of the goal should also be collected and analysed systematically to work out a solution. When the results are revised repeatedly.

Likewise, the Tatmadaw officers should always see things from the military point of view and have a vision as they should be equipped with the national defence outlook, political outlook, economic outlook and military outlook.

A leader of an organization should have fairness in enforcing discipline, especially, the persons who are commanding an armed institution must give serious attention to it. A Tatmadawman will have to strictly observe the civil laws in addition to military laws and doing so is his dignity.

The 60 soldier’s codes of conduct will help raise the moral ethics of a Tatmadawman. Because of the codes of conduct, the Tatmadaw has been designated as a school producing noble persons. If they (See page 9)

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**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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
Fulfil the requirements of rural people for regional development

The Tatmadaw Government, since its assumption of the State responsibilities, has given top priority to prevalence of peace and stability and speedy development of border areas. Moreover, it has been implementing the drug elimination plans. Owing to these measures, border areas are developing rapidly. For harmonious growth of the entire nation, development tasks are being carried out in 24 regions designated as development regions.

In addition to the border area development plan and the 24-region development plan, the five rural development tasks are also being carried out. Here, it should be borne in mind that township-level departmental personnel are mainly responsible for development of rural areas in their respective townships.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with members of Momeik Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and township residents in Momeik, Kyaukme District, Shan State in March this year. The Prime Minister heard reports by township-level officials on agriculture, education, health and construction of roads, bridges and irrigation facilities. Then he fulfilled whatever was necessary for the regional development and delivered an address.

In his address, the Prime Minister stressed that those who are responsible for successful implementation of plans set by the State are township-level departmental personnel and that they should try to win the trust of local people by making field trips to villages in their townships and meeting the needs and wishes of rural people. In carrying out development tasks in their respective townships, the strength of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, War Veterans Organizations, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal Child Welfare Association and other social organizations should be enlisted.

As the Union of Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races, national unity is of utmost importance and only with the strong national unity can the perpetual existence of the Union be ensured. Therefore, we would like to urge all the state/division, district- and township-level responsible personnel to strive for development of their respective regions, improvement of the living standard of local people and consolidation of national unity.
Iraqi families take UK to court

London, 6 May — A dozen Iraqi families have launched a legal bid in London for an independent inquiry and compensation over the deaths of relatives killed by British soldiers in Iraq.

The legal battle, launched at the High Court in London, comes amid a separate political furore over photographs published in a tabloid newspaper which allegedly show an Iraqi prisoner being abused by British troops.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) refuses to accept responsibility for the deaths, but the families’ lawyers are demanding a judicial review to examine whether the killings were a violation of the victims’ rights to life under the European law.

“We do not accept liability for the deaths they have brought to our attention and have written to them informing them of our reasons,” an MOD spokesman said.

Lawyers argue that because the Iraq war had officially ended when the victims died, and because Britain was an occupying power, the European Convention on Human Rights should apply.

“The important thing to remember about these cases is firstly the war was over and we were occupying the country. And secondly, these people were going about their lawful business in their homes or on their farms” when they died, said human rights lawyer Phil Shiner, who is representing the Iraqi families.

Britain joined the US-led war on Iraq in March last year. President George W Bush declared the war over on 1 May, 2003.

The high court case comes as the both British and American soldiers stand accused of abusing Iraqi prisoners after media organizations published photographs of alleged torture.

Furthermore, the families’ lawyers said in a press release sent to Aljazeera.net, they will argue that the UK Government must now establish a fair and rational compensation scheme in Iraq that does not discriminate on the grounds of race or nationality.

At present the MOD are refusing to pay any compensation, even when it is clear that tragic mistakes leading to these deaths have been made. Instead small “charitable donations” of no more than £500 are being made.

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The US soldier died when a dump truck tried to ram a checkpoint in Karbala, the military said. He was the 20th US service member killed in Iraq in May.

Three US soldiers killed in battle with Iraqi militia

Najaf, 6 May — Three US soldiers were killed in fighting in the south-central Iraqi town of Diwaniyah. They died Tuesday after coming under attack from militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The US forces were on their way to a battle in which they were ambushed and killed a coalition soldier. The town of Diwaniyah is about 40 miles east of the holy city of Najaf.

“Soldiers under command of the 1st Armoured Division died Wednesday in an attack on a coalition checkpoint in the Iraqi city south of Baghdad,” the coalition said.

Early Wednesday, members of the Mehdi Army attacked the house of the mayor, said a police official.

Coalition forces returned fire, and the exchanges lasted until dawn.

Coalition forces have taken over buildings that the militia once occupied in an effort to establish law and order in the predominantly Shiite city, the coalition said.

Vietnam boosts fishery cooperation with Laos

Hanoi, 6 May — The Vietnamese Ministry of Fisheries and the Laos Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have held a meeting here, agreeing to strengthen cooperation on aquaculture development. On its part, Vietnam will help Laos train staff on fish reproduction technologies, fish feed production technologies, and aquaculture economics, both in short and long terms. — MNA/Zinhua

US soldier, 15 Iraqis killed in southern Iraq

Najaf, 6 May — US-led forces launched their biggest assault yet against militiamen loyal to a radical Shiite cleric, raiding hideouts in several cities Wednesday and clashing with gunmen in the world’s biggest cemetery. At least 15 Iraqis and a US soldier were killed.

Moderate Shiites tried to persuade anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to back away from his confrontation with the United States a reflection of their growing concern.

Skirmishes between US troops and al-Sadr’s Mehdi Army militia have grown deadlier recently as the military steps up pressure on the cleric while trying to avoid an offensive in the Shiite holy city of Najaf.

The militiamen also have increased attacks, apparently to push the United States into negotiations or goad it into an offensive that could rally other militias behind al-Sadr.

Iraqi Governing Council member Mohammed Bahr al-Uloum delivered a message to al-Sadr from a group of influential Shiites calling on his militia to disarm and leave Najaf, council member Raja Habib Al-Khuza’ai told The Associated Press.

The message from the group made up of about 500 Shiites, including local council members, tribal officials and others represented the most public effort by Shiite leaders to push al-Sadr into making concessions to end the standoff, which began when he permitted a Mattis launch an uprising in early April. The US soldier died when a dump truck tried to ram a checkpoint in Karbala, the military said.
Bush's pledge on Iraq abuse rings hollow among Arabs

The damage is done,” said Palestinian Reem Hosari. “Iraqis lost confidence in the big ideas of American democracy and freedom. Regardless of what he said, they have seen the opposite of what they were promised.

“Under a democracy these things should not happen at all.”

“I am not going to wash with the Arab audience,” said Jawad al-Anani, former Jordanian Foreign Minister. “It’s a good gesture but he should have publicly apologized.”

Bush sought to repair America’s image among Iraqis and Arabs by making a personal pledge on Arab television that Americans behind the abuse and killings of Iraqi detainees would be punished.

“I want to tell the people of the Middle East that the practices that took place in Iraq are abhorrent and they don’t represent America,” he told Arabiya television.

But his words rang hollow among many ordinary Arabs.

“Talk is cheap. What’s been done has been done and Bush’s talking to an Arab network does not make it go away,” said Jordanian Fajoma Ahmad. “The US aim behind outing Saddam Hussein was for torturing his people, and the American soldiers did just the same to the Iraqis.”

Jihan, a 29-year-old Lebanese woman, added: “This is a show, they’re trying to hush up this up. They hadn’t been exposed. Bush would not have done this.”

Last week’s pictures of naked and hooded detainees, first shown on the US television network CBS and later broadcast on Arab television and splashed across newspapers, sparked worldwide outrage and inflamed Arabs.

The US military also said it had investigated the deaths of 25 prisoners held by US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and determined that an Army soldier and a CIA contractor each murdered a prisoner in Iraq, where most of the deaths occurred.

Middle East expert Patrick Seale said Bush’s address was “totally unconvincing and ineffective” and underlined an attempt to limit the damage the abuse scandal inflicted on US policy that advocates democracy and freedom to the world.

Indians say they were held against their will in Iraq

by US Army to do menial labour

Cochin, 6 May — Four Indians said Wednesday that they were held against their will by US troops in Iraq to do menial work in an Army camp amid insurgent attacks.

Faisal said the men were promised $890 a month in Kuwait but instead made $200 from the Army in Iraq.

“It was a pitiful life. We lost all our money,” he said.

Faisal said 16 Indians got together and escaped April 15 by paying $20 to an Arab truck driver, who took them to Baghdad. He said the Indian High Commission there helped them fly to Amman, Jordan, and then back to Cochin, a major city in Kerala state.

The Indian government has demanded an explanation from Washington.

Cooler weather helps firefighting in S California

Los Angeles, 6 May — Cooler weather gave firefighters a hand Wednesday in their fight with three major wildfires that have forced thousands of residents to flee their homes in the past days.

With the aid of lower temperatures and diminishing wind, firefighters finally contained the fire that had charred 2,050 acres near Camp Pendleton in Marine base in San Diego County. No structures and homes were damaged. “We’re getting a little cool weather, and we’re making some headway with bulldozers and hand crews,” California Department of Forestry spokesman Steve Rahn said.

But the situation was gloomer in Riverside County, where two biggest blaze which had destroyed more than 30 structures including a dozen homes, continued to rage.

The largest wildfire, which had charred more than 11,000 acres between Corona and Lake Elsinore, was just 30 per cent contained Wednesday. More than 1,000 residents had been forced to flee their homes in the area as it threatened about 1,000 homes and 12 commercial buildings. Six structures were already destroyed and seven firefighters suffered minor injuries in firefighting.

Abducted Canadian freed in Iraq

Baghdad, 6 May — A Canadian kidnapped last week in Iraq has been freed.

Canada’s Foreign Ministry says Naji al-Kuwaiti has been released by his unidentified kidnappers and is leaving the country.

Mr al-Kuwaiti had been working as an import-exporter in Iraq, when he became the third Canadian taken hostage there.

The first was freed in mid-April after spending nine days in a cage. The second was killed in a firefight.

Ten dead as buses collide in Nigeria

LAGOS, 5 May — Ten persons were killed, many others injured when a Peugeot 504 taxi-cab and a bus collided in northwestern Nigeria, state media reported Tuesday.

The News Agency of Nigeria quoted an eyewitness as saying that the accident occurred at about 2 pm (1300 GMT) Monday on the road from Sokoto, capital of the Homonymous state to Gusau, capital of the neighbouring Zamfara State as the bus had caught fire.

Nine persons died on the spot while the tenth died at a hospital, the reports said, but did not mention how many passengers were injured.

“Accidents have become a daily phenomenon on the Sokoto-Gusau road due to its deplorable state,” the agency said. — MNA/Xinhua

Iraqis wave their flag and chant anti US slogans outside Abu Ghraib prison, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 5 May, 2004. — Reuters

Tents housing prisoners considered anti-coalition forces stand at the Abu Ghraib Prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 4 May, 2004. — Reuters

Iraqis demand release of Abu Ghraib prisoners

ABU GHRAIB (Iraq), 6 May — Hundreds of Iraqis marched on Wednesday outside the walls of the military jail in Iraq where US soldiers photographed themselves abusing Iraqi prisoners, and demanded the release of jailed relatives.

Protesters carrying Iraqi flags and placards reading in English “You have given a bad impression of America and Christians”, gathered at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Images released last week of US troops abusing Iraqis in the jail have inflamed sentiment against the US-led occupation of the country and left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis ahead of a formal handover to repair its image with Iraqis left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis left Washington scrambling to repair its image with Iraqis.
Canadian sues US military for alleged torture

OTTAWA, 6 May — A Canadian man who claims he was falsely imprisoned and tortured last year by the American military shortly after the invasion of Iraq is suing the US Army for $350,000, it was reported here Tuesday.

Hossam Shaltout, 57, an aerospace engineer and a former resident of Toronto, filed his suit on 30 April with the US Army Claims Office.

Shaltout said he went to Iraq before the war on behalf of a group called Rights and Freedom International, hoping to persuade Iraqi leaders to step down.

He alleges he was arrested by US troops on 9 April, 2003 and taken to Camp Bucca, a detention site in southern Iraq. He says US authorities there accused him of being a speech writer and ‘‘right-hand-man’’ of the deposed president Saddam Hussein.

Shaltout says he was detained three days in an armoured personnel carrier and beaten. He said he also saw Iraqis being tortured.

He says he was freed and eventually taken to Egypt. He says he now suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and cannot work properly.

‘‘All we know is we heard a large explosion,’’ a military spokesman said.

Reports say at least three people have been taken to hospital. Ambulances and fire crews are at the scene.

US marine head in S’pore before security talks

SINGAPORE, 6 May — The head of the United States Marine Corps met Singapore’s Security Minister on Tuesday ahead of Washington’s planned talks with Asian nations on maritime security in the strategically important Malacca Straits.

General Michael Hagee’s visit comes after Singapore’s Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean last week said that security along the busy Strait, used by around 50,000 ships each year, was ‘‘not adequate’’.

His comments triggered a war of words with Malaysia, which has rejected direct foreign involvement in policing the waterway amid reports Washington planned to deploy troops on high-speed vessels to guard the Strait. Malaysia says security issues should not be an excuse to compromise on sovereignty.

In the first trip by the US Marine Commander to Singapore, Hagee met Singapore’s Coordinating Minister for Defence and Security Tony Tan. Officials were tight-lipped on the subject of their discussions.

Russia wants UN to check Iraq torture reports

MOSCOW, 6 May — The United Nations should investigate the allegations of torture against US and British forces in Iraq, a top Russian diplomat was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Both London and Washington have launched inquiries into torture by their troops in Iraq after media published pictures purporting to show prisoners being abused.

‘‘This torture is a clear violation of human rights. It complicates the process of bringing order to Iraq in that it causes even greater dislike of foreign occupation,’’ Russia’s Deputy Foreign Minister, Yuri Fedotov, told the Interfax news agency.

‘‘We think this question has to be put under the scrutiny of the UN Commission for Human Rights.’’

Russia is a permanent veto-holding member of the UN Security Council. It opposed the US-led attack on Iraq but has since repaired ties with Washington, although it calls for greater UN involvement in Iraq.

Energy official says Kuwait to import gas from Iraq

KUWAIT CITY, 6 May — Kuwait will import 1000 cubic metres of gas per day from neighbouring Iraq in the first phase of a multi-staged plan for the importation of Iraqi gas, a Kuwaiti official said on Tuesday.

After a meeting of the Kuwaiti-Iraqi Committee, Kuwait energy undersecretary Issa Al-Oun said the commission approved the first phase of the plan for importing 1000 cubic metres of gas from Iraq every day, the Kuwait News Agency reported.

The project will cost $1 million dollars, with the Kuwait investing 6 million dollars and Iraq 2 million dollars for the construction of the necessary facilities and pipelines, he said.

A US soldier walks past a burning car following an explosion at the entrance of the ‘‘Green zone’’ in the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 6 May, 2004. A car bomb exploded at an entrance to the central Baghdad compound housing the US-led administration of Iraq on Thursday, inflicting Iraqi and American casualties, witnesses said.— Reuters

Five reported dead in Baghdad bomb

BAGHDAD, 6 May — Five people have been killed by a bomb that exploded at the entrance to the sprawling headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad today, according to initial reports.

The suspected car bomb, which caused a loud explosion, left cars ablaze on a Baghdad bridge guarded by US soldiers.

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The bridge is sealed off to the general public and used only by the military and employees of the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority, at the edge of the Karrade district in eastern Baghdad. A loudboom shook the neighbourhood at around 7am (1pm AEST), rattling windows, and people in the area claimed it was a car bomb.

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Chinese officials were tight-lipped on the subject of their discussions.

China earmarks $1.5b to fight poverty this year

BEIJING, 6 May — China plans to pour some 1.5 billion US dollars into poverty relief programmes to help close a yawning chasm between rich and poor that it fears could compromise social stability and impede economic growth.

The central government planned to invest 12.2 billion yuan (1.47 billion US dollars) to combat poverty this year, an increase of around 800 million yuan compared to previous years, the China Daily cited officials from the Poverty Reduction Office of the State Council, or Cabinet, as saying.

The paper did not elaborate on how the funds would be spent.

China, wary discontent could spark unrest and challenge one-party rule, has said it planned to boost support for poor farmers by about 30 billion yuan to 150 billion yuan in 2004.

Although the country’s economy has roared ahead, rural incomes are believed to have grown half as fast as those in cities between 1997 and 2003, posing an enormous challenge to the Communist government.

Saudi Arabia calls for speedy transfer in Iraq

JEDDAH (Saudi Arabia), 6 May — Violence in Iraq can only be halted by a full and speedy transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis and the rebuilding of their Armed Forces, neighbouring Saudi Arabia said on Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said his country was watching with grave concern the security situation across its northern border.

‘‘Avoiding the bloody confrontations in Iraq will not be achieved except through a speedy transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis… and handing them real and complete rather than symbolic authority,’’ Prince Saud said.

US forces are due to hand over sovereignty to Iraqis at the end of next month, more than a year after the US-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein. But they have said Iraqis may not be ready to assume complete control.

The minister said Iraq’s Armed Forces, disbanded last year by the United States, must be re-established to ‘‘fill the security vacuum’’ in the country, where US soldiers and Iraqi civilians have been killed in daily attacks.

Civil institutions need to be built up to improve the political, economic and security situation, and the United Nations must be given responsibility in the ‘‘transition period’’, he added.

Prince Saud said the reported US abuses of Iraqi prisoners were ‘‘the result of the continued operation’’ and called on the US-led occupation forces ‘‘to put an end to these practices and call to account those responsible’’.

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Images of Iraq

An Iraqi man collects belongings from the floor of his house, which was burnt and destroyed during heavy fighting between US forces and guerrillas in Fallujah on 3 May 2004.

Damaged buildings and streets are seen in Fallujah, Iraq on 30 April, 2004, after a month-long siege by US forces.

Two Iraqi girls walk past a house destroyed during battles between US forces and Iraqi guerrillas in Fallujah on 5 May 2004.

Two Iraqi children sit by a crater left after US troops shelled the neighborhood in Fallujah on 3 May 2004.

Iraqis fled the city of Fallujah on 29 April 2004 after fighting broke out between Iraqi guerrillas and US troops.

Iraqis check the damage of their house in Fallujah, on 27 April 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Newly opened Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township.

The Bhamo Degree College in Kachin State.

Maha Bandoola Bridge linking Pazundaung and Dawbon Townships in Yangon.
Public health implication of emerging zoonoses

Emerging zoonotic diseases are among the most pressing public health threats facing humanity. An emerging disease is defined as any disease that appears in a population in which it was not recognized before, or which has increased in frequency and is a disease that shows up in a new geographical region.

Many of the newly emerging and re-emerging diseases of global concern are zoonoses, which originate in animals or products of animal origin. The increasing proximity of human and animal populations has led to the emergence of zoonoses in areas that were previously considered disease-free or where the viruses may have been present for many years. The factors, which influence the ability of each infectious agent to effectively cross the species barrier and infect new hosts with varying degrees of pathogenicity are not yet completely understood. Poorer people are particularly vulnerable to emerging infectious diseases.

Recent experiences in Australia with a new morbillivirus disease add still more lessons in zoonotic disease prevention and control. In 1999, horses on a property in Queensland developed acute respiratory distress consistent with haemorrhagic manifestations... 14 of 21 infected horses died. A horse trainer and a stable-hand became ill after nursing a sick horse—the trainer died. The cause of the disease was discovered to be a previously unknown morbillivirus. Remarkably, in 1996 fruit bats (flying foxes) were found to be the natural host of the virus. Studies are under way to understand the fundamental modern evolutionary changes that have occurred in recent decades, and to develop methods to control outbreaks. An important issue to be considered is the potential for human health risk to increase with the emergence of new disease threats. The key to preventing zoonotic diseases is early recognition and control of the disease before widespread community transmission occurs. This is particularly challenging when the disease is caused by infection with Ebola virus, named after a river in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) in Africa, where it was first recognized. The disease is highly contagious and kills about 80% of its victims. However, cases of infection by the Ebola virus in the Congo before spreading to other countries, killing more than 900 people. Reemergence of Ebola virus in the Great Rift Valley of western Kenya among Venezuela’s indigenous populations occurred several times in the last ten years in USA, the Philippines, Zaire, Congo and Kenya. In Africa, the emergence of Ebola virus could be dramatically increased, as harvest reservoir hosts are infected, the virus changes its host range, or in other ecological factors.

Rapid identification and control of zoonotic disease outbreaks can be achieved by early detection, isolation, and control of affected animals, as well as contact tracing, quarantine, and human case management. The first case of SARS was reported in turkeys kept on the same farm as pigs in Ohio, USA. In 1997-1999 dreadful global health crisis appeared in Malaysia who died of this influenza source were from 34 to 45%.

Influenza A (H3N2), from bird to human was occurred in Honkong, US. In 1997 to 1999 fearful global health crisis appeared in Malaysia, who died of this influenza source were from 34 to 45%. In 1968, when pandemic influenza viruses which derived from one or more genes from avian influenza viruses demonstrated the ability to infect pigs, where it managed to breed and then migrated to humans. About 1 million people worldwide who died of this influenza source were from South East Asia.

In 1975, outbreaks of influenza A/H3N2 cases occurred in Hong Kong. In 1986; as of 1997, more than 170,000 cattle encephalopathy (BSE) was first diagnosed in the United Kingdom. Assuming that BSE infected people in 2003. The scientists suspected that the disease arrived at the construction morning. Water Resources and Development of Directorate of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Legislation and Planning, said that any type of urbanization and climatic changes mean that this trend will continue.

Efficient use of electricity

* Do not be frightened whenever electricity is saved.
* Preventing waste of electricity benefits environment.
* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and control.
* The amount, US $ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River.

Cash donated to MWJA Conf

YANGON, 6 May — As a gesture of greeting the Third Myanmar Writers and Journalists Conference, a ceremony to donate cash was held at the Ministry of Culture on 10 am today. First, Minister for Culture Maung Kyi Aung explained the purpose of the donation. Next, the minister donated K 100,000 to Vice-Chairman-1 of the MWJA, Chairman of Committee for Fund Raising U Thin Kha and Li-Col Ohn Maung (Reed) (Myanmar Maung Naing Soe), Chai. Eddo-Edo Phyo (MNA). The amount can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River.

Minister inspects construction of new Pakokku airport, river water pumps

YANGON, 6 May — Minister for Transport and Traf-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by Deputy Director-General U Win Maung of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, went to this region to inspect river water pumping project in Kyaukpyu District yesterday morning.

Don’t smoke

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People’s militia means entire people ...

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strictly observe the codes of conduct, they will see the loving kindness, attachment and loyalty prevailing in the Armed Forces itself and its environment.

Any person violating the laws must be dismissed as he may tarnish the image of the whole institution. Thus, they should understand the gratitude they owe to the Tatmadaw and strictly abide by its principles.

Every organization will be consolidated and will serve its duties well only if it be controlled by laws and discipline. The three principal duties of the Tatmadaw are to defend the nation, to undergo training and to serve the public interest.

Concerning the national defence duty, the Tatmadawmen dare even to sacrifice their lives to enhance their combat skills. A leader must train himself, and also give training to his soldiers. Tatmadawmen will have to undergo individual as well as group training. Waging a battle is a collective work. But every person of a unit must be skillful in his individual duties. From an individual to the whole unit, there must be harmony and proper laying of the people’s militia strategy.

The Tatmadawmen born of the people must always keep in the fore the public interest. At the opportune time, the Tatmadaw is striving together with the people, not only for the benefit of the present 53 million, but for the future generation also. The Tatmadaw, the Government and the people are collectively implementing the border areas and national races development project and the 24-development-region project, and the success of the projects have been marked as a milestone in history of Myanmar.

Similarly, the five rural development projects have been implemented for progress of all the regions of the nation. The socio-economy of the nation will firmly develop only if the rural areas where the majority live can be developed. The junior leaders will be assigned duty at various places of the nation. They will have to see the area they are assigned to as their native place and to serve the public interest by striving to ensure regional as well as rural development. The Tatmadawmen will have to live with the people in harmony and oneness for the sake of the country.

The Tatmadawmen, local people dredge Meiktila Lake

YANGON, 6 May— Tatmadawmen of regiments under control command of No 99 LID and Meiktila Station, service personnel and local people participated in dredging historic Meiktila Lake from 29 April to 4 May.

No 99 LID Commander Col Tin Oo Lwin, Meiktila Station Commander Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye, Commander of Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, Commander of Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win, local authorities and departmental officials viewed the dredging tasks and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA
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In the world today, the harnessing of the natural resources is conducted not only from the economic point of view, but also from social and environmental conservation point of view. In addition, as value has been added to the natural resources, they become more valuable and the qualifications of the technicians adding value to the resources have become higher.

Agricultural, forestry and livestock breeding sectors are the most basic and reliable resources of the nation, and are connected with the majority in earning their living. Accepting the sectors as the main driving force behind the national economic progress and the raising of the living standard, the Government has been giving priority to their development.

The efforts of the academy for development of various branches of science, research programmes, human resources, knowledge, technology and human qualification have benefited the nation. It is publishing books on various branches of sciences and subjects, holding research paper reading sessions, publishing the papers and compiling the papers on the new finds to be published in periodicals. The endeavors of the executives and members of the academy to give lectures at universities, work as guest lecturers in post-graduate courses, act as external examiners, and disseminate knowledge for the government departments are indeed honourable. Moreover, their work of organizing various seminars to hold seminars and workshops, inviting prominent scientists from abroad to host talks in the nation and conducting research tours jointly with their foreign counterparts to impart knowledge to new generation is also beneficial to the nation.

The Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences is holding paper reading sessions yearly and it submitted 195 papers from 2001 until 2003. And it has shared its all papers with the readers through Internet, he said.

National experts who are still in service can carry out research just for their departments concerned and they still need to carry out research on a variety of subjects on a wider scale in the interest of the nation, he remarked.

He called on all national experts to collectively participate in implementing the State’s policies, national programme and national education plans through the most effective use of science and technologies in the interest of the nation and the people, he urged.

At the same time, official concerned are to create opportunities for the experts to nurture and teach their students and to do research. And the minister and departmental officials are also to render necessary assistance to the experts for enabling them to thoroughly implement advice and suggestions and findings on research, he said.

The Prime Minister called on the experts to make continued endeavours for greater development of human resources which can contribute towards the State’s progress, advancement of science and technology, and effective application of science and technology in the interest of the nation, he said.

Emphasis is to be placed on development of science and technology which are suitable to the nation, the people, culture and traditions, he said.

Myanmar is an agrarian country and the Government is providing encouragement to agricultural development and food security in all townsships, basic regions of the nation, he said.

He urged the experts to take part in the task for extended cultivation of hybrid paddy strains in the townships especially in border areas to ensure greater development of the nation, he said.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on the experts to exploit the natural resources in the most effective way in the interest of the nation and the people; to make attempt for upgrading the nation’s science and technology sector and constantly producing more and more intellectuals and intelligentsia; and to disseminate the knowledge and experience to the new generation youths as well as to participate in the development tasks in the interest of the nation and the people.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party posed for a documentary photo together with the chairman, the vice-chairman, executives and members of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences.

Next, the Prime Minister viewed the booth on the research works and activities of the academy. MNA

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developing food sufficiency. In addition, cultivation of coffee and tea must exceed the target.

Moreover, township level officials are to make earnest efforts for achieving success in implementation of the plans laid down by the State. In undertaking the township development tasks, all the departments are to cooperate among themselves as well as with township social organizations in order to make acceleration of progress. Departments concerned are to render assistance to social organizations to rapidly carrying out their tasks and to take part in development tasks of the township.

Various kinds of national races are residing in States and Divisions, Districts and Townships unitedly, thus emphasis is to be placed on realizing national unity. As the Government has been implementing the border areas and national races development projects with the aims of ensuring unity of nationalities, national unity and Spirit are flourishing.

Therefore, departmental officials, townsmen and entire national people are to make harmonious efforts to strengthen Our Three Main National Causes, national policy of the Government — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Of the standing, the 1,000 boys novitiation ceremony was held at Nyaungthihon Pariyatti Monastery in Mogok, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Aungmyebonsan Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, Masoein Taikthi Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Rajadhamabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt.-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, ministers, deputy ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, social organizations, wellwisher Shwe Nagamin Trad- ing Co Ltd Chairman U Win Myint-Daw Myint Myint Thant and family, disciples and local people.

First, the Prime Minister and party received the Precepts from the Masoein Taikthi Sayadaw. Next, the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw delivered Sammodaniya Ovadakatha. Members of the Sangha reciprocated Parittas.

 Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party and wellwishers offered provisions to the Sayadaws.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated K 12.6 million. U Win Myint-Daw Myint Myint Thant donated K 6 million for Nyaungthihon Pariyatti Monastery, Daw Kyin Chein and family of Taungygyi K 1 million, U Tin Hsint-Daw Hwe and family K 550,000, U Than Hla- Daw Aye Myint K 500,000, U Aung Thein-Daw Lon Tin and family K 500,000, U Than Tun-Daw Mya Myint Thien K 500,000, Daw Aye Mya Nwe of Bagan Hotel K 500,000, U Tin Ngwe-Daw Khin Tint Swe K 300,000, U Aung Zaw-Daw Tin Shwe K 200,000, U Hla Maing-Daw Aye Shwe K 200,000, U San Cho-Ma Nan Nwe K 100,000, Ma Than Thant Soe, Ma Aye Mon, Ma Hnin K 100,000, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt-Daw Phyu K 100,000, Daw Khin Ngwe K 100,000.

Beware of computer worm Sasser

YANGON, 6 May — Sasser, a computer worm, is spreading in computers through the Internet, beginning early May, and affecting over a million computers worldwide.

Although any of the four types, A, B, C, and D, of the worm does not destroy files or application programmes, it can hamper the functioning power of a computer. Computer virus cannot spread without the involvement of a human action such as switching on an e-mail, but worms can automatically spread by searching the weakness of an operation system of a computer.

The worm could be removed from a computer by downloading the software of McAfee and Norton Website, announced the Myanmar Computer Federation. — MNA

Daw Htay K 10,000, U Aung Kyaw-Daw Kyi Kyi Than K 300,000, Daw Pyon Kyi K 200,000, U Tin Tun-Daw Mya Myint (Bawbawdaw Village) K 500,000.

Later, the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark success.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister offered ‘soon’ to 1,000 novices and Sayadaws.

President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint-Daw Myint Myint Thant novitiated 1,000 needy boys in Mogok.
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Prime Minister addresses opening of 2004 Outstanding Red Cross volunteers camp

YANGON, 6 May — The ceremony to open the 2004 Outstanding Red Cross volunteers camp of Myanmar Red Cross Society was held at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning, with an address by Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Li-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, the mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, chairmen and officials of social organizations, resident representatives of UN agencies, district and township authorities, school heads and outstanding Red Cross youths from States and Divisions. First, Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address. He said: The government is making all-round endeavours to bring about outstanding youths from all sectors so that they will become reliable human resources in bringing about development of our nation, encouraging to see the development of Myanmar Red Cross Society, which carries out humanitarian and social welfare activities, and the continuing emergence of outstanding Red Cross volunteers. MRCS organizes an outstanding Red Cross volunteers camp every year in which distinctive Red Cross members and volunteers selected from across the country gather here to discuss among themselves and undergo orientation programmes. This arrangement is useful for not only MRCS but also the State.

I would like to remind you to realize that you have been chosen to be here in recognition of your participation in humanitarian work and for you to undergo capacity building. And I would like to urge all of you to help realize the objectives of the national society, which has high expectations on all of you. Myanmar Red Cross Society, with due support from the State, is carrying out other national tasks along with its humanitarian tasks.

Furthermore, Myanmar Red Cross Society now undertakes its activities with the cooperation of other members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement — International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and sister National Societies — beyond the national scale. Looking at the activities of Myanmar Red Cross Society, we will find that it is doing its work not only according to international standards but also in line with Myanmar’s culture, history, mores and characteristics. It is engaged in promoting health and in making the people less vulnerable. The MRCS’s ability to organize youths possessing high humanitarian spirit under its banner as a national force amounts to laying a valuable foundation for future nation. The noble spirit, high capacity and active performance of Red Cross volunteers are the key to the success of MRCS that works across the country where it reaches the remotest areas.

The holding of courses, workshops and seminars by the national society as well as its opening of this kind of camp for the Red Cross volunteers are aimed at the national society’s endeavours to produce capable Red Cross volunteers, which in turn helps the society perform its tasks more effectively. I would like to urge all of you to cooperate with members of Union Solidarity Development Association, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization and Auxiliary Fire Brigades in their community welfare activities. I recommend all of you to take all the lessons and presentations seriously and apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the camp usefully. I would advise you to work, throughout your life, closely with members of the community, treat them warmly and behave in such a way that befits outstanding Red Cross volunteers so as to earn the trust of the people.

In conclusion, I would like to urge you to make endeavours to be able to carry out community welfare activities more effectively and to perform tasks as citizens in addition to your humanitarian work. Next, the cash donation ceremony followed. President of MRCS Dr Kyaw Win accepted K 100,000 donated by Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin-wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe; K 1 million by Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Nwe Yi and family (Shwe Pozum Family), 1,000 FECS by Daw Nanda Tun Win (Country Manager of UNOCAL Myanmar Offshore Co Ltd); K 150,000 by U Moe Htet Kyaw; K 100,000 each by U Myint Zaw Lwin of M Collin Engineering Co Ltd; U Myo Aung of KN Engineering Group; U Zaw Lwin; Daw Ohnma Maw (Yadana Myinnom Co Ltd); U Khin Kyi (Eagle Auto Workshop); staff of the training course of MRCS; U Win Thanzaw Win (GH of Seven Star Co Ltd) Daw Aye Thida Win; U Aung Myat Moe (Attraction Construction Co Ltd); and U Hla Tin-Daw May and family. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially conversed with outstanding red cross youths.

Myitkyina Open Golf Tour opens

YANGON, 6 May — Organized by the Northern Command, the Myanmar Golf Federation and the Myanmar PGA, Myitkyina Open Golf Tour which is the second leg of Myanmar Open Golf Tour 2004, mainly sponsored by Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd opened at Northern Star Golf Club in Myitkyina this morning.

First, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Brig-Gen Bo Kyi (Retd) and Myitkyina Air Base Commander Col Zaw Tun formally opened the golf tournament. After the first round, Zaw Zaw Oo and Derek Htet Doe shared in the second place with 73 each and Aung Aung Kyaw with 74 in the third.

The golf tournament continues tomorrow.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pours libation water at the ceremony to mark novitiation of 1,000 novices in Mogok Nyaung thonbin monastery (News on page 16). — mna
Germany helps start humanitarian programme in Zambia

Lesaka, 6 May — The German development agency, Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Tuesday launched a programme in Zambia’s southern district of Kalomo to help the people classified as “the poorest of the poor”. GTZ technical adviser Jorg Goldberg said in Kalomo that, all together, the German Government has committed 400,000 US dollars to finance the programme known as the Social Cash Transfer Scheme (SCTS) that will be administered by the Zambian Government. The new programme aims to reduce hunger and starvation to at least 10 per cent.
**Tullow Oil seals $500m Energy Africa takeover**

**London/Johannesburg**, 6 May — Ireland’s Tullow Oil Plc has sealed a 500-million-US-dollar takeover of Johannesburg-listed Energy Africa, forming one of the biggest oil firms focused on West Africa.

The companies said on Tuesday more than 90 per cent of Energy Africa shareholders had accepted Tullow’s offer of 4.8346 US dollars a share, payable in rand.

Tullow added it would raise around 120 million pounds (212.5 million US dollars) in a share placing to help fund the takeover.

The deal will combine two businesses of similar size focused on West Africa and the North Sea. Tullow added that the enlarged group would also have a production capacity of over 50,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (boepd).

The proposed acquisition of Energy Africa by Tullow will create a formidable independent oil and gas company with core areas in West Africa and Britain, Tullow Chief Executive Aidan Heavey said in a statement.

Tullow operates in the southern North Sea and South Asia but its main producing asset is the Espoir field in Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Energy Africa had proven and probable oil and gas reserves of 57.9 million barrels of oil equivalent (boe) at the end of 2003 and produced 8.1 million that year. Its African operations include Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Congo.

Energy Africa is 56.5 per cent-owned by Engen, a South African firm that is 80 per cent-held by Malaysia’s Petronas. — MNA/Reuters

**Ministry points out major problems in Chinese market**

Beijing, 6 May — The Ministry of Commerce released five major problems on China’s market development in a report: slower growth than of investment, the expanding gap between consumption in urban and rural areas, the supply shortage of power and transportation service, the unsatisfactory quality of some commodities and the prominent inflation pressure.

In the first three months of this year, the total retail volume for social consumption grew 10.7 per cent year on year, while the fixed assets investment rose 43 per cent, which led to shortage of energy and raw material supply and meant potential risks for commodity over-supply, the report says.

During the same period, the retail volume for rural consumers stood at 430.54 billion yuan (51.9 billion US dollars), accounting for 39.9 per cent of total retailing, while that for urban consumers reached 852.52 billion yuan, accounting for 76.4 per cent.

The short problem of power, transportation service as well as raw materials has not fundamentally solved, the report says.

Only 70 to 80 per cent of most Chinese commodities reach the governmental quality standards, according to the latest sample investigation of the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, the report says.

Grain prices have been rising since last September, which possibly would lead to price growth of many other commodities, according to the report. — MNA/Xinhua

**Sasser worm strikes PCs, spurs hoax “fix”**

Helsinki/San Francisco, 6 May — A fast-spreading computer worm called “Sasser” hit personal computers around the world on Monday, causing infected systems to reboot without warning and disrupting banking and other business in one of the biggest virus-like attacks on the Internet since last summer.

The worm, which first struck over the weekend and is already on its fourth variant, exploits a flaw in Microsoft Corp’s Windows operating system identified in mid-April, computer security experts said.

Unlike previous Internet worms, Sasser enters and infects vulnerable PCs without any action on the part of the user, allowing it to spread quickly, they said.

By Monday afternoon, computer security companies were also warning of a new twist on the virus an email, claiming to be from an antivirus company with an attachment purporting to fix Sasser infections, that was actually a new form of the widespread, email-clogging Netsky virus.

Investment bank Goldman Sachs said its Asian and US trading operations were back “at close to normal” by early afternoon on Monday after the worm disrupted some of its systems by forcing computers to automatically reboot.

Lucas van Praag, a Goldman Sachs spokesman, declined to elaborate on the extent of the disruptions.

In Australia, Westpac Bank said it was hit by the worm, and branches had to use pen and paper to allow them to keep trading, The Australian newspaper reported.

**China’s railways difficult in meeting surging freight demand**

Beijing, 6 May — Despite steady growth in freight capacity, China’s railway system finds it difficult to meet around 35 per cent increase in the freight demand at present, said a Chinese railway official.

“The railway freight system is under increasing pressure. Quite a number of trunk lines have been operating at full or above capacity,” Wu Qiang, director of the freight bureau of China’s Ministry of Railways, said here Tuesday.

According to statistics from railway departments, daily requests for freight cars increased 50 per cent in the first quarter on average. There were requests for nearly 300,000 cars in April, yet the railway system could only meet around 35 per cent of them.

The gap between capacity and demand would further increase in the future, said a forecast of the railway departments.

Wu Qiang said most sections of the Beijing-Beijing-Tianjin and Lanzhou-Lianyungang railways have been used at above 90 per cent of their capacity, or 100 per cent in a number of sections. The demand on the Beijing-Shanghai railway has exceeded capacity by 50 per cent.

**Yunnam’s agro, industrial sectors post stable in 1st quarter**

Kunming, 6 May — Southwest China’s Yunnam Province realized 20.416 billion yuan (2.46 billion US dollars) in industrial valued-added output and 14.315 billion yuan (1.72 billion US dollars) in agricultural output in the first quarter of this year, a year-on-year growth of 8.7 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively.

According to the provincial bureau of statistics, the performance index of major industrial enterprises in Yunnam stood at 222.15 for the three-month period, 29.15 percentage points higher than the year-earlier level.

The enterprises registered 41.262 billion yuan (4.97 billion US dollars) in income, up 21.8 per cent year-on-year, and 14.291 billion yuan (1.72 billion US dollars) in pre-tax profits, including 4.528 billion yuan ($430.54 million US dollars) in net profits, up 25.9 per cent from the beginning of the year.

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Even traditional fishing methods can disturb the delicate balance of fragile ecosystems and are destroying some of the world’s finest coral reefs, according to a study published on 5 May, 2004. Although more intensive fishing was thought to pose a greater danger to reefs, a British team of scientists said that subsistence fishing also has an impact on reefs near the Fijiian islands in the Pacific. A tourist swims on the Great Barrier Reef in this undated file picture. — Internet

**Nigerian govt grants $65m to auto firms**

Laggo, 6 May — The Nigerian Government has approved a loan of about 65 million US dollars to auto firms in an effort to boost the country’s auto industry, local newspaper The Guardian reported Monday.

The Peugeot Automobile Nigeria Ltd, the Anambra Motor Manufacturing Company and 49 other automobile firms would benefit from the National Automotive Council (NAC) fund to be disbursed next month, the report said.

The 65-million-US-dollar loan is the amount raised since 1993 from the 2 per cent tax on imported vehicles, it said.
**Norwich lift title, Sunderland in playoffs**

**London, 6 May—** Norwich City lifted the English First Division championship on Tuesday despite a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland, who clinched a playoff spot, after second-placed West Bromwich Albion lost 4-1 away to Stoke City.

Norwich City, who lost courtesy of a Carl Robinson goal just before halftime, have 91 points while West Brom have 86 and will finish as runners-up with one game remaining.

"We had a week to prepare for this match after winning the league and we knew what we were going to do in all stages," Mourinho said after Derlei's penalty earned his side a safe journey to the semifinal.

"We knew we had to dominate and to control at all times and we managed that. We knew what we were going to do at the start of the match after 0-0, and what we had to do if we were leading 1-0 or losing 1-0. It was all worked out but of course you never know what's going to happen.

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"I knew he could bring back a certain quality to the team asporto's hard-working midfield kept Porto at arm's length."

**Mourinho says Brazilian brilliance, planning the key**

**La Coruña (Spain), 6 May—** Brazilian forward Derlei Silva scored a second-half penalty to send Porto into the Champions League final with a 1-0 aggregate victory over Deportivo Coruna at a rain-swept Riazor on Tuesday.

Porto, the 1987 European champions and last season's UEFA Cup winners, will take on Monaco or Chelsea in the May 26 final in Gelsenkirchen, Germany after Derlei's spot kick proved to be the only goal over the two legs.

"The two sides were locked in a nervy battle when Deco Souza's sublime control took him into the penalty area and provoked a rash challenge from defender Cesar on the hour.

"Derlei, recently returned from a month absence with a knee injury, beat Jose Molina with a low shot to the keeper's right to break the deadlock.

"Deportivo, who could find none of the scoring opportunities that enabled them to recover from 4-1 down to beat European champions AC Milan and reach the semifinals, had only a couple of good chances to get back into the game."

"Striker Walter Pandiani was fractionally wide with a flick header five minutes after the Porto goal and Cesar cut out the ball over the bar with a 20 minutes to go.

"Their superior control on the slippery pitch kept them in command, though, and their task was helped when Deportivo defender Noredinne Naybet was sent off for a second yellow card 20 minutes from time.

"Porto's place in the final was a reward for a more attacking approach in both legs of the semifinal.

"The first game was a tedious affair, as Deportivo's hard-working midfield kept Porto at arm's length."

"Before then, Luque's strong running down the left had looked like being Deportivo's most likely route to goal, while Deco's spark had provided Porto's best moments."

"Deco came close to opening the scoring a scoring on 12 minutes but he couldn't break the deadlock.

"The Brazilian-born midfielder fired to his right a few metres outside the box and threaded in a cross for Derlei, whose low header struck the post. That moment kick-started the game as both sides began to attack with intent. — MNA/Reuters"
WEATHER

Thursday, 5 May, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, Sagaing, Magway Division and Rang -Myauk, Monywa and hostels have been widespread in Shan State, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and Bago Divisions. Noteworthy amount of rainfall were recorded from Nyaung Lay Pin (5.83) inches, Pyinma (3.05) inches, Namkan (1.81) inches and Myitkyin (1.65) inches. Day temperatures were (7°C) below normal in Bago Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Chin State, lower Gaping, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 5-5-2004 was 40°C (104°F). Minimum temperature on 6-5-2004 was 21.2°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9.30 AM on 5-5-2004 was 88% (94%). Rainfall on 6-5-2004 was at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and 13mm (0.5 inch) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 5 mm (0.2 inch) at Yangon Airport and 12 mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 12 mm (0.47 inch) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 18 mph from Southwest at (15:10) hours MST on 5-5-2004. Rain frequency: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-5-2004: Scattered rain or thunderstorms are likely in Mandaly, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago, Taninthayi Divisions, Shan, Mon, Kayin States and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook: For subsequent two days, high chance of thunderstorms with isolated rain conditions are likely in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-5-2004: Likely of isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-5-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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Yangon, 6 May—The Fourth Annual Meeting of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences was held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning, with an address by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, rectors, officials from the academy, experts, chairmen of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science, Myanmar Academy of Technology and Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences and guests.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that now is the time when the entire people are making combined efforts with nationalistic spirit for progress of the nation and the people and for enabling the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations.

He said that it is greatly heartening to note that the experts from the MAAFLFS which plays an important role in national development and economy are taking measures in unison, contributing towards building up a new nation and enabling the academy to stand as a strong academic force.

Nowadays, world nations’ development in all spheres completely depends on the changes and advances on science and technology. Likewise, the drive to enable the Union of Myanmar, a developing country which is striving on self-reliance for its development and its people, to catch up with the development of the world nations mainly depends on the endeavours of national intellectuals and intelligentsia, he said.

In this regard, national intellectuals and intelligentsia are to take a leading role in taking measures for greater advancement of the nation’s science and technology sector which can effectively accelerate implementation of tasks for national development as well as in remarkably improving national economy with the use of science and technology, he said.

The successful forming of respective technological organizations consisting of intellectuals and intelligentsia with vast experience of science and technology and strong nationalistic spirit under the guidance of the Head of State led to bringing honour to the nation and contribute towards national development, he said.

Nowadays, world nations are cultivating a good habit to do research and seek better ideas after forming organizations on respective subjects under the academies to participate in the tasks for elevating the national standard, he said.

The Union of Myanmar is blessed with favourable geographical conditions and natural resources in abundance, and originally, Myanmar nationals are highly intelligent with the spirit to value and appreciate knowledge. So, the more highly-qualified human resources the nation can produce and the more effectively the nation exploit its natural resources, the greater development momentum the nation gain, he noted.

Prime Minister meets authorities, departmental officials, attends 1,000-boy novitiation ceremony in Mogok

Yangon, 6 May—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt on 4 May evening met with local authorities, departmental officials and local people at Mani Yadana Hall in Mogok.

Chairman of Mogok Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Han reported on matters related to the township. Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported on extension of Mogok-Phawtaw Road, upgrading of Mogok Township Hospital (100-bed) and local food sufficiency.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended to the needs of local food sufficiency, establishment of coffee and tea township and education, health and roads & bridges. Afterwards, he delivered an address, saying that they were there to fulfill requirements of development of the entire township including rural areas and systematic emergence of gem trading in Mogok. Mogok has been existing as the gems land since the monarchical era. Precious jewellery items are being extracted from hundreds of years to date.

The Government gives permissions on allotment of the blocks in the gems land.

With their honesty and good characters they can make profits in gem industry.

Therefore, all the persons who are engaged in gem industry are to carry out their businesses on the correct way observing rules, disciplines and laws designated to benefit themselves as well as the State.

Officials of Mogok Township should extend other business such as agriculture in addition to the jewellery tasks. It is required to reduce dependency of food sufficiency on other regions and to find better ways for...