Government implementing three development projects covering whole nation

Prime Minister inspects Kengtawng Hydro-electric Power Project, development works in townships of Loilem District

YANGON, 25 May — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, department heads and officials left here by Tatmadaw aircraft yesterday morning and arrived at Namhsan in Shan State at 9.15 am the same day.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed here by Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Thein of Namhsan Station, members of district and township PDCs, government employees and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister and party, together with the commander went to Mongnai in Loilem District by Tatmadaw aircraft where Col Tha Aung of Mongnai Station, members of Mongnai Township PDC, departmental officials and members of social organizations welcomed them. The Prime Minister and party then arrived at Mongnai Basic Education High School. They were welcomed there by members of school board of trustees, Headmistress Daw Khin Swe, teachers and students. The Prime Minister and party then inspected round the computer aided instruction room, audio room (language lab) and school gymnasium.

Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister inquired about the academic affairs and fulfilled the needs for construction of a new school building. The Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party proceeded to Mongnai People’s Hospital and viewed round the wards, laboratory, medical store, operation theatre and X-ray room. Medical Superintendent Dr Mys Nyunt Do and officials conducted the Prime Minister round there. The Prime Minister next attended to the needs for health care services and health care staff quarters. The Prime Minister and party paid homage to Mongnai Sasana Pala Monastery Sayadaw Sula Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kesava and members of the Sangha and donated alms to them. At Kanbawza hall of Mongnai, the Prime Minister met Mongnai Township PDC members, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townsmen and local nationals. Loilem District PDC member Police Lt-Col Sein Win reported on location, area and population of Mongnai Township, national races residing in the township, per acre yield of paddy, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, pigeon peas, sugarcane and maize grain out the ten major crops and production volume of the crops, cultivation of regional crops, local self-sufficiency in food, arrangements for extended cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2004-2005, education and health issues. Next, township level departmental officials also reported on matters on agriculture, education, health, township development affairs and power supply.

Next, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave a supplementary report.

In his discussions, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said economic progress is vital for regional development and uplift of living standard of local people. Being an agro-based nation, priority is to be given to the development in agriculture and livestock breeding in making efforts for economic progress.

He spoke of the need to lay down systematic projects and implement them for local rice sufficiency and for cultivation of marketable crops such as tea and coffee after establishing large plantations.

He said township level departmental officials are the most responsible ones for regional development, economic progress and uplift of living standard of local people.

He said systematic administrative machinery was established in the township and government departments were also formed in agriculture, livestock breeding, economic, education, health and social sectors for speedy implementation of regional development tasks and ensuring of the rule of law.

Departmental officials are to make efforts for smooth running of administrative machinery, he added. He also said the various committees formed are to carry out the tasks in education, health, agriculture, transport and development affairs sectors through collective leadership and responsibility.

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The National Convention is the concern of all our national races.
Another bridge for closer friendship among national races

The Gangaw region in Magway Division on the west bank of the Ayeyawady and the Kalay region in Sagaing Division on the west bank of the Chindwin were less developed socially and economically due to poor transport.

Therefore, in the time of the Tatmadaw Government and in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Kalay-Gangaw railroad, the Kalay-Gangaw-Haka motor roads, the Myïtha river-crossing bridge and the Kabarni bridge were built to link Chin State (North) and the Kalay region with Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions.

The opening of the 220-ft-long Panmon Creek bridge on the Kalay-Gangaw motor road was held near Natchaung village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Division, on 23 May and it was attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

In his address on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that, as the Panmon Creek bridge had been built across the Panmon Creek on Gangaw-Kalay Road, it would take less time to travel from Gangaw in Magway Division to Kalay in Sagaing Division and to Chin State through Kalay.

In the past, when the Panmon Creek was flooded in the rains, local people had to wait a day or two to travel from one place to another. Now, as the bridge has been built, one can travel from Gangaw to Kalay without waiting for the water level in the creek to drop. Therefore, local products of Chin State and Kalay region can be shipped to other states and divisions easily.

In the same way, the products of Magway Division will be transported to Chin State and the regions in the western part of Sagaing Division via Kalay.

With the improvement in the transport sector, the economic, social, education and health sectors will become more developed. Not only that, contacts between national races will become more frequent, thus cementing the national unity.

Since 1988, a total of 183 major bridges — 170 by Public Works, six by Myanma Railways and seven by Military Engineering Unit — have been built. We believe that the opening of the Panmon Creek bridge would pave the way for closer friendship among the national races in the region.

Anti-drug painting, cartoon, poster competitions held

YANGON, 25 May — Sponsored by Yangon Division Committee for Drug Abuse Control, Division level painting, cartoon and poster competitions to mark 2004 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking were held at Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyun Daw streets in Kamayut township this morning, attended by Chairman of the Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Myint Tun, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tin San, Commander of Yangon Division MPU Police Col Aung Daing, officials of CCDAC, Deputy Director of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon City) U Nu and officials and the competitors. On arrival at the museum, the commander and party were welcomed by officials. Next, the commander and party viewed the open competitions under the title of ‘Treatment Works’. Altogether 126 competitors are participating in cartoon competition and 96 competitors are taking part in painting competition. Poster competition will be held on 26 May. — MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back after attending WHO Conference

YANGON, 25 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived in Geneva, Switzerland, on 16 May to attend the 57th Conference of the World Health Organization.

In the afternoon, the delegation attended the preliminary session of the ASEAN Ministerial meeting of the WHO, and discussed matters relating to the United stand of the Association at the conference.

The next day, the delegation attended the opening ceremony of the conference. Myanmar was elected as a member of the Credentials Committee.

At the round table discussion on 18 May, Dr Kyaw Myint discussed matters relating to the reinforcement of the health system for the WHO to give medical treatment to overall million AIDS patients in 2005. In his address delivered at the plenary session of the WHO Conference on 19 May, the minister explained in detail the programmes to conduct AIDS control activities in Myanmar, treatment and anti-AIDS activities.

From 20 to 22 May, the committee A made sub-ject-wise discussion and the committee B dealt with financial and administrative matters. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint of Myanmar was presented the ASEAN World No Tobacco Day Award on 20 May. He also met with Ad-visor to the WHO Director-General Dr Tomris Turmen, and discussed matters relating to registration of traditional medicines; in-charge of WHO anti-AIDS programme Dr Jack Chow, launching of anti-AIDS programme with nigh and main in Myanmar; Executive Director of UNAIDS Dr Kathleen Cravero, cooperation with UN anti-AIDS programme; and President of Nippon Foundation Mr Yehes Sasakawa, maintenance of the momentum in reducing the number of leprosy patients in Myanmar although the disease is not a major problem for the country.

At his meeting with the WHO director-general, the minister discussed matters relating to launching of health activities in the whole nation in accord with the guidance of the Head of State and the instructions of the Chairman of the National Health Committee, promotion of advanced health activities and cooperation with the WHO.

During the meeting with in-charge of infectious diseases control programme Dr Anarfi Asamao-Baah, the minister discussed prevention and control of infectious diseases including malaria and tuberculosis. The delega-tion arrived back here yesterday evening, and was wel-come back by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, heads of departments under the Health Ministry, Resident Representative of WHO Dr Agostino Borra and others. Acting Director-General of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Tun, Director of Medical Services Col Than Aung, Deputy Director-General of Health Ministry U Than Aung and Director (Foreign Relations) Dr Pe Thi Tun were also included in the delegation. — MNA

Naval boxing tournament concludes

YANGON, 25 May — The final event of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) ’s shield boxing tournament was held in connection with prize presentation ceremony at Ayeyawady Naval Command Headquarters yesterday evening. Those present viewed the final event and the prize presentation ceremony followed. Commander of Naval Training Command Headquarters Col Maung Oo Lwin and officials presented prizes to winners. — MNA

Marijuana seized in Kawthuang

YANGON, 25 May — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit, Special Anti-Drug Squad and Myanmar Police Force, acting on information, searched suspects Soe Naung, son of U Kyaw Shein and U Soe, Son of U Kyi Aung of Chaungyal village, 7th mile village tract, Kawthuang on 8 May and seized them with 3 kilos of marijuana inside the polyethylene bag and plastic bag.

In connection with the case, action was taken against the two culprits under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Myanmar Police Force.

World No-Toxic Day (31-5-2004)

Tobacco Control and Poverty

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

POEM

If you take his shelter

- If you seek shelter in another’s land
- You must do as he beckons
- It’s only natural.
- If you accept the food he gives
- You must perform to please him
- It’s only natural.
- Take his shelter and to his satisfaction
- Act to please him, to win his favour
- It’s only natural.
- This natural process, got into one’s thoughts
- Those taking shelter in another’s land
- Those poor people, our own kin
- To keep divided using divisive language
- Always muttering, that being the situation
- The true reason, is just that
- Knowing full well, we pity them
- Use as much invectives as they like
- Use as much divisive acts as you like
- We know your plight
- There’s always forgiveness.
- Though you divide we’re unperturbed.
- We are full of patriotism
- Always full of resilience.

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Iraqi oil pipeline badly damaged

KIRKUK, 25 May—An oil pipeline that carries crude from the northern Kirkuk oilfields to Turkey has been bombed and majorly damaged.

A security official of Iraq’s Northern Oil Company, Jumaa Oman, told the Associated Press Monday that an explosive device badly damaged the pipe at around 15.00 GMT. He said the attack was carried out on a section between the Kirkuk oilfields to the Dibis pumping installations, 50km further north. Pumping had to be stopped in order to battle the fire.

Isam Muhammad, another security official for Northern Oil, said Monday’s fire had been put out but the damage would take 12 days to repair. The inability of US occupation forces to provide security in Iraq has prompted retired Marine General Anthony Zinni to criticize White House policies.

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Meanwhile, US troops, who have vowed to wipe out Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr’s private army, clashed with the militia overnight in a district of Baghdad where he has strong support.

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US intelligence fears Iran duped hawks into Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 25 May — An urgent investigation has been launched in Washington into whether Iran played a role in manipulating the US into the Iraq war by passing on bogus intelligence through Ahmad Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress, it emerged yesterday.

Some intelligence officials now believe that Iran used the hawks in the Pentagon and the White House to get rid of a hostile neighbour, and pave the way for a Shia-ruled Iraq.

According to a US intelligence official, the CIA has hard evidence that Mr Chalabi and his intelligence chief, Aras Kazim Habib, passed US secrets to Tehran, and that Mr Habib has been a paid Iranian agent for several years, involved in passing intelligence in both directions.

The CIA has asked the FBI to investigate Mr Chalabi's contacts in the Pentagon to discover how the INC acquired sensitive information that ended up in Iranian hands.

The implications are far-reaching. Mr Chalabi and Mr Habib were the channels for much of the intelligence on Iraqi weapons on which Washington built its case for war.

“It's pretty clear that Iranians had us for breakfast, lunch and dinner,” said an intelligence source in Washington yesterday. "Iranian intelligence was manipulating the US for several years through Chalabi."

Larry Johnson, a former senior counter-terrorist official at the state department, said: “When the story ultimately comes out we’ll see that Iran has run one of the most masterful intelligence operations in history. They persuaded the US and Britain to dispose of its greatest enemy.

Mr Chalabi has vehemently rejected the allegations as “a lie, a fib and silly”. He accused the CIA director, George Tenet, of a smear campaign against himself and Mr Habib.

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African nations expect better integration into global trade

KAMPALA, 25 May — Multilateral actions and dynamic trade policies are vital for African countries to enhance trade opportunities and better integrate themselves into the global trading system, African finance and economic ministers said here on Saturday.

The ministers made these remarks in a statement Saturday at the conclusion of the two-day conference of African ministers of finance planning and economic development in Kampala, capital of Uganda, which is focused on the importance of trade for African economy under the theme of “Mainstream trade in national development strategies”.

Multilateral actions are crucial to enhance trade opportunities for Africa but African countries will also need to adopt dynamic trade policies and remove domestic bottlenecks in order to capitalize on such opportunities, ” said the statement.

“A well-integrated continent will contribute much to the country's economy and diversify its economy away from primary products,” it said.

However, the statement said, it is disappointing that intra-African trade only accounts for 0.5 per cent of its total exports and 10.1 per cent of imports.

“The continent has not reapplied the gains of global integration to the extent of other developing regions,” the statement said.

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Tanzanian President leaves for Shanghai

DARES-SALAAM, 25 May — Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa left here Saturday for Shanghai, China, to attend a three-day international conference on poverty reduction jointly organized by the World Bank and the Chinese Government.

The conference from May 25 to 27 is to give a chance to leaders and other delegates from developing countries to exchange views and experiences on reducing poverty in their respective countries. Apart from Mkapa, other leaders from developing countries invited to the Shanghai meeting include President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva of Brazil, President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh.

No country can be world policeman, says Fox

MEXICO CITY, 25 May — Mexican President Vicente Fox, once a close US ally, criticized Washington’s Iraq policy on Monday and said no nation should take on the role of world policeman.

Speaking hours before US President George W. Bush lays out his strategy for handling the growing crisis in Iraq, Fox said the lessons of Iraq were clear.

“For us, there is no doubt. It has to be the multilateral path and we have to put an end to unilateral procedures and any nation becoming the world’s policeman and the fixer of the world’s problems,” Fox said in an interview with foreign correspondents.

Fox and Bush were once close friends and allies but relations cooled dramatically when Mexico used its seat on the UN Security Council to oppose Washington in the run-up to the Iraq war. Fox has also actively campaigned against death sentences handed down to dozens of Mexican nationals in the United States.

Fox said the United Nations should be handed a greater role and Iraqis given control of their own destiny so that “the United States and its allies don’t have to be the ones resolving things.” — MNA/Reuters

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The G-7 calls on oil producers to lift output

NEW YORK, 25 May — The Group of Seven top economic powers called on oil producers to pump enough oil to support the world's current rapid economic growth pace, the statement issued after their meeting on Sunday said.

Mugabe attacks Blair, Bush

LOUVAIN, 25 May — Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe launched a blistering tirade against Tony Blair and other world figures on Monday, accusing the British Premier of doing “mad things” and leading the world into turmoil.

OPEC dissent emerges on Saudi Arabia’s plan for more oil

AMSTERDAM, 25 May — Dissent emerged in OPEC on Sunday to a proposal from leading cartel producer Saudi Arabia for a big increase in oil output to bring down crude prices.

Bolivia delays export of natural gas to Argentina

LOUIS, 25 May — The export of four million cubic metres of natural gas a day from Bolivia to Argentina, due to start Saturday, was delayed because related accords had not been inked yet, Bolivian oil authorities said Saturday.

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**DEBRIEFS, 25 May —** The US-led invasion of Iraq was a colonial war and there were some in the United States who saw it as a means of getting their hands on Iraqi oil, a senior Saudi ambassador was quoted as saying on Monday.

Prince Turki al-Faisal, ambassador to Britain and Ireland, told the Irish Independent newspaper Washington’s stated aims in going to war in Iraq masked a more cynical reality.

“No matter how exalted the aims of the US in that war, it was a colonial war very similar to the wars conducted by American sources is Lar to the wars conducted by America,” Prince Turki said.

“We have heard from American sources [is that] they were there to remove the weapons of mass destruction which Saddam Hussein was supposed to have acquired,” Prince Turki said.

Saudi Arabia, a key US regional ally, opposed the war despite tensions with Iraq since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. “What we read and hear from our communist-quoted soldiers saying they times congressional sources, if you remember going back a year ago, there was the issue of the oil reserves in Iraq and that in a year or two, they would be producing so much oil in Iraq that, as it were, the war would pay for itself,” the envoy said.

“This indicated that there were those in America who were thinking in those terms of acquiring the natural resources of Iraq for America.” Prince Turki said US pledges to bring freedom and democracy to Iraq remained “just aims”.

“The individual Iraqis, until he can actually declare that his government is true representative of his wishes and aspirations must still consider himself occupied,” he said. On the wider conflict in the Middle East, Prince Turki described Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as “a living martyr”, persecuted by an Israel “that is ruthless and generally devoid of any human considerations (towards the Palestinians).”

Critics of Saudi Arabia, cradle of Islam and the birthplace of Osama bin Laden and 15 of the September 11 hijackers, have accused it of allowing religious militancy to flourish.

The envoy described Ladin’s al-Qaeda network as “not so much an organization as a cult with a cult leader and a cult philosophy…”

**Norwegian soldier killed, one hurt in Kabul attack**

**KABUL, 25 May —** A Norwegian soldier was killed and one slightly wounded in a grenade attack on the international peacekeeping force in Kabul, a spokeswoman said on Monday.

The attack, on Sunday evening, involved a grenade that may have been rocked-propelled, hitting a vehicle belonging to the 6,500-strong International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) patrolling the Afghan capital.

“I understand one grenade melted and one im- pacted the vehicle. There were four soldiers in the vehicle,” said Major Rita LePage. “I believe this is the first Norwegian death in the ISAF mission.”

The attack occurred at around 9 pm (1630 GMT) on Sunday on the road running east out of Kabul towards Jalalabad, where several ISAF bases are located.

British peacekeepers had cordoned off the area, and a helicopter flew over the scene. A peacekeeper was wounded earlier this month in a rocket attack on a base used by ISAF.

Afghanistan faces a sus- tained insurgency led by members of the ousted Taliban regime and Islamic militant allies who are opposed to landmark parlia- mentary and presidential elections due to be held in September.

Around 700 people have died in the violence since August. In addition to the peacekeeping force, there are 20,000 US-led troops in Af-ghanistan hunting Taliban and al-Qaeda guerrillas including Osama bin Laden.

**More subways to be built in Shenzhen**

**BAGDAD, 25 May —** At least two foreigners were killed on Monday in a rocket-propelled grenade attack that de-stroyed their car in central Baghdad, a coalition official said.

The official said at least one other foreigner was seriously wounded. Earlier US soldiers said at the scene that four people were killed in the blast...

**Arab TV shows scene of Iraq wedding hit by US raid**

**DUHAI, 25 May —** Arab television aired on Monday footage of celebrations at an Iraqi wedding party wit- nesses say was hit in a deadly US air raid last week, despite US claims that the target was a staging post for foreign fighters.

The Associated Press Television News footage, broadcast by Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya channels, showed the bride dressed in white being led to a convoy of US military vehicles.

Iraqi men were seen sing- ing and celebrating in a tra- ditional tribal celebration held in several tents pitched in a desert area in western Iraq, close to the Syrian bor- der.

The scene switched to a destroyed building, de- moliished tents and dead bod- ies of Iraqis apparently killed in the raid.

The television footage conformed with Arab Bedouin wedding celebra- tions. It showed a young boy and girl dancing in a tent and also men smoking water pipes while others performed a traditional Iraqi dance to a drummer’s beat.

**Iraqigrenade attack kills at least two foreigners**

**SHENZHEN, 25 May —** A new subway involving a total investment exceeding 10 billion yuan (1.21 billion US dollars) will start construction within this year, sources with the recently established Shenzhen No 3 subway investment corporation said.

Actually, only 6.92 kilometres of the 33- kilometre subway will run underground, and the remaining will be ground tracks or overpasses. With six stops underground and another 13 on the ground, the subway will connect downtown areas of Shenzhen to three satellite cities of Buji, Henggang and Longgang.

About half of the funds for the project will come from the Shenzhen City government and Longgang District government, and the other half from other sources such as businesses and institutions.

**US troops, Iraqi militia clash in Iraqi cities**

**KUFRA, Iraq, 25 May —** US airstrikes and fighting between US troops and Shi'ite militia around the Iraqi shrine city of Najaf killed at least 34 people overnight and wounded dozens, hospital staff and the US military said on Sunday.

US troops said they killed about 20 fighters when sol- diers backed by tanks raided a mosque in the neighbour- ing town of Kufra. It was oc- cupied by Mehdi Army gue- rillas loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who recently declared a holy war against the US and its allies.

An estimated 20 Mehdi militiamen were after firing on coalition forces dur- ing a raid on the Sahla mosque in Kufra, “a US mili- tary spokesman said. No US casualties were reported.

Staff at the main hospi- tal in Najaf said they had taken in 14 dead and 37 wounded. Poools of blood lay inside the green-domed Sahla mosque, one of three main shrines in Kufra. Spent casings littered the courtyard. The shrine lies about one mile from the town’s main mosque where Sadr regularly preaches.

They killed 12 martyrs and over 40 Mehdi army fighters were taken alive,” said Kazen Zuwein, a resi- dent who lives near the mosque. “I heard tanks ad- vancing and helicopters firing.”

A CNN correspondent with the US armed unit quoted at the mosque said he killed 12 fighters on the edge of the mosque compound and four or five inside.

A white banner on the mosque read: “Mehdi army strength in the face of our enemy.” US tanks appeared to have broken down the wooden outer doors and de- moliished archways in the courtyard. About 100 resi- dents gathered at the mosque, expressing outrage at the damage. “I feel humiliated,” said Ali Was. “Our sanctity has been violated. These houses of prayer are the most valuable things we own, for Shiites. I will resist them until the last drop of blood in my body,” he said. US aircraft also struck nearby Najaf, where a Reuters correspond-
Panmon Creek Bridge providing direct link between hilly and plain regions

Kalay Win Thu

Panmon Creek Bridge on Kalay-Gangaw Road near Natchaung Village in Kalay Township, Sagaing Division.

"Ko Win, Sayamagyi is waiting to see you," said my wife Daw Than Hla, after rushing to the place where I was harvesting summer beans. "Hurry up," she insisted. It was at 12 noon when I arrived back home, and I saw Sayamagyi Daw Win Min and Sayama Daw Win Yi waiting for me.

Sayamagyi said, "Would you please come along with us to take photographs for our students' study tour of Pan Mon Creek Bridge?"

"Really?" I replied, "I went there to photograph yesterday and it's great to go there." She said, "we are going to leave the school at 1.30 pm. "It's just right. I've got a new roll of film," I told her. After taking my bath, I was waiting for them at the book shop in the middle of the village.

Shortly after, students and teachers were out of the school and we left for the bridge. When we got to Chaunggwaa and the bridge, we took documentary photos. It was the twenty-sixth of January 2004. Then, the briefing hall of the Road & Bridge Department was crowded with the students.

Soon, U Khin Maung Soe, Junior Engineer-3 (Civil), arrived there, extended greetings and explained that the bridge was built by the project special group 11 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction. It lies across Panmon Creek between mile post Nos 15/5 and 15/6 on Kalay-Gangaw Road at the foot of Chin Maintain Range, has contributed to the emergence of Panmon Creek Bridge, a fine and strong transport facility situated near Chaunggwaa village between mile post Nos 15/5 and 15/6 on Kalay-Gangaw Road at the foot of Chin Maintain Range.

During the minister's tour on 5-5-2003, he gave clarifications to the visitors and who were the engineers.

Q: I would like to know the strength of the staff who built the bridge and who were the engineers.
A: There were many staff and the three engineers were Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Tun, Junior Engineer-2 in Charge U Kyaw Naing and Junior Engineer-3 U Khin Maung Soe, that's me.

Then, we studied the project site. U Khin Maung Soe made detailed clarifications to the visitors.

The pre-engineering work was completed during the period from July to December 2002. The construction materials were stockpiled from July 2002 to May 2003.

The tasks for building the first approach structure and pillars were launched in January 2003 and completed in October 2003. The tasks for building the concrete floor of the bridge were carried out in March 2003 and completed in December 2003. The steel beams were installed to the bridge during the period from September to November 2003. Finishing touches to the bridge and painting works were done in August 2003 and completed in February 2004.

The emergence of the Panmon Creek Bridge, a fine and strong transport facility situated near Natchaung village at the foot of Chin Maintain Range, has contributed towards direct link between Kalay and Gangaw and Chin State, resulting in smooth transport. Therefore, people can now travel with ease to Yangon and Mandalay via Chin State, Kalay and Gangaw.

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Government implementing three...

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He urged them to make field trips to rural areas and to fulfil the requirements in practice in accord with the five rural development tasks.

He said officials are to lead the people in correct way by fulfilling their needs and to organize them to arouse want-to-do spirit so that they will achieve public cooperation.

He spoke of the need for officials to uplift cooperation of social organizations such as the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Red Cross Society and auxiliary fire brigades.

Only when there are better management and leadership, will there be the collective strengths of the social organizations and the people. The Prime Minister called for harmonious efforts for development in the region.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Kengtawng where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Nyunt Hlaing of Mongpang Station and military officers and local authorities. The Prime Minister met township level officials, social organizations and local people at Kengtawng General Administration Department.

Township Officer U Nyi Nyi Aung of Township GAD reported on location and areas of Kengtawng, national races living in the regions, cultivation of ten major crops, conditions of 25 crops that can be grown in the region, local rice and edible oil sufficiency, education, health, and requirements.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and said efforts of the respective officials are vital for development of a region. He spoke of the need to try to emerge better management system in administration, community peace and tranquility, rule of law and order, education, health and social sectors.

Agricultural sector is the most basic one for regional economic development and he urged departmental officials to organize local people to grow marketable crops in the region on commercial scale.

He called for distribution of quality strains and cultivation methods.

Now transport has improved in Kengtawng and regional products can be transported easily. He said officials are to lead the local people for gaining better results in agriculture, economy and production.

The Prime Minister spoke at length on five rural development tasks, harmonious development in the country after successful implementation of those tasks.

He called on departmental officials to realize the objectives and to work hard harmoniously among the departments concerned.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a TV set, VCR and a set of computer for Kengtawng BEHS to the headmaster and the ceremony ended.

Later, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived at Kengtawng Tonhon Pariyatti Sarthintak and presented offerings to members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Socinma.

Next, the Prime Minister proceeded to Kengtawng Hydel Power Project where he met with Headmaster U Kun Kham and teachers and gave instructions on academic matters.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Kengtawng Hydel Power Project being implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power on Nanteme Creek 31 miles east of Mongnai, Loilem District.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint reported on salient points of the project, aims and location of the project, geological condition, current of Nanteme Creek, hydrological findings, construction of diversion weir under the project, process for generating electricity, measures for installation of power lines and others to the Prime Minister and party.

Next, Director U Soe Myint of Hydro Electric Power Department reported on construction of No 1 diversion weir and intake structure, construction of silt settling tank and others to the Prime Minister who gave instructions on timely completion of the project.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected project of No 1 Hydel power plant will be installed with three 31.8 megawatt units and it will be able to generate 472 million kilowatt hours.

On arrival at Loilem, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, members of social organizations and town elders at Nawarat Hall of the township.

The Chairman of Loilem District Peace and Development Council reported on location and area of Loilem District, population and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield, arrangements for extension of sown acreage of monsoon paddy, cultivation of irrigation and area of Loilem District, population and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield, arrangements for extension of sown acreage of monsoon paddy, cultivation of irrigation and area of Loilem District, population and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield, arrangements for extension of sown acreage of monsoon paddy, cultivation of irrigation and area of Loilem District, population and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield, arrangements for extension of sown acreage of monsoon paddy, cultivation of irrigation and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield, arrangements for extension of sown acreage of monsoon paddy, cultivation of irrigation and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt looked into the requirements, saying that they had already attended to the regional development needs of Mongnai and Kengtawng.

Necessary instructions had been given to officials for earliest completion of the Kengtawng Hydroelectric power project. The Government believes that efforts should be made for rapid progress of the 11 townships in Loilem District. Thus, it is making arrangements for their development since three years ago.

The Government is launching the three development projects — border areas and national races development project, development zone project, and the five rural development tasks — covering the whole nation.

The Loilem District and its 11 townships have been designated as a special region of the 24-developement-zone project. Thus, a large amount of money has been spent for the development of transport, human resources, health care and other sectors. Hospitals in all 11 townships have been upgraded from 16-bed facilities to 25-bed ones; station and village hospitals have been upgraded; and Loilem District Hospital has been upgraded to a 200-bed facility.

Transport plays a vital role in developing a region.

Hence, a large amount of money has been used to develop roads linking townships and also the ones connecting northern and southern Shan State. More roads will be built or upgraded in the future also. The Government is striving to ensure rapid development in the whole Loilem District to make less developed regions enjoy equal development as others and to narrow the development gap. The people also have the duty to take part in the Government’s regional development drive. Thus, there must be mutual cooperation between the people and the Government in this task.

The people should have the conviction that they also are responsible for regional all-round development, while having full confidence in the Government’s sincere efforts.

The departmental personnel also should have the conviction that they too are responsible for regional development. They will have to render assistance for fulfilling the public needs and economic and social development.

The Government has been implementing the three development projects for progress of all the people living in the Union regardless of their race and religions and the places they are residing in. Thus, the entire people will have to strive in harmony and union with the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit.

The Prime Minister presented a television, a video and a computer each for No1 and No2 BEHSs of Loilem; and exercise books for schools in the district. At Government Technological College in Panglong, the Prime Minister and party visited the workshop, computer room and language lab. They inspected wards and the operation theatre at the 200-bed Loilem General Hospital. In the evening, they paid respects and presented offerings to Yadana Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Thikavasa and monks at Yadana Ta’U Monastery. — MNA
Measures for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport coordinated

YANGON—25 May—A coordination meeting on all year round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport was held at the meeting hall of Yangon North District Planning office this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, Brig-Gen Min Thein of Mingaladon Station, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Col Myat Thu of No 11 LID, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi, officials, local authorities and guests.

Next, the commander gave instructions on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, different kinds of beans and pulses on a commercial scale for all year round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport. He said that local peasants are to make concerted efforts for greening tasks being carried out in their respective zones and future tasks. Afterwards, Special Zone 1 in charge Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and Heads of Department of Special Zone 2, 3, 4 and 5 presented reports on growing monsoon and summer paddy and different kinds of beans and pulses during the last year and preparations to be made for full cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and different kinds of beans and pulses in this year. Later, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein presented reports on rendering assistance for all year round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport, Director-General U Win Shwe of Water Resources Utilization Department and Deputy Director-General of Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw, Deputy Director-General of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development Col Aung Win on digging of drains with the use of heavy machinery and tasks to be carried out and building of roads in special zones. Next, the commander inspected construction site of Barlar creek bridge.

The commander instructed officials to speedily complete the road which links circular road with Mingaladon Gardens City from Khayebin road. The commander and party then inspected reclamation of farmland stretching 83 acres, measures being taken for digging drains with the use of heavy machinery and gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

NC delegate groups hold...

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Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Kyaw Win and Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than submitted papers on advice and suggestions regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution. Next, the meeting chairman delivered concluding remarks and the meeting went to recess at 11.10 am. The meeting continues at the same venue tomorrow.

The meeting of delegates of State service personnel took place at the meeting hall No 7 starting at 9 am today. Present on the occasion were Panel of Chairmen members U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Deputy Director of the NCC Work Committee Group-9 U Htay Win emced the meeting. Respective paper compilation groups presented their papers to the Panel of Chairmen. Members of the Panel of Chairmen assessed the papers and the meeting went into recess at 11.20 am.

Other invited delegates group

The meeting of other invited delegates was held at the meeting hall No 8 beginning 8.50 am today. Secretary of Myanmar Historical Committee U Tun Aung Chein chaired the meeting together with U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 and Dr Ma Nan Too Gyar of Kachin State Special Region-2. Deputy Director of NCC Work Committee Group-10 U Aung Kyi acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director-Gen Aung Min of the NCC Work Committee Group-12 acted as co-master of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced that the meeting was valid as 104 out of 105 delegates or 99.05 per cent were present at the meeting. The chairman delivered an address. Delegates Associate Professor Daw Cho Cho Swan of the History Department of Yangon University and Head of Neuro-surgical Unit Dr Daw Hsai Mon Thu presented papers on sector-wise clarifications of the NCC Work Committee with respect to the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution. Papers of delegates of New Mon State Party, Kachin State Special Region-2 and Shwepyiaye (MTA) Group were presented to the chairman, who then made closing remarks. The meeting went into recess at 10.10 am.

Likewise, delegates of national races and delegates of peasants are making preparations at their hostels for compiling of papers on sector-wise clarifications of the NCC Work Committee as regards detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution. — MNA
Stakes driven for construction of Vinaya Nuggaha three-storey building of Phayaphyu Monastery in Pazundaung

YANGON, 25 May — The stake-driving ceremony for construction of Vinaya Nuggaha three-storey building of Phayaphyu Monastery in Pazundaung Township, Yangon East District, here, was held at the monastery this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhamajotikaya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and members of the Sangha. Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung, Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Maung Maung; local authorities, departmental heads, officials, wellwishers and guests.

The Magway Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts to the congregation. Members of the Sangha recited the precepts.

The commander, the ministers and officials presented stakes and alms to the monks. Forty-four wellwishers presented K 24,544,237 for the construction including K 1.2 million each donated by sons of U Kyaw — Maung Khin U and Maung Sein Maung; K 1 million each by U Kyaw Myint, Aung Kaung Thread Shop of Theingyi Market, U Zaw Win-Daw Mha Myin Hwe (Zaw Saw Mil); and U Kyaw Myint-Daw Phyu Phyu Myint; K 777,777 by U Kyaw Win-Daw Han Aye and family; K 600,000 by U Win Myint-Daw Moh Moh Soe and family. Maung Myint Soe and family, Maung Myint Soe and family, U Tei Ne Hwe-Daw Sandra Hlaing and family, Daw Myint Hmi and family, U Aung Myint-Daw Hnin Yu and family, U Soe Myint-Daw Khin Nilar and family, U Kyi Nynu-Daw Mu Mu Myint and family, U Thaung Nyan-Daw Thein Thein and family, U Hein Hein-Daw Le Oo (Ocean Pearl Inn) and family, Daw Aye Hla and family, Daw Si (Mong Ma Lay Restaurant), Daw Khin Swan-ShwePytan Tea and family; K 300,000 by Daw Khin Than Myint and U Khin Soo-Daw Khin Ma Ma Gyi and family; and K 200,000 by U Thaung-Daw Tin Nyunt and family.

The commander and the ministers accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Phayaphyu Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narindabhiyama delivered a sermon, followed by showering of merits gained.

Next, the stake-driving ceremony followed. The commander, the ministers, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo and Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shien drove stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.

After the prosperity rituals, golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony were performed.

Film entertainment to National Convention delegates

YANGON, 25 May — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convention Management Committee organizes entertainment programs for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungshpin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with “A-chit-ko-gyi-daw,” an academy award-winning film for 2001, directed by Maung Tin Oo and starred by Yan Aung Tun Eindroba, Lu Min, Soe Myat Nandar, Nwe Nwe San and Aung Khanting. — MNA

Joint Seminar on Security and Safety in Myanmar Ports opens

YANGON, 25 May — Myanmar-Japan Joint Seminar on the Security and Safety in Myanmar Ports, jointly organized by Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Land,name, and Japan, was opened in Ahlon Township this morning.

The opening cere-mony was attended by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Ministers for Transport U Pe Thar and Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, responsible officials, ambassadors and resource persons.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe made an address. In his address, he said the international concern for the security of the ships, cargoes, passengers and crew has been steadily growing over the past forty years.

The regulations and the new International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code will be entered into force from the 1st July 2004. The IMO has en-sured that a joint effort is taking place to develop instruments to fight terrorism in its maritime security initiatives. Measures have been drawn up to ensure that ship and port security can be measured and enforced through having proper security assessment, the security plans, verification and certification. The appropriate iden-tification is provided to personnel working in these ships and ports.

This seminar is aimed at providing an overview of the maritime security threats and policies in regard to shipping and port facilities, how we should respond to them and the train-ing requirements. This is a great opportunity for us to understand the issues in-volved in the maritime security, he added.

He continued to say that Myanmar is committed to ensure that the ports, ships and facilities are safe. We are committed to this goal and work jointly with the IMO, its member states and other like-minded organizations to ensure that the maritime security initiatives and programme succeed. Not only we want to ensure cleaners and safer oceans in terms of shipping and the environment, but we also want to ensure that all who sail and serve in the maritime industry are safe and secure.

Next, Japanese Ambas-sador Mr Yuji Miyamoto also made a remark. He said, since Myanmar is situ-ated at a economically im-portant area between China and India, its port security is regarded as an important factor. Myanmar became a member of ASEAN in 1997. As ASEAN’s economy is being inte-grated, Myanmar’s ports are becoming more important than before. Therefore, it is needed for Myanmar ports to be developed further in order to assist the growing economic activities in the area, he added. He continued to say that last year, ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers’ meeting was held in Myanmar and projects were agreed upon. The ambassador expressed his de-light that the Japanese Government could react very quickly by holding today’s seminar as a timely follow-up, based upon the above agreement. Myanmar has always been a good friend of Japan and it is Japan’s intention to work with Myanmar in its nauon-build-ing efforts, he said.

At 10 am, the semi-nar was held and it was chaired by Director-General of the Directorate of Inland Water Transport U Soe Win.

Following the opening address of the meeting chairman, officials presented papers on prepara-tion for port security measures in Myanmar, prepara-tion for port security measures at Yangon Port, present situation of port security in Singapore; port security policy and measures in Ja-pan; introduction of port facility security assessment in Japan; and introduction of port facility security plan in Japan. The seminar ended in the evening. — MNA
China’s largest maritime patrol vessel visits Japan

SHANGHAI, 25 May — China’s largest patrol vessel — Haijian 21 left Shanghai Saturday for Japan to attend a joint maritime parade and comprehensive exercise.
This is the first time for China’s maritime patrol vessel to visit Japan.

China’s air passenger volume expected to top 100 million

BEIJING, 25 May — China’s total passenger transport volume is expected to surge by 20 per cent to reach 103.8 million people in 2004, according to an annual report on China’s industrial development.

It is predicted that cargo transportation volume by air will reach 2.5 million tons this year, a rise of 18 per cent year on year, according to China’s Industrial Development Report 2004, which was published here on Monday.

The report forecast that China’s civil aviation transportation will enter a period of fast growth this year as the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China plans to adopt a series of measures to boost the development of the aviation sector and related industries.

These measures include loosening market access conditions for cargo transportation airline companies and feeder airlines, allowing inflow of private funds into the civil aviation transportation, and reducing and exempting taxes on feeder airlines among others.

The report also predicts that fixed asset investments in the aviation sector is expected to reach 15 billion yuan (1.81 billion US dollars).

China’s aviation sector handled 87.59 million passengers and 2.19 million tons of cargo last year, up 19.9 per cent and 8.4 per cent over 2002 respectively.

Wen Jiabao pledges to work with Mannohan Singh

BEIJING, 25 May — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Sunday promised to work jointly with his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh to strengthen bilateral ties and forge a “constructive cooperative partnership” based on Panchsheel principles.

“The Chinese side would like to work together with the new Government of India under the guidance of the five principles of peaceful coexistence jointly initiated by our two countries so as to jointly and continuously push forward the long-term constructive cooperative partnership between China and India,” Wen said.

In a warm congratulatory message sent to Singh, Wen said, “I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government and in my own name, our sincere congratulations, and best wishes to you.” Wen expressed his optimism that under Singh’s leadership, India will make “new and greater achievements in economic growth and national development.”

He noted that “China and India have a long history of interactions. ‘Since the establishment of diplomatic ties, the overall relations between the two countries have been generally moving forward over the past fifty-plus years.’” Wen said.

At present, the Sino-Indian bilateral relationship faces important opportunities for further development, he said.

“The friendship and cooperation between China and India not only accorded with the core requirements of the two sides’ fundamental interests and the shared aspiration of the two peoples, but also contributes to peace, stability and development in the region and the world at large,” Wen said.

MNA/PTI

Vietnamese PM visits Liaoning Province

SINHAN, 25 May — Visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai said here Sunday Vietnam is willing to strengthen cooperation with Liaoning Province in various fields.

At the meeting with Wen Zhishen, secretary of the Liaoning Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Vietnamese Prime Minister said Vietnam is faced with some problems in the reform of state-owned enterprises, and Liaoning, which has successful experience in the restructuring of state-owned enterprises, may offer some help in this regard.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister arrived here Sunday from Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province in central China.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh eyes better ties with India

DHAKA, 25 May — Bangladesh is seeking better and more cooperative relations with giant neighbour India following the change of government in New Delhi and the election of new Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

“Manmohan Singh has been a good friend and admirer of Bangladesh’s reforms, especially on the economic front,” said Bangladesh Finance and Planning Minister M. Saiful Rahman.

“With him at the helm, ties between our two countries should naturally improve.”

Bangladesh has long been seeking greater access for its products to Indian markets, but businessmen say they have had little success. Officials said Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan was planning to fly to New Delhi as soon as possible to convey a message from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed to Singh and for talks with Indian leaders.

India accuses Bangladesh of harbouring rebels from northeastern states and has threatened to send back millions of Bengali-speaking Muslims — who India says are illegal migrants from Bangladesh — to and fence off sections of its 4,000-km (2,500-mile) border.

“While Congress was in power in 1991, I and Singh — both finance ministers — had struck many understandings on the economic cooperation and to help each other,” Saiful said.

“Now that he is elevated to even a higher position and likely to keep a grip on key economic matters, Bangladesh expects trade gap between the two countries — currently more than 1.0 billion US dollars annually in India’s favour — would be narrowed down,” he added.

India, under the leadership of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was Bangladesh’s closest ally in its 1971 war of independence against Pakistan. — MNA/Reuters

Hong Kong’s core values remain intact

HONG KONG, 25 May — The core values on which the governance in Hong Kong is based remain intact, including the rule of law, an open and free society, an impartial administration, a level playing field, and the maintenance of Hong Kong’s international links, a government spokesman said here Sunday.

All these values remain alive and run through the systems and activities in Hong Kong every day. The fact that Hong Kong is a leading international financial centre, a top trading economy of the world and an established common law jurisdiction in which both external investors and the local community have confidence, is the best proof that these values continue to work, the spokesman said.

“Although we are not in a position to introduce and 2008, there remains plenty of scope for change to be made to broaden public participation in and enhance the representative nature of our electoral systems,” the spokesman continued.

According to the spokesman, public discussion on constitutional development has entered a new phase with the publication of Report No. 3 by the Constitutional Development Task Force in mid-May.

MNA/Xinhua
China, US launch high-level energy policy dialogue

AMSTERDAM, 25 May  

China and the United States signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Sunday to launch a bilateral energy forum named China-US Energy Policy Dialogue.

Zhang Guobao, Vice Chairman of China’s National Development and Reform Commission signed the MoU with US Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham. Both of them praised the agreement would help expand the energy relationship between the two countries.

“Our twonations’ economies continue to improve, which means we both will need increased reliable and affordable energy supplies. This agreement will allow us to exchange views on energy issues at the policy level,” said Zhang.

The Energy Policy Dialogue will build upon the two country’s current cooperative ventures.

The two countries are currently engaged in bilateral collaboration in fossil energy, energy efficiency and energy information exchanges.

Bolivia, ADC sign accord to finance route project

LIMA, 25 May — Bolivian President Carlos Mesa and Chairman of the Andean Development Corporation (ADC) signed accords on Saturday to launch a bilateral energy dialogue at the policy level, said Zhang.

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**Oxfam enlists music downloaders to fight poverty**

**LONDON, 25 May — The British charity Oxfam is to enlist music downloaders — a group once regarded by record company executives as “thieves” and “freeloaders” — to help it fight poverty and remove world trade imbalances.**

On May 26, Oxfam will launch a music download service at http://music.oxfam.org.uk. Ten pence from each song sold will go to the group’s charity efforts to fight pov-

**Study shows breast cancer on rise in US men**

**WASHINGTON, 25 May — Male breast cancer is on the rise in the United States — bad news for men and their doctors, who do not even know to look for it, researchers reported on Monday.**

Although the disease remains extremely rare — just 1,600 cases are predicted for 2004 — the 25 per cent increase in 25 years is worry-

**Walking ability improves in Miami paralysis study**

**MIAMI, 25 May — Rats with spinal cord injuries regained 70 per cent of their normal walking function with a three-part treatment hailed as a breakthrough in paralysis research at the University of Miami School of Medicine.**

The study at the university’s Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, due to be published on Monday in the June issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*, produced results “by far greater than what we’ve seen in anything else,” said the principal researcher, Dr Mary Bartlett Bunge.

“It opens up a potential new avenue of treatment for human spinal cord injury,” said Bunge, who declined to speculate when human trials might be attempted. The spinal cord carries messages between the brain and the muscles through a network of nerve cells. Normally, chemical signals prevent those nerves from regrowing, resul-

**New Zealand researchers identify self-mutilation gene**

**WELLINGTON, 25 May — New Zealand researchers have identified a gene markedly increasing a teenager's risk of self-mutilation.**

According to a study by the Christchurch School of Medicine, carried out by Sunday Star-

**Mozambique begins pilot AIDS drugs initiative**

**MAPUTO, 25 May — Mozambique has launched a pilot project to distribute free life-

prolonging anti-retroviral AIDS drugs (ARVs) to 8,000 adults infected by the disease, the government announced yesterday.**

By comparison, those who had the gene and had not been abused, or who had been abused and did not have the gene, had a 50-

**Romanian coal mine blast kills two**

**BUCURSHT, 25 May — An explosion in a Romanian coal mine, which is the country's richest coalfield, the Jiu Val-

ley, killed two miners and injured two others, state radio said on Sunday.**

It said government com-

**Romania’s ailing mining industry killed 14 in 2001 in the Jiu Valley, a mining area known for its poor conditions and the militancy of its labour force.**

**Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan speaks after he won the International Indian Film Academy award for Best Actor in a leading role in Singapore on 22 May, 2004. — Reuters**

**A monkey eats an ice cream during a hot day in Lahore. — InterPress**

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**Regrowing nerve cells and reconnecting them is the holy grail of spinal cord research.**

The Miami study involved hundreds of animals with crushing injuries to the thoracic region of the spinal cord, which mainly causes loss of control of the legs and is the most common form of injury among the 243,000 people in the United States living with spinal cord injuries, the re-

searchers said. — MNA/Reuters
Deportivo end season with 1-0 win at Racing

MADRID, 25 May—Deportivo Coruna moved into provisional third place in the Primera Liga on the final day of the season thanks to a 1-0 win at Racing Santander on Sunday.

Uruguayan striker Walter Pandiani grabbed the winner midway through the first half when he put the ball just outside the Racing area, checked inside a defender and squelched a low shot past Israeli goalkeeper Dudi Anan. The win put Depor six points behind champions Valencia, one adrift of Barcelona and one ahead of Real Madrid.

Valencia are preparing to celebrate a league and UEFA Cup double after dumping their approach in a bunker.

Two birdies, three bogeys, one double bogey and a triple

Barca will finish the season as runners-up if they win at Real Zaragoza, while Real Madrid, who have lost their last four matches, must beat Real Sociedad to move above Deportivo into third place and have an outside chance of finishing second.

At the other end of the table, Luis Fernandez’ Espanyol will definitely stay up if they beat already relegated Murcia, a result that would condemn Celta Vigo and Valladolid to joining John Toshack’s side in the Second Division.

Manchester United’s goalkeeper Tim Howard (L) blocks an attempted shot by Millwall’s Tim Cahill during their FA Cup Final football match on 22 May, 2004. Manchester United won the FA Cup for the 11th time with a score of 2-0.—Reuters

Flesch celebrates 37th birthday with Colonial win

FORT WORTH (Texas), 25 May—Steve Flesch celebrated his 37th birthday by winning the 5-million-US-dollar Colonial tournament by one stroke from Chad Campbell on Sunday.

Flesch carded a three-under-par 67 in windy conditions to finish on 11-under 269 and win his second PGA Tour title. Campbell, who shared the 54-hole lead with Flesch and Brian Gay, birdied the 18th hole for a 68 and second place. Stephen Ames of Trinidad and Tobago produced the best score of 18-under-par 270 to finish on 11-under 269 and win his second PGA Tour title.

Flesch made the turn in a sparkling four-under 31 after dumping his approach in a bunker.

Gay, who had a 65 in the third round, struggled to a five-over 75 on Sunday to finish tied 14th on 277 at the Colonial Country Club.

Jesper Parnevik, three shots off the lead after three rounds, had loads of trouble on the back nine. Parnevik had a 68. Bo Van Pelt, Skip Kendall, Tim Petrovic and Robert

South Africa’s Immelman wins in Germany

St LEON-ROT (Germany), 25 May—South African Trevor Immelman birdied the 72nd hole in the Tournament Players Championship of Europe on Sunday to claim his second European Tour title of the year and leave Ireland’s Padraig Harrington having to settle for his 22nd professional runner-up finish.

Immelman’s 17-under-par 271 total after closing seven-under-par 65 left him a stroke better than defending champion Harrington, who crashed out on the final hole. —AP

Three straight title puts Lyon in record books

PARIS, 25 May—Olympique Lyon joined Olympique Marseille and St Etienne in the record books on Sunday when they clinched their third consecutive French league title.

Lyon humbled Lille 3-0 at home to finish with 79 points, three ahead of Paris St Germain with Champions League finalists Monaco another point behind.

The champions effectively wrapped up the title last week after Monaco were beaten 4-1 at home to Stade Rennes, meaning Sunday’s match turned into a coronation.

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Manchester United’s captain Roy Keane lifts the FA Cup after his team’s FA Cup Final victory over Millwall in Cardiff. Wales. Manchester United won the FA Cup for the 11th time with a score of 5-0.—Reuters

Thai negotiators fly to England for Liverpool bid talks

BANGKOK, 25 May—Thai negotiators have flown to England for talks with Premier League side Liverpool and to evaluate other clubs if the talks fail, Thai newspapers reported on Sunday.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who emerged as the sole bidder for a 30-per-cent stake in Liverpool after rival Steve Morgan withdrew on Friday, said on Saturday they would pursue other clubs if Liverpool rejected their offer.

Negotiations over the 4.6-billion-baht (113-million-US-

dollars) bid have stalled over the level of Thai representation on the board.

Thaksin ordered Pongsak Ruktapongpisal, the chief Thai negotiator, to fly to England on Saturday to negotiate directly with the club, the Thai-language Daily News reported on Sunday.

“They said this way would be better than communicating by fax. He said he expected to know an outcome in no more than two days,” the Daily News quoted the deputy commerce minister as saying.

Thai Rath newspaper reported a similar story on Sunday although officials in Pongsak’s office were not available to comment.

Thaksin, a telecoms tycoon turned politician, said on Saturday he would pursue other clubs if the Liverpool bid collapsed.

“Surely we have many choices in buying other football clubs. We are working. Our team will be going tonight and tomorrow,” Thaksin told reporters on Saturday.

British building tycoon Morgan, whose bid was rebuffed by the Liverpool board earlier this month, said on Friday he was withdrawing after a revised offer was also turned down.

The Thais want two seats on the Liverpool board while the club are offering only one, Thai newspapers have reported.—AP

Tricolour win for Utrecht after 1-0 win over Twente

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 25 May—Utrecht won the Dutch Cup for the second year in a row thanks to a brilliant solo goal from striker Anderlecht.”

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The Cup victory takes Bruges ahead of Anderlecht who have won it eight times. —Reuters

Bruges win Belgian cup for 9th time

BRUSSELS, 25 May—Club Bruges beat Beveren 4-2 on Sunday to win the Belgian Cup for a record ninth time despite gifting their opponents two own goals.

Veteran goalkeeper Dany Verlinden, playing his last competitive game at the age of 40, and defender Birger Maertens both scored at the wrong end during a match in which Beveren fielded 10 players from the Ivory Coast.

Club Bruges took the lead on 23 minutes when Gerrit Verheyen tucked the ball cleanly over Beveren keeper Barry Copa who was slow to come out of goal.

But Beveren levelled in bizarre circumstances in the 37th minute. A free kick by forward N’Dri Romaric created confusion in the Bruges penalty area and Verlinden somehow managed to kick the ball overhead into his own net as he fell backwards.

Bruges took the lead again in the 47th minute with an instant volley from Nastaj Ciz, only for Beveren to hit back just past the hour mark.

This time defender Maertens deflected a cross from Kante Badaj pass Verlinden to make it 2-2.

Anders Mendoza restored the lead for Bruges in the 74th minute, taking advantage of a left-wing cross from the instrumental Ceh.

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Utrecht reach Dutch Cup after 1-0 win over Twente

After the break Twente could not handle the tension and a superb shot that beat keeper Cees Paauwe.

Twente Enschede in an ill-

cornered final on Sunday.

Utrecht, playing in their third consecutive final, edged a poor match to clinch a UEFA Cup place as left winger van den Bergh struck after 66 minutes with a fine solo run past two defenders and a superb shot that beat keeper Cees Paauwe.

Ten minutes later Twente midfielder Jerome Heubach was sent off for trying to strike an opponent and referee Koos Louwe had to book six players in a bid to regain control as tempers flared at the Feijenoord Stadium.

Both teams reached the semifinals after nail-biting wins on penalties but they could not handle the tension that seemed to paralyse both sets of players in a poor match on Sunday. In the opening period Twente came close to

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Tanintharyi Divisions. Inland, scattered showers, mainly in Mon State, Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagain, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavy fall in Tanintharyi Division. The noteworthy point of rainfall recorded were Kyawthong (3.86 inches), Dawei (3.27 inches) and Thaton (2.61 inches).

Maximum temperature on 24-25 May 2004 was 32.5°C (90°F). Minimum temperature on 25-26 May was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-26 May was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 24-25 May was (4.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-26 May was nil at Yangon Airport, Kayah-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall during 1-11 May was 346 mm (3.62 inches) at Yangon Airport and 312 mm (12.28 inches) at Kalaw Aye (17.91 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at 24 May was 25 mph from West at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-24 May.

**Weather Information**: Monsoon is still in progress, with swelling in south Bay, Andaman Sea and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Rainfall will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division, scattered over Shan and Kayah States, Suging, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas, with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Southern Division. Degree of certainty of rainfall is (80%).

**Outlook for subsequent two days**: Decrease of rain in southern Myanmar. Rainfall will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division, scattered over Shan and Kayah States, Suging, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas, with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Southern Division. Degree of certainty of rainfall is (60%).

**Earthquake Report**

(issued at 1000 hrs, May 24, 2004)

A earthquake of light intensity (4.9 Richter Scale with a magnitude of magnitude (5.10) microsecond) of Miyada earthquake seismological observatory was recorded at (08) hrs (11) min (34) sec MST on 24th May 2004.
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Meeting (3/2004) of National Convention Convening Work Committee held

YANGON, 25 May—The National Convention Convening Work Committee held its meeting (3/2004) at its meeting hall at Nyaungnhapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt, Joint-Secretary-1 U Khin Maung Myint, Joint-Secretary-2 Dr Thaung Nyunt and work committee members.

Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe made an opening speech.

Next, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Secretary U Thaung Nyunt reported on measures to be taken by the work committee.

In response to the reports, NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe attended by full per cent of the 56 listed matters related to compilation of papers.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers a speech at the meeting No 3/2004 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee. — MNA

NC delegate groups hold coord meetings on compilation of papers

YANGON, 25 May—The coordination meetings of the delegate groups of workers, the intellectuals and intelligentsia group, State service personnel group and invited delegates group this morning continued at the meeting halls of Nyaungnhapin Camp in Hmawby Township.

The workers delegate group held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall 5 this morning. Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division presided over the meeting together with U Bo Thein of Shan State (East) and U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division (West).

Deputy Director U Zaw Win of the group-7 under the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies.

The meeting was attended by full per cent of delegates of workers. NC delegates had a discussion about detailed basic principles that should be laid down for power-sharing sectors such as legislation, executive and judiciary over the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and matters related to compilation of papers.

Next, NC delegates submitted papers to the chairman. The meeting adjourned with concluding remarks by the chairman. Delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia held a meeting at the meeting hall No 6 starting at 9.55 am today. President of the workers delegate group, Vice-Chairman of the intellectuals and intelligentsia.

The emcee announced the start of the meeting as there were 53 out of 56 listed accounting for 94.64 per cent. President U Tin Hlaing made a speech on the occasion. Delegates writer and Advocate U Myat Thu (Tikka Tho Myat Thu), Professor of Physics Department of Mawlamyine University Daw Khin Than Nwe, film director U Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association U Aung Zaw Myint, President of the computers.

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

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U Tin Aung Chain addresses the group-wise meeting of other invited delegates group.—MNA

U Tin Hlaing speaks at the group-wise meeting of delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia. — MNA

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U Tin Aung Chain addresses the group-wise meeting of other invited delegates group.—MNA

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