Stability of State, national economic development, building of human resources basic requirements to build new modern nation

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe attends opening ceremony of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 6, Special Refresher Course No 7

The trainees will have to study the subjects such as national politics, Myanmar history, national defence and security, advancements and changes of the State’s political, economic and social affairs, and international relations. Since its birth, the USDA has been making contributions towards tasks for emergence of a peaceful, modern and development nation as well as training and nurturing the youths capable of brillianty undertaking national duties. Now, various courses are being conducted to help the youths possess concepts in carrying out nation-building tasks and national defence duties with national outlook. The USDA has conducted courses on national culture and moral education, and proficiency courses for ten years. Over 2 million youths attended various courses opened in 2004 summer.

The State regards the new generation youths as human resources indispensable for the nation, and so their national and political outlooks, patriotism and Union Spirit play a vital role. According to the programme of the course, Myanmar affairs consists of four parts — Myanmar traditional administrative system before the colonials’ aggressive wars; Myanmar affairs under the servitude of the colonials; Myanmar affairs after regaining of the independence; and review of current Myanmar affairs.

In the course of Myanmar history, the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan era, the Second Myanmar Empire in Toungoo era, and the Third Myanmar Empire in Konbong era were established. Myanmar was capable of standing as an independent and sovereign nation after establishing a strong nation for three times. In the 19th Century, the colonials occupied the country through three aggressive wars, resulting in the loss of the nation’s sovereignty.

Starting from the time when the nation fell under servitude, Myanmar traditional administrative system was changed. A careful analysis of Myanmar affairs at the time when the nation was under the colonials will reveal that the nation was suffering from suppression, exploitation and divide-and-rule policy. The country again suffered the evil legacy of the colonialists in the post-independence period. However, the entire people made collaborative and combined endeavours with a view to throwing off the servitude, restoring the sovereignty and building up a strong nation. As a consequence, Myanmar regained her independence and could stand again as a sovereign nation in 1948. But, before long there was a growing disparity due to the sectarianism among the leaders who had taken part in the independence struggle as well as among the national people, leading to disintegration of national solidarity. Instead of establishing a sovereign nation in the post-independence period, the national peoples fought each other for various reasons. The entire people were convinced that this was indeed a testament to the evil legacy of the colonialism. As a result, the political stability and the nation’s security deteriorated and thus led to loss of national solidarity and peace. And the nation’s status fell, and it became a least developed nation if compared with its neighbours.

(See page 9)
Put more energies into health care services

The Government has been systematically implementing the national health plans for the uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation. In doing so, priority has been given to the scope and quality of health care services for improving the national health standard.

The Government has been spending more and more on providing health care services to the public on a wider scale by building new clinics, rural health-care centres and hospitals, upgrading the existing hospitals according to the requirements of each and every region.

Now, 16-bed hospitals in most of the townships have been upgraded to 25-bed facilities and all hospitals in States, Divisions and Special Development Regions have been extended so that they can give treatments to 200 in a day. It is necessary to evaluate measures to be able to provide health care services according to the geographical and climatic conditions of respective regions.

The 40th meeting of the National Health Committee was held at the meeting hall of the committee at the Ministry of Health on 6 June, and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, who is also Chairman of the National Health Committee. In his address at the meeting, the Prime Minister urged all the responsible personnel in the health sector to take systematic measures to be able to provide health care services on a wider scale and to perform their duty energetically and with goodwill.

It is an enormous task to improve the scope and quality of health care services. To do so, the Government is having modern equipment installed at hospitals and specialist hospitals. At the same time, it is making arrangements to turn out more and more highly-qualified health staff. Therefore, the scope of health care services is becoming wider and wider.

We would like to call on all those responsible to put their energies into their work and carry out their duty with goodwill to be able to provide health care services to entire national people living across the Union of Myanmar.

CRCS donate cash for Rakhine State storm victims

Yangon, 9 June — The Myanmar Red Cross Society today donated cash to relief funds of storm victims in Rakhine State through the Myanmar Red Cross Society at the meeting hall of MRCS here.

The meeting was attended by members of the MRCS executive committee and others.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments officials, inspected highland areas of local people along the Lashio-Hsenwi Road on 7 June. In the briefing hall of 100-acre Mongli highland farm of Hsenwi Station, Brig-Gen Soe Oo of local station reported on cultivation of lemon grass and requirements. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reported on assistance of heavy machinery for Myanmar Agriculture Service. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to their needs. Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met war veterans. He presented gifts to the war veterans and Chairman of Mongli Model Village U Sai Ba Htay. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected rice fields of the war veterans and agriculture and livestock breeding on a manageable scale in Mongli Model Village. The Commander reported on assistance of water supply and agriculture tasks. With the assistance of North-East Command, 14 rural houses worth K 500,000 each were built for the war veterans in Mongli Model Village. And, arrangements are being made for building two-unit apartments. They inspected the rural health care unit and middle school in the village.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected the Thetaung bypass between Hsenwi-Kunlong road. The Commander of Public Works conducted the survey tasks on the Thetaung bypass and are building a 30-mile long Nati-Kammein-Holi Road. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected summer paddy plantations and harvesting works. A total of 160 acres of summer paddy were cultivated in Hsenwi Town and paddy yield 150 baskets per acre.

On arrival at the Thetaung bypass construction site between Hsenwi-Kunlong section of Hsenwi-Kunlong-Hopang-Mongmau Road, the commander reported that the Head of State gave guidance to build Thetaung bypass leading to Nati region based on the old road from Holi to Kammein because of occurring landslide of the sand bank area on Hsenwi-Kunlong Road between mile posts 39 and 43 annually. Therefore, the team comprising Tatmadawmen and employees led by the Superintendent Engineer of Public Works conducted the survey tasks on the Thetaung bypass and are building a 30-mile long Nati-Kammein-Holi Road. At mile post 47, he gave instruction on construction of View Point area. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived Kammein Village at milestone No 16. Members of township and village Peace and Development Councils, local people and students welcomed them. Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inaugurated the 16-mile-long and 40-foot-wide earthen road linking Nati and Kammein and planted a pine to mark the successful completion of the first phase of the construction. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing also planted a pine. Next, local national races presented prizes to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and party. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented a TV set for Kammein Basic Education High School through the officials. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party had a documentary photos taken together with local people. On completion of the Nati-Kammein earthen road, local people can easily access to Lashio. Nati-Kammein-Holi Thetaung bypass is about 30 miles long. Nati-Kunlong route is 20 miles long. Now, regional development tasks are being implemented with added momentum in the region. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected the construction of 40-foot-wide earthen road at milestone 16/1 in Kammein-Holi road section. Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on expansion of road to Kammein Village, and construction of new bridges on the Thetaung bypass. He also urged the officials to make efforts for timely completion of the construction work meeting the set standard and work site safety. Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and party went to Kunlong. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met with families of officers and other ranks at the local battalion. His party went to carry out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on manageable scale and gave instructions on matters relating to education and health. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected the poppy substitute rubber and crop plantations along Chinshwehau-Laukkai Road cultivated by local people. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived Laukkai in the evening.

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People’s Desire

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Work co-ordination meeting held

Yangon, 9 June — The fourth work co-ordination meeting of the legal study and proposal group of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and was held at the Office of Attorney-General here this afternoon. It was attended by MWAF General Secretary Daw Khin Aye Win, Secretary Dr Daw San Shwe, Advisers Daw Khin Aye Mya, Daw Tin Huay Hlaing, Daw Aye Khang, Daw Khin Win and members. MNA
The latest deaths reported by the US military:

- A Marine was killed Monday while on patrol in Anbar province.
- A US soldier was killed and 10 US soldiers were wounded Tuesday by a car bomb in Baquba, Iraq.
- The latest identifications reported by the military:
  - Army Sgt James A Gray, 29, Montpelier, Vt, died Monday in Scania, Iraq, when his military vehicle hit a roadside bomb; assigned to Army National Guard Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery, Williston, Vt.

UN Security Council gives unanimous approval to Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS, 8 June — The UN Security Council has given unanimous approval to an Iraq resolution.

It follows the powers and limitations of the new Iraqi interim government after it assumes power June 30. The resolution essentially legitimizes the incoming government.

The draft — backed by the United States and Britain — was revised four times over the past week before it won full backing.

The Iraqi Foreign Minister says the vote is significant because it takes away "the concept of occupation," which says he is the root of many of Iraq's problems.

The resolution gives the interim government more standing in seeking help from major powers who were opposed to the war, such as France and Germany. It also puts it in a better position to negotiate with Arab countries.

Key points in the UN resolution on Iraq

The final draft adds that the mandate for the multinational force and the US-led force shall be reviewed after 12 months or at the request of the transitional government that will take power early next year — but it gave no deadline for the force's mandate to end.

The final draft adds that the mandate will expire after elections to be held by 31 Dec., 2005 under a new constitution. It also declares that the council will terminate this mandate earlier if requested by the government of Iraq. Internet

Jordan’s King to participate in G-8 summit

AMMAN, 8 June — Jordan's King Abdullah will participate in the G-8 summit, which will be held in United States later this week. State Minister and Government Spokesperson Asma Khader announced here Monday.

Khader told a press conference that Jordan is interested in the King’s presence at the summit stems from the fact that the King carries the Arab vision and aspirations, particularly with regard to affirming that the aspiration for reform in the Arab world cannot be imposed form outside and should come from within.

The spokesperson noted that Jordan also worked towards ensuring the independence of the judiciary, Press freedoms and the rights of women. MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN, APEC meetings in Manila to focus on energy security

MANILA, 8 June — Energy security is the top agenda of meetings of senior energy officials from the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its Pacific rim trading partners as they began Monday a series of conferences in Manila.

"Energy security is the main concern," which includes protecting the vital sector from terror attacks and volatile oil prices that have surged to record highs in recent weeks, Philippine Energy Secretary Vincent Perez said at a Press conference.

Likewise, energy security would involve diversifying sources of energy, tapping renewable sources, and expanding the various ways of transporting fuel, he added.

Among the possible solutions is oil stockpiling although Northeast Asian countries may call for national oil stockpiles while Southeast Asian countries may seek a regional stockpile, said Perez, who is hosting the energy conferences of ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

He conceded that "terrorist attacks (in the Middle East) are the ones affecting the price of oil", prompting a search for other energy sources outside of the volatile region. However, Perez said ASEAN officials would focus on "a broader perspective" than the terrorist threat.

"We don’t want to focus on terrorism. For us, we’re dealing with ASEAN countries and… by being more integrated as a region, we feel we can improve our own energy security. It implies therefore that we will rely less on sources of fuel outside the region," he said.

ASEAN senior energy officials started the first meeting Monday, to be followed on Wednesday by a meeting of ASEAN energy ministers, the energy department said.

MNA/Xinhua
Six troops among 29 dead in Iraq

Mostl, 9 June—Twelve Iraqis including one US soldier were killed and 68 were wounded in two separate suicide car bombings in Mosul and Baquba, while six troops were killed while clearing mines in a Polish-run zone on Tuesday.

Another 11 Iraqis were killed in clashes with US troops in Fallujah, hospital sources said.

Witnesses said heavy clashes broke out in Karma after insurgents attacked a US military convoy using mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons. They said at least two US military vehicles had been damaged and troops had cordoned off the area, but it was not known if there were any American casualties.

Ten people were killed and 37 were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded targeting local officials who were escorting a US military medical team in Fallujah.

Soldiers from Europe killed in Iraq accident

BAGHDAD, 6 June—Six soldiers from Poland, Latvia and Slovakia were killed in Iraq yesterday in an explosion at a munitions dump while defusing old mines and bombs, but government officials from all countries involved said it should not affect their mission providing postwar security.

One Latvian and three Slovakian soldiers were killed in the explosion, the first deaths from either of the two countries in Iraq, Polish army spokesman Colonel Zdzislaw Gnatiowski said.

Two Polish soldiers were also killed, raising their country’s death toll in Iraq to six. One other soldier was injured, a Pole who was in serious but stable condition after undergoing surgery for burns at a Baghdad military hospital, Gnatiowski said.

“This is probably the most tragic event in the history of our presence in Iraq,” said Polish Prime Minister Marek Belka. “I extend my sympathy to the families of the victims.”

Still, he said, the incident would not cause Poland to rethink its commitment to Iraq. “This does not make our presence and mission in Iraq easy,” he said. “But we cannot talk of any reaction in terms of the length of our mission.”

The explosion occurred as the team of seven multinational sappers was working at around 9 am at the time near the city of Suwariyah, southeast of Baghdad, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Strelecki, spokesman for the Polish-led international force in Iraq, told The Associated Press.

Suwariyah is under the control of Iraqi troops that belong to the 17-nation stabilization force in central Iraq. In Kiev, the defense ministry said no Ukrainians were involved in the blast.

A team including Polish, Slovakian, Latvian and US representatives is investigating the possibility that an unexploded aircraft bomb went off in a truck carrying munitions to be defused, Gnatiowski said. — Internet

China, Pakistan to promote parliamentary exchanges

ISLAMABAD, 8 June — A 19-member Chinese Parliamentary delegation, led by Li Tieying, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC) of China, called on Pakistani Chairman of the Senate Muhammad Mian Soomro here on Monday.

During the meeting, matters concerning bilateral relations, the promotion of parliamentary cooperation between the two countries in particular, were discussed.

Extending a warm welcome to Li and members of the delegation, Soomro said that Pakistan and China traditionally enjoy close and friendly relations. He said that frequent exchange of high level visits is an important aspect of Pakistan-China close and friendly relations and that the visit of the delegation would lead to more parliamentary exchanges between the two countries.

Soomro recalled the successful visit of Qia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), to Pakistan in December last year. The Senate chairman also informed the delegation that he would lead a Pakistan delegation to visit China in near future.

He said that Pakistan appreciates Chinese cooperation and valuable assistance in various projects like Paki- stan Aeronautical Complex, Kamra, HMC Taulia, Gwadar Port and Thar Coal Projects. — MNA/Xinhua

Clearwater security worker killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 June — Chris Neidrich was scheduled to fly home after six months in Iraq but volunteered to stay behind to help train some civilian security replacements.

The decision cost him his life.

Neidrich, 31, a Clearwater resident who worked for the large private security contractor Blackwater USA, was killed Saturday with three other Blackwater employees after their two-vehicle convoy was attacked on the road to the Baghdad airport.

Neidrich worked for Critical Intervention Services of Clearwater, which provides security services. Neidrich was on loan to Blackwater, said KC Poole, President of CIS.

Neidrich is believed to be the first combat fatality among private security contractors from the Tampa Bay area.

UN chief hails adoption of Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan hailed the unanimous vote of the UN Security Council on Tuesday for a resolution on the future of Iraq after the end of the US-British occupation on 30 June.

“I very much welcome this. I think it is a good resolution in itself,” Annan told reporters after the vote. “No less important is the fact that it has been adopted unanimously.”

“It is a genuine expression of the will of the international community, led by the Security Council, to come together again after last year’s divisions and to help the Iraqi people take charge of their own political destiny, in peace and freedom, under a sovereign government of their choosing.”

The 15-nation Council adopted the US- British drafted resolution endorsing the newly-formed Iraqi interim government and authorizing the multinational force, mostly US, to stay in the country until elections by December 31, 2005.

Annan expressed the hope that security in Iraq would improve after the 30 June handover to allow elections to take place by 31 January as scheduled.

He urged the Iraqi people and international community to support the interim government, which will govern the country until after the January elections.

“I also believe that the overwhelming majority of people both inside and outside Iraq will want the interim government to have a fair chance, and will judge it on its performance,” he said. “We should all give it whatever help we can.”

Meanwhile, Annan reiterated that only when security conditions permit would UN staff return to Iraq to play a leading role as called for by the resolution. — MNA/Xinhua

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A special official of Iranian delegation stressed the importance of cooperation between the private sectors of the two countries, the report said.

Another Iraqi security operation an accidental explosion killed five coalition soldiers: two Poles, three Slovaks and one Latvian,” said Colonel Zdzislaw Gnatiowski, spokesman for Poland’s general staff.

Gnatiowski said several other soldiers were injured.

Attacks on Iraq’s vital oil pipeline to Turkey have again halted crude flows, leaving Baghdad unable to sell Kirkuk oil for several more weeks, a source at state oil marketer SOMO said on Tuesday. — Internet

US Marines from the 2nd Battalion of 1st Marine Division run after an RPG (rocket propelled grenade) came close to hitting one of their Humvees on the highway connecting Amman and Baghdad, near Fallujah, on 8 June, 2004. — Reuters

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An Iraqi security man looks inside the remains of a burnt out vehicle following a car bomb and a roadside bomb in the northern city of Mosul. Twelve people were killed and dozens wounded in car bomb attacks in Iraq ahead of a UN vote on a resolution to give international legitimacy to the new interim government in Baghdad on 7 June, 2004. — Reuters

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Pentagon says all Iraq prison abuse papers sent to Senate

WASHINGTON, 9 June—The Pentagon claims it has sent to a Senate committee all documents from the Army investigation into Iraqi prisoner abuses omitted from a report sent earlier to Congress, a senator said on Tuesday.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner said the Army sent a memo on Monday “certifying that the committee now has a ‘true and accurate’ copy of the report by US Army Major General Antonio Taguba on the sexual humiliation and physical abuse of Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib Prison near Baghdad.

Warner’s office declined to describe the latest batch of documents, as lawmakers try to determine whether the abuses were the work of a few rogue soldiers or resulted from policies set higher up the chain of command. The Senate committee, which is leading the congressional probe of US abuses of Iraqi prisoners, has been seeking all of the documents since May 13 after lawmakers realized that some 2,000 pages of legal reviews and other documents were not included in its copy of the report submitted by the Pentagon.

Warner said he also sought additional statements and other documents that were not made a part of the Taguba report.

“Continue to believe that the department is complying with good faith in this request, and will continue to monitor its cooperation on these and other matters connected to our oversight of the perpetrator abuse situation,” Warner, a Virginia Republican, said in a statement.

The Bush Administration has contended that the abuses—revealed to the world by the news media in graphic photographs of naked prisoners stacked in a pyramid, simulating sex acts, or cowering from guard dogs — were done by a few soldiers who were military police.

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British bank robber returns cash

London, 8 June—A British robber who stole 115,000 pounds in cash from a bank broke back in a week later to give most of it back, police said on Tuesday.

The thief got into the Barclays Bank in east Lon-

Don, smashed a window and helped himself to the cash in the ATM machine.

A week later baffled staff called detectives to say the robber had returned 104,000 pounds.

“We were contacted by staff saying a large amount of cash had been found in a black bag in the premises,” a police spokesman said.

Police are probing whether the bizarre double break-in, thought to be unique in Britain, was an in-

side job, the Sun newspaper said.

“We know we offer cashback facilities but we didn’t expect anything like this,” a Barclays insider told the paper.

PM says France’s stance on Iraqi debt not to change

PARIS, 8 June—French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin reiterated Monday France will not change its stance on Iraq's foreign debts until there is a real power transfer to the Iraqis or before the elections in 2005.

“France will cancel Iraq’s debt, Raffarin told French television LCI that his country had made some overtures on Iraq’s debt, but in the framework of a real handover of power to the Iraqi people.

“France means that we need a responsible government and that this government can de-

cide on the fate of the forces that are now in Iraq,” he added.

Isra-eli official says Israel, China in good relations

BEIJING, 8 June—Israel and China “have a lot in common” and bilateral relations are good, said an Israeli official here Monday.

Yoav Biran, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, made the re-

mark at a symposium with Chinese scholars and me-

dia. Acknowledging differences between the two coun-

tries in terms of size and population, Biran said both peoples enjoyed rich culture and long history, and the two countries had extensive exchanges in culture, sci-

ence, agriculture and academia.

Russian police seek details on British Council

MOSCOW, 8 June—Russian authorities want the British Council to explain how it makes “big money" in promoting English language and British culture, a top Russian police official said on Monday.

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China says new Iraq resolution constitutes a milestone

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June—Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations Wang Guangya said on Tuesday the new UN Security Council resolution will usher in a new, historic turning point in the Iraqi political process and represents a new page in the relationship between the United Nations and Iraq.

Resolution 1546, endorsed unanimously by the Security Council on Tuesday afternoon, constitutes “a milestone that marks an end to the past and a beginning to the future,” Wang said in a statement after the adoption of the resolution at an open meeting of the Security Council. The resolution will help promote stability and development in Iraq and further strengthen the authority and role of the Security Council, he said.

Wang said the resolution endorses the formation of the Iraqi interim government, reafirms the right of Iraqi people to freely determine their own political future and control their own natural and financial resources, reaffirms the principle of the reassertion of full Iraqi sovereignty, and demonstrates the commit-

ment of the international community to assist the completion of the Iraqi political process.

Wang said China is convinced that with the end to the occupation and transfer of sovereignty, the Iraqi people will make unremitting efforts to overcome all obstacles in their way to resume the path of peace and development, and make new contributions to regional peace and stability and the advancement of civilization.

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The Bush Administration has contended that the abuses—revealed to the world by the news media in graphic photographs of naked prisoners stacked in a pyramid, simulating sex acts, or cowering from guard dogs — were done by a few soldiers who were military police.

Military police officers told Taguba they were acting under orders from intelligence commanders. Seven US Army reservists were charged in the abuses at the prison.

An Iraqi fire fighter tries to extinguish a burning truck carrying tires after a roadside attack on the highway outside of Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday, 9 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Mexico captures two Tijuana drug cartel bosses

MEXICO CITY, 9 June—Mexico has captured two bosses of the Tijuana drug cartel, both wanted in the United States with two million-US-dollar bounties on their heads, the government said on Monday, but the gang’s leader is still at large.

Efrain Perez and Jorge Aureliano Felix were nabbed on Thursday in a raid in Tijuana, across the border from San Diego, Attorney General Rafael Macedo said.

He said seven other suspected drug traffickers, including a former police officer, were also captured. The head of the trafficking gang, Francisco Javier Arellano Felix, remains a fugitive.

An Iraqi fire fighter tries to extinguish a burning truck carrying tires after a roadside attack on the highway outside of Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday, 9 June, 2004. — INTERNET

China says new Iraq resolution constitutes a milestone

UNITED NATIONS, 9 June—Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations Wang Guangya said on Tuesday the new UN Security Council resolution will usher in a new, historic turning point in the Iraqi political process and represents a new page in the relationship between the United Nations and Iraq.

Resolution 1546, endorsed unanimously by the Security Council on Tuesday afternoon, constitutes “a milestone that marks an end to the past and a beginning to the future,” Wang said in a statement after the adoption of the resolution at an open meeting of the Security Council. The resolution will help promote stability and development in Iraq and further strengthen the authority and role of the Security Council, he said.

Wang said the resolution endorses the formation of the Iraqi interim government, reafirms the right of Iraqi people to freely determine their own political future and control their own natural and financial resources, reaffirms the principle of the reassertion of full Iraqi sovereignty, and demonstrates the commitment of the international community to assist the completion of the Iraqi political process.

Wang said China is convinced that with the end to the occupation and transfer of sovereignty, the Iraqi people will make unremitting efforts to overcome all obstacles in their way to resume the path of peace and development, and make new contributions to regional peace and stability and the advancement of civilization.
Iraqi doctors attend to an injured Iraqi man at a hospital in Baquba, Iraq, after a car bomb explosion on 8 June, 2004.

Shattered glass on the ground outside a US military base after a car bombing in Baquba on 8 June, 2004.

Two car bomb attacks killed 13 Iraqis and a US soldier in Mosul on 8 June, 2004.

Medics tend to a young Iraqi boy injured in the northeastern town of Baquba on 8 June, 2004.

Iraqi children climb on a destroyed vehicle after it was hit by a roadside bomb in the northern city of Mosul on 7 June, 2004.

A victim is wheeled into the emergency room of a hospital in Baquba following a car bomb on 8 June, 2004.

Iraqis crowd around a destroyed car after a US military tank ran over it in northern Baghdad on 8 June, 2004.

A victim is carried into the local hospital in Baquba following a car bomb attack on 8 June, 2004.

Iraqi children climb on a destroyed vehicle after it was hit by a roadside bomb in the northern city of Mosul on 7 June, 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Newly built basic education primary school in Mongma village in Shan State (East). — PBANRDA

Saidu Bridge built across Myittha River to link Chin State and Yaw region.
PHOTO: KALAY WIN THU & KYAW THAN SWE

Nankon Lake Hydel Power Project in Kehsi Township, Shan State, generates 15 kilowatts of electricity.
PHOTO: YAY CHIN MYINT

A drilling machine at work to supply potable water to rural people in Myitkyin model village in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Division. — PBANRDA

The new building worth K 32 million for post-primary school at Peikwe Village in Twantay Township. — MNA

Development Affairs Committee in Muse, Shan State (North), constructed Muse Town circular road for better transportation in the region. — MNA
RFA, a rumour factory

Kyaw Win

(Continue from yesterday)

Compared to the previous many years before 1988, Dalla has significantly developed within a period of 15 years. To make Dalla possess characteristics of a town, the Tatmadaw government instructed departmental directors-general and managing directors in 1989 to form a development committee for Dalla Township and Seikkyi-Khanmaung Township. The committee held monthly meetings and arranged passed resolutions. Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development also removed all of the squat houses after drawing urban plans and then systematically resettled them in new settlements that were formed in accord with the plans. Taking responsibilities for their respective sectors, other departments also participated in construction and maintenance tasks for the development of Dalla. Accordingly, it has developed, and achieved prosperity, possessing characteristics of a town. Dalla is situated south of Yangon. It is four miles from east to west and 2 miles from north to south. The area is 3.9 square miles. There were only 17 wards in the township and now it has 23 with the population of 83,201 of 12,049 households.

As regards education, there are altogether 30 schools: two BEHSs, four BEMSs and 24 BEPs. Now, 18,776 students are learning peacefully under the teaching of 417 teachers in the township. Multimedia classrooms have been established at two BEHSs. Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt himself formally opened them.

As for the health sector, there are one 25-bed township hospital, one regional health care centre, one rural dispensary, one social welfare dispensary, one traditional medical clinic, one delivery room and 29 private clinics in the township. In cooperation with townmeisters, Sports and Physical Education Department opened Bo Taza Playground, a township gymnasia and a tennis court. Bogyoke Park and Myathada Park were also set up for relaxation and recreation of the residents.

There are 248 monks and 244 novices at 28 monasteries in the township. Compared to the previous many years before 1988, there were only Dalla-Twantay tarred road full of potholes before 1988. But now most of the roads and streets in the township have become tarred ones. Yangon City Development Committee, local authorities and town people are making combined efforts to turn the remaining roads into tarred ones. Now, there have emerged 8,127 miles of tarred roads, 79,166 miles of gravel roads, 1.5 miles of concrete roads, 10 reinforced concrete bridges and two steel baiya bridges. With the smooth transport, local people can travel and trade easily.

Motor vehicles are running daily for the convenience of the people from the townships of Dalla, Twantay, Kammu and Kungyangon and Dadye, Papyon and Kyaklat in Ayeyawady Division. From Dalla to Panpondan Jetty, two ferries of Inland Water Transport are running 50 times a day from 5 am to 8 pm daily transporting about 28,950 commuters. Motorized sampans of Ferry Cooperative Societies are also operating there.

For development undertakings of Mokkyun region, the State has constructed jetties on the banks of Yangon and Dalla. And the YCDC sank tube-wells in Kyakhtlahe Village, Twantay Township, from which concrete pipe lines were connected to Dalla for water supply. In Banyadala Ward in Dalla Township, a water supply camp was established to distribute water to neighboring wards. That is why the problem of water scarcity has been solved in the township.

Aide Maritime International (AMI), an NGO, based in France has provided 336 hand pumps and 326 rain water storage tanks including an iron-sifting tank and dug pond in seven wards of the township. Water and environmental sanitation related buildings have also been constructed. AMI not only provides physical needs of the township people but also gives health talks occasionally.

Dalla Township in Yangon South District, the nearest to Yangon, is included in Yangon City municipal areas. To ensure the development of Dalla, Dalla Township Peace and Development Council is making endeavours in cooperation with departmental organizations and towns people under the four main tasks laid down by the State Peace and Development Council.

Well, it is crystal clear that the speculation of columnist U Htein Lin of RFA that Dalla has lagged behind in development is totally wrong and that it has developed in parallel with other townships across the country. Now, a word of warning is given to U Htein Lin not to blindly spread rumours without full knowledge. As a Myanmar citizen, I want to warn you against manufacturing fabricated news about Myanmar government and its people without analyzing right or wrong.

The Tatmadaw Government and the people have been committed to continued efforts for the emergence of a modern developed nation and the enhancement of national economy and living standards of the people, wiping out all destructive elements.

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Stability of State... (from page 1)

After the assumption of the State’s duties, the Government adopted the policies suitable for the nation’s prevailing conditions and laid foundation for building of a new nation.

It gave the top priority to restoration of peace and stability in the country. Taking lessons from the bitter experiences encountered in the past, the Government firmly practised Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of the sovereignty.

Besides, it made efforts to ensure prevalence of law and order and restoration of peace and tranquility in the nation. It also held peace talks with armed groups to terminate the armed conflicts that troubled the nation over forty years. Thus, after building mutual understanding with the Government, 17 armed groups are leading a peaceful life in border areas.

Taking advantage of that improved situation, border areas and national races development project was launched in time.

Projects for development of economic, social, education, health, transport, and communication sectors, strengthening of closer relations among the national races, security of border areas, prevalence of law and order, peace and tranquility in the region were implemented with greater momentum after enacting the law for development of border areas and national races. The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has spent over K56,000 million and over 550 million dollars on these tasks.

With peace and stability had been restored in the country to an extent, national economic plans were launched in order to set itself free from being a least developed country. Economic infrastructures, the main requirement for uplift of national economic life, are being built.

Now, infrastructures for agriculture, the main economy of the State and economic life of rural people, are being built. The Government implemented other infrastructures such as electrical networks, highways, railroads, port developments, tasks, extension and repair of airports with added momentum.

Therefore, the nation has begun to possess a better communication network. Transport has become easier and better due to the construction of bridges across rivers and creeks. Efforts are being made for opening of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) by the end of 2004 which will be the longest facility in Myanmar on completion. Ensuring stability of the State, the national economic development and human resources development are the most basic factors for flourishing of democratic practices in the future nation. The democratic practices must be developed and strengthened with practical work programmes. A new nation must be built together with the people, while safeguarding them to be safe and free from the bitter experiences they had faced in the past political history. In conclusion, the Bagam Mass Rally, attended by representatives of the whole nation, passed the unanimous decision to make cooperative efforts for the success of the seven-point future policy programme of the nation. Of the seven points, the convening of the National Convention is in progress at present. All must safeguard the nation against anything that may hamper the performance of national duty to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with our vision. Therefore the programme is being implemented. Way is being paved in the basic education sector as well as in the higher education sector for progress of the learning opportunities. Basic education schools have been extended all over the nation including the remote border areas and hilly regions. In addition to setting up the 24 development zones, institutions of higher learning have been built to improve the learning opportunities. Teaching of subjects has been expanded and upgraded, and doctorate degrees have been conferred on the successful candidates in arts, science, medical field and technological professions.

Special attention has been given to health and fitness of the people for human resources development. At present there are 790 hospitals including special hospitals, and 159 new hospitals have been opened, and 125 existing ones have been upgraded.

Seventeen universities have been opened for different branches in the field of medical science, and promoted the teaching of science. Uplift of public health and fitness and education standard is one of the Government’s policies. The work programmes to build a new nation are very practical. The policies laid down must be in conformity with the objective conditions of the nation. Peace, stability, modernization and progress must be ensured, while developing all the resources. Peace and stability of the State, the national economic development and human resources development are the most basic factors for flourishing of democratic practices in the future nation. The democratic practices must be developed and strengthened with practical work programmes. New nation must be built together with the people, while safeguarding them to be safe and free from the bitter experiences they had faced in the past political history. In conclusion, the Bagam Mass Rally, attended by representatives of the whole nation, passed the unanimous decision to make cooperative efforts for the success of the seven-point future policy programme of the nation. Of the seven points, the convening of the National Convention is in progress at present. All must safeguard the nation against anything that may hamper the performance of national duty to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with our vision. Trainees are to make studies till they clearly see the objective conditions of the nation. Collective efforts should be made to successfully implement the policy programmes with the sense of duty consciousness and responsibility and loyalty to the national cause.

Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted the trainees, and enjoyed breakfast together with them. Later, he left the USDA training centre. — MNA

Energy Minister inspects oil and gas fields, plants

YANGON, 9 June — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected Kyaukphyu/Leptanto oil and gas field of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in Myaung Township, Magway Division, yesterday morning.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on repair of oil wells and drilling of new wells.

At Thagyauk oil field in Pauk Township, the minister heard reports on drilling of new wells and production of oil and gas.

The minister inspected drilling of well No 35. Next, the minister saw over Sabei oil field in Pauk Township.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected preparations for operating Kyunghaung Liquidified Natural Gas Plant in Pakokku Township.

The minister gave instructions on supervision for production process and technology, work safety and fire prevention. At Kyunghaung Fertilizer Plant, officials reported on operating of the plant and production tasks. The minister instructed them to manufacture products to meet the target and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected drilling of well No 35 in Thagyauk oil field in Pauk Township. — ennews
Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt …

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa handed over bags of rice, relief items of Red Cross, garments, medicines and personal goods to member-1 of the Township Peace and Development Council Police Captain Tin Htoo and chairman of Village Peace and Development Councils.

Next, Prime Minister went to the monastery, north of Kanthaungyee Village and donated provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Patthajota and members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected Kanthaungyee Station Hospital where Dr Kyaw Soe Naing of the hospital conducted the Prime Minister and party round the hospital. Next, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Myebon where they were welcomed by members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, social organizations and local people. The Prime Minister met members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders at the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department. Member of Sittway District Peace and Development Council Deputy Commissioner U Tha Nu reported on location and area of the township, targets for cultivation of monsoon paddy, rice sufficiency in the region, education and health activities. He also reported on conditions after the storm hit on 19 May, loss of property, damaged departments, basic education schools, dams and prawn breeding farms, loss of fishermen, powered boats and cattle, opening of relief camps, relief supplies, construction of Myebon-Minbya gravel road and Myoma jetty, power and water supply and requirements.

Next, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented bags of rice, relief supplies, clothes, medicines and personal goods for the storm victims to Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements. He said he and party came to fulfill material requirements and to relieve mental pains and sufferings of the national people living in storm-hit townships including Myebon Township.

He said as soon as the chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council commander of Western Command learnt the occurrence of a natural hazard in Rakhine State, he formed necessary committees, and began to carry out systematic rescue operations including distribution of supplies. Moreover, the groups comprising departmental officials led by the Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the deputy minister toured the areas affected by the storm and provided necessary assistance to the victims. Similarly, he said, the groups led by the ministers and the deputy ministers of other ministries provided assistance to them. The team comprising the region-in-charge and the minister led by the Prime Minister and ministers visited Rakhine State to give comfort and encouragement to the victims, who are national people.

He said the government immediately provides assistance to the victims whenever there is a disaster in any part of the Union. He said the Union of Myanmar is made up of states and divisions where the national people live. In case of a matter or a natural disaster in any part of the Union, the national people living in other states and divisions help those who encountered difficulties. It is the tradition of the national people. The fact that the cause of national people living in the Union is ours is the essence of the Union Spirit, he said.

He said the government provided immediate requirements to the townships including Myebon. It also fulfilled the requirements on construction of Myebon-Minbya gravel road and Myoma jetty, power and water supply and education and health sectors.

He said township level officials are to carry out relief measures with goodwill and to make efforts for uplift of quality of life of rural people and their socio-economic life in implementation of the five rural development tasks with the help of social organizations. The people on their part are to participate in the development tasks and to work hard for boosting production of agricultural products which are beneficial to them and the State. The Prime Minister and party paid respects to members of the Sangha led by Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Bhaddanta Nanda Kicicicciyanabhivamsa of Taikkyi Kyaung Sayadaw at Pyinnya Beikman Yeiktha monastery in Myebon Township. They then presented offerings to the members of the Sangha. The Prime Minister and party inspected the development of Myebon Township and greeted local people. The Prime Minister and party went to Sittway and they arrived back here in the evening.—MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Kawthoung District

YANGON, 9 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and Safety, 6 June morning met with officials and social organizations in Pyay-Mandaing Town in Kawthoung District at the briefing hall of the Lehan- Mandaing Bridge Construction site. It was attended by Taneththayi Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of the Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers, departmental officials and personnel of social organizations. Administration Officer U Thaung Hein reported on facts about the town and cultivation of rice, crops and perennial plants. Next, officials and townsenders also reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made an address. Afterwards, he donated K 1 million for construction of staff quarters of the Health Department in Pyay-Mandaing.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at oil palm project of Taneththayi Division in Bokpyin Township. At the briefing hall, a project manager of the Yurana Co reported on yearly cultivation of oil palm. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions. Later, he inspected the Boda wooden bridge between mile post No. 135/4 and 135/5 and gave necessary instructions. Lt-Gen Maung Bo went to Katahurin in Bokpyin Township, Kawthoung District, and met with departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders. At the meeting, an official reported on facts about the town.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig- Gen Ohn Myint and Director of the Health Department Dr Ye Myint presented a computer set and a projector worth over K 2 million to Col Ye Thaw, head of office of the ministry U Ba Hwe Chat, and officials. The minister explained the purpose of the donation and presented the donations to Col Ye Thaw of the hospital, who then presented a certificate of honour and expressed gratitude to him. — MNA

Computer, projector donated to Military Hospital No 2

YANGON, 9 June — The staff families of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue donated a computer set and a projector valued at K 2.0405 million to No 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) at the hospital this afternoon. The ceremony was attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Vice-Governor Col Than Nyein, head of office of the ministry U Ba Hwe Chat, and officials. The minister explained the purpose of the donation and presented the donations to Col Ye Thaw of the hospital, who then presented a certificate of honour and expressed gratitude to him. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets with officials of departmental personnel and officials of social organizations in Lehan- Mandaing bridge construction site in Pyay Mandaing town. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Kawthoung District

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents offerings to Sayadaw at Pyinnya Beikman Yeiktha monastery in Myebon Township. — MNA
Submission of proposed papers, discussions of panel of chairmen continue

YANGON, 9 June — The delegate group of political parties, the delegate group of national races, the delegate group of workers and the delegate group of other invited persons read out their proposed statements to be submitted to the plenary meeting at designated meeting halls in Nyaungnapin camp, Hmawby Township, today. Similarly, the coordination meeting of the panel of the chairmen of the delegate group of representatives-elect and that of resource persons took place at the respective venues today.

Delegate group of political parties
They held a meeting at 9 am at the meeting room-1. U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of the Wa National Development Party presided over the meeting, while U Khin Maung Phyu, Deputy Director of the working group-3 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, and Assistant Director Daw Yin Yin Than acted as master and co-master of ceremonies. First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the approval of the chairman as there were 89.66 percent of delegates present at the meeting.

After the opening speech given by the chairman of the meeting, U Tha Ban Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization read out his group’s proposed statement on the sectorwise clarifications made by the NCC Work Committee in connection with detailed basic principles that should be laid down for the distribution of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors that should be included in the framing of the Constitution. The meeting came to an end at 9.35 am with concluding remarks by the alternative chairman of the meeting.

Delegate group of other invited persons
The group held their meeting at the meeting room-5 at 9 am. Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2 acted as the alternative chairman and presided over the meeting together with U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6 and Myanmar History Commission Vice-Chairman U Sai Aung Tun as members. Deputy Director of the working group-10 of the NCC Work Committee U Aung Kyi and Assistant Director U Win Myint acted as master and co-master of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the approval of the chairman as there were 100 out of 105 delegates, 95.24 percent, attending the meeting. The chairman of the meeting gave an opening speech. U Saw Shwe Tin Oo of the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA) read out the proposed paper submitted by delegates of the DKBA and the Haungthayaw Special Region Group in connection with the sectorwise clarifications made by the NCC Work Committee in connection with detailed basic principles that should be laid down for the distribution of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors that should be included in the framing of the Constitution. Next, U Aung Hkam Hti read out the proposed letter submitted by the Burma Communist Party (Rakhine) and the Arakanese Army (AA) to the panel of chairmen.

Later, U Zaw Taung of Shan State (North) Special Region-5 and U Maung Ohn Khine of Shan State Special Region-7 read out the proposed papers submitted by Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (South) Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1 and Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-8. Afterward, five delegates to the National Convention submitted their proposed papers to the chairman.

U Sai Aung Tun, member of the panel of the chairmen, explained matters related to proposed paper to be submitted to the plenary meeting of the National Convention. The meeting came to an end at 10.30 am with concluding remarks by the alternative chairman. — MNA

Discussions between panel of chairmen and proposal compilation group of delegates of national races. — MNA
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tories. Class 128: Rubber T-Bars. Class 188: Printing plates, printing blocks for the printing, bookbinding or engraving industries. Class 242: Electronic computers; magnetic tapes, computers; microcomputers; computer programs.

MARRIAGE
It is announced that
Maung Aung Myo Myint [B.E (Mechanical)]
son of U Kyaw Sein and Daw Yin Kyaing
living at Room 4, Building 6, Lanhtat Yeikha,
Ward 11, Lannadaw Township, Yangon,
and
Ma Yin Yin Hay [B.Ec, (Geology)] Q,
Dip. in French (UFL)]
daughter of U Soe Kyi and Daw Sein Tin living at No. 159 (A), Sabachan 3rd Street, Ward 11, Hline Township, Yangon, were married on 26-5-2004 in the presence of the parents from both sides.

Costa Rica signs agricultural
acords with UN
SAN JOSE, 8 June — Costa Rica on Monday signed agreements with international organizations on assisting in the development of its agriculture, with an expected 1.5 million US dollars to be funneled in from the United Nations alone.

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) was signed to provide the Central American nation with 824,000 dollars to beef up food security, in addition to 350,000 dollars to help with the country’s rural development.

FAO also envisages a donation of 314,000 dollars to be used in enhancing trade in Costa Rica.

The accord on agricultural development, signed in the presence of Costa Rican President Abel Pacheco and several of his Cabinet ministers, will also draw funds and expertise from a bank and a university.

DRIVE WITH CARE

Former Costa Rican president elected as new OAS chief
QUITO, 8 June — Former Costa Rican president Miguel Angel Rodriguez was unanimously elected on Monday as secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS) by foreign ministers attending the organization’s 34th General Assembly in Ecuador’s capital Quito.

The sole candidate for the post, he will succeed outgoing Secretary General Cesar Gaviria, the former Colombian president who has led the OAS for a decade. Rodriguez, Costa Rican president between 1998 and 2002, believed in a “mediat

ing and pro-active” OAS and saw his new post as an instrument in the service of the OAS member states.

“We have inherited unfulfilled dreams and painful frustrations: Poverty, hunger, illiteracy, violence, a lack of opportunities, are the bitter daily life of millions of our people,” Rodriguez said in a speech. “This frightening reality forces us to respond with speed and precision.”

Rodriguez, a 64-year-old economist, successful busi
essman and university professor, became the first Cen
tral American to head the OAS since the organization was set up in 1948.

MNA/Xinhua
US warns breast-feeding women about Domperidone drug

WASHINGTON, 8 June — Breast-feeding women should not take the drug Domperidone to boost milk production, because it may put them at risk of serious heart problems and sudden death, the US Government warned on Monday.

Domperidone is touted on the Internet as a safe way to stimulate milk production, because it may increase the amount of lactin, a hormone needed for lactation.

The drug is not approved in the United States but is sold in some other countries to treat stomach disorders. The Food and Drug Administration said Domperidone poses serious risks and is not approved in any country for enhancing milk production.

Some people in other countries who were treated with the popular version have experienced irregular heartbeats, cardiac arrest and sudden death, the FDA said.

“Because of the possibility of serious adverse effects, FDA recommends that breast-feeding women not use Domperidone to increase milk production,” an FDA statement said.

In many countries, the oral form of Domperidone comes with a warning that the drug is excreted in breast milk and the risks to breast-feeding infants are unknown, the statement added.

The FDA said some women in the United States had obtained Domperidone from pharmacies to prepare medicines for patients from bulk ingredients or from foreign sources.

The agency sent warnings to six pharmacies and firms that it said were supplying Domperidone to tell them the sales were illegal. Regulators also alerted border inspectors to watch for attempts to import Domperidone and told them to detain the drug if they find it.

While Mexican energy is largely closed to foreign companies pending reforms that are continually blocked by public opposition, Putin said Russia has a foot in electricity as a supplier of natural gas to Mexican power plants.

Putin said Russia hopes to supply some liquified natural gas to the handful of nation’s regasification terminals that oil majors are trying to build along Mexico’s Pacific coast, to provide an alternative to Mexico’s costly US gas imports.

He said Russia, which established diplomatic relations with Mexico in 1990, also wanted to get involved in oil exploration projects, currently limited to state oil monopoly Petróleos Mexicanos.

“Our collaboration in energy continues to grow, not just for our countries but for the world energy market,” Putin said. Neither Russia or Mexico are members of OPEC, although they have agreed to join OPEC’s pledge to hike supply amid sky-high prices.

The two leaders signed various bilateral trade agreements and agreed to study the building of a helicopter maintenance centre as a first step towards the Veracruz assembly plant.

Putin says eyeing Mexican energy

MEXICO CITY, 8 June — President Vladimir Putin, the first Russian leader to visit Mexico in over a century of diplomatic relations, said on Monday Russia was eager to invest in Mexico’s cash-hungry but largely closed energy sector.

Putin and Mexican President Vicente Fox firm up proposals to build a Russian helicopter assembly plant in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz and a heavy ma-

CHINA, COMESA enjoy bright future in economic cooperation

KAMPALA, 8 June — China and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) will enjoy a very bright future in cooperation in mutual benefit due to stronger economic links between the two sides in recent years, Chinese First Special Representative to COMESA Hu Shouqin said here Monday.

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WTO urged to work with UN to curb fishing subsidies

GENEVA, 8 June — The global environmental body WWF called on the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Tuesday to agree to work with the UN’s key food agency in controlling subsidies to the troubled global fishing industry.

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**Former Real Madrid coach Del Bosque to Besiktas**

**ISTANBUL, 8 June—** Besiktas have reached a multi-million-dollar, two-year deal with former Real Madrid coach Vicente del Bosque, the Turkish club said on Monday. “We have reached a two-year agreement... with technical director Vicente del Bosque,” Besiktas said in a statement to the Istanbul stock exchange.

The club said it had agreed to pay del Bosque 1.75 million euros for his first year and 2.25 million euros for his second.

Del Bosque earlier told Spanish daily El País he had agreed to take over at Besiktas, where he will replace Romanian Mircea Lucescu who resigned last month to move to Ukrainian club Shakhtar Donetsk.

“It was a good and attractive option,” del Bosque said. “I am keen to get to know the Besiktas squad and see if the team needs strengthening or not. They have promised me there will be some new signings.”

The 53-year-old, who travelled to Istanbul on Monday, said he would be taking the whole of his former Real Madrid coaching team with him to his new club. “After four very intense seasons working together at Real Madrid we are all really keen to get back to work,” he said.—MNA/Reuters

**England can cope with France striker Henry**

**MANCHESTER (England), 8 June—** England defender Ashley Cole says team mates John Terry and Sol Campbell can cope with the goal threat of France striker Thierry Henry when the two sides meet in Euro 2004.

Cole and Campbell watched Arsenal team mate Henry score 38 goals for the English Premier League side last season, but will be on opposing sides on Sunday when they begin their Euro 2004 campaign in the Group B clash.

“John and Sol are well equipped to play against Thierry,” Cole told reporters. “Sol plays up against him all the time in training and John has played against him in the Premiership (for Chelsea).”

“But while Henry and their (France) other players are superstars, we have to think about our game and how we can play and if we do that we can get a result.”

“Your are not going to worry about them but you can’t worry too much as it will affect us. We have to remember we some great players here as well.”

Cole intends to try and upset Arsenal’s French players — Henry, Robert Pires, Patrick Vieira and Sylvain Wiltord — by sending them text messages on his mobile telephone before the game.

“There was some banter between myself and some of the French players at Arsenal over the last few games (of the league season),” he added.

“We had a little bit of a laugh and a joke to be had but towards the end I was telling Thierry Henry I would be looking to kick him, if I can catch him!”

“I think the French players are away somewhere but when we get out to Portugal I will send them a little text telling them we’ll beat them.”

Cole fears England could get caught up in the hype surrounding the French game and slip-up against Group B rivals Croatia and Switzerland.

“We have a point to go and we know how good France are and on our day we can be a great team as well,” he said.

“...You have to play the best to win the tournament and France first gives us a chance to enjoy a big boost. If we get a result there it will set us up for the other games.

“...But we can’t afford to lose on the France game. If we lose then we’re out of the tournament.”

—MNA/Reuters

**Brazil coach criticizes Copa America timing**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 June—** Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira criticized the timing of the Copa America on Monday and said the world champions would rest their top players.

The tournament, featuring the 10 South American nations plus Mexico and Costa Rica, will be held in Peru in July.

But it takes place in the middle of the South American World Cup qualifiers, in which the continent’s teams play each other home and way.

Parreira, whose team were held 1-1 by Chile in Sunday’s World Cup qualifier, said on their return to Brazil that Ronaldo and captain Cafu would be among the players to stay at home.

“The qualifiers are a South American championship, we play each other home and away,” Parreira told reporters.

“Playing it (the Copa America) every two years and holding it during the qualifiers makes it a problem. We’re going to play Chile and Paraguay again. It’s complicated.”

Ronaldo told the Estado news agency: “Now, I want to make the most of my holiday and make a good return against Bolivia (in September).”

Parreira said he was satisfied with Sunday’s result which kept Brazil top of the South American group with 13 points from seven games.

The world champions, who led until the 89th minute when Chile scored from a controversial penalty, are still unbeaten.

“It was a shame we didn’t hold on to the three points, but it was a positive result,” he said.

“Maybe it was the most difficult game of the qualifiers. Chile were very quick but they were only ever going to score from a dead-ball situation.

“If we hadn’t fought hard, we would have lost the game just as we did last time,” he said, referring to Brazil’s 3-0 defeat in Santiago in the qualifiers for the 2002 World Cup.

“The important thing is that we are still leaders and unbeaten and I’m sure we will qualify with games to spare.”

—MNA/Reuters

**Greece takes Athens Olympic security nationwide**

**ATHENS, 8 June—** Greece’s top Olympic security officials began a four-day tour of the country on Monday aimed at sealing its porous borders ahead of the August 13-29 Games in Athens.

The trip led by the Public Order Minister and police chief is the first step in taking Athens security nationwide two months before the Games begin. Public Order Minister George Voulgaras wants regional police to match the “vigilance and readiness” of forces in the Greek capital.

“The implementation of the security plan is starting now,” Voulgaras said in a statement. “We want to activate all procedures to take the country into the Olympic period proper.”

Athens will be the first Summer Games since the September 11, 2001 attacks and organizers are putting in place the biggest ever Olympic security plan at a cost of one billion euros.

A series of minor bombing attacks last month which the Greek Government called “isolated domestic events” raised security concerns for the hosts and for countries planning to send their teams to the Games.

Australia angered Games organizers in May when it decided to send a travel advisory warning visitors to Athens to be cautious, just days after three bombs exploded in the capital.

Greece will deploy up to 70,000 military, police and coast guard personnel, backed up by air and sea patrols provided by NATO to safeguard athletes, officials and visitors during Games time.

More than half the country’s security forces will be involved, either directly or indirectly.

Sharing long land borders with Balkan neighbours and sea with Turkey, Greece is beefing up its Coast Guard and border force in an effort to stem a growing wave of illegal immigrants and secure its borders ahead of the Games.

Greek officials have met with their counterparts from Bulgaria, Albania and Turkey to seek cooperation in sealing off trafficking routes on both sides of the borders.

—MNA/Reuters

**Cocu rejoins PSV from Barcelona**

**AMSTERDAM, 8 June—** Netherlands captain Phillip Cocu has agreed to a deal to rejoin PSV Eindhoven after his release from Barcelona, the Dutch club said on Monday.

Cocu, 33, played for PSV for three seasons before joining Barcelona in 1998. He was told last month his contract with the Spanish club would not be renewed.

“I had some great years at Barcelona and I was disappointed they did not give me a new contract,” Cocu said in a statement. “But I still want to play football. I have a good feeling about this.”

PSV coach Guus Hiddink said: “I am sure he will fit in and have a leading role in the team in the coming two years.”

PSV finished second behind champions Ajax Amsterdam in the Dutch First Division last season.

—MNA/Reuters

**Chelsea agree settlement with Ranieri**

**LONDON, 8 June—** Chelsea have reached an amicable financial settlement with former coach Claudio Ranieri, the Premier League club said on Monday.

Ranieri, with three years left to run on his contract, was sacked by Chelsea on May 31 and replaced at Stamford Bridge by Jose Mourinho, who guided Porto to the Champions League crown last month.

“We have fully honoured the terms of Claudio’s contract and we wish him good luck for the future,” a spokesman for the club told Chelsea’s web site.

“Our discussions with Claudio regarding the terms of his departure were at all times amicable. We are pleased we have been able to agree this so promptly.”

Ranieri, who led Chelsea to a second-place finish in the Premier League behind champions Arsenal and the semifinals of the Champions League this season, is poised to return to former club Valencia.

The Primera Liga champions said last week they had agreed personal terms with the 52-year-old, who coached at the Mestalla between 1997 and 1999.

—MNA/Reuters

**New Light of Myanmar**

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Chinese women deliver the Olympic torch to officials in the car park below the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu, northeast of Beijing on Tuesday 8 June, 2004. The unlit torch was displayed near the Great Wall after arriving in Beijing on earlier Tuesday, Chinese women deliver the Olympic torch to officials in the car park below the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu, northeast of Beijing on Tuesday 8 June, 2004. The unlit torch was displayed near the Great Wall after arriving in Beijing on 8 June. (MNA/Reuters)

**Handling the ball: Spanish Almudena Cid performs with a ball during the team individual competition of the European Championship in Rhythmic Gymnastics in Kiev.**—INTERNET
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WEATHER

Wednesday, 9 June, 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST; During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, widespread in Shan, Mon States, Yangon, Ayeawaddy and Tanintharyi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Yangon Division and isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coxs in land (4.09 inches), Kyain (3.70 inches and Meiktila (2.13 inches).

Maximum temperature on 8-6-2004 was 31.5°C (87°F). Minimum temperature on 9-6-2004 was 21.5°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9-10 hrs MST 6-6-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 8-6-2004 was (5.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 9-6-2004 was 19mm (0.74 inch) at Yangon Airport, 13mm (0.51 inch) at Mawlamyine, 34mm (1.34 inch) at Kaba Aye and 17mm (0.67 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 585mm (23.01 inch) at Yangon Airport and 478mm (18.82 inch) at Kaba Aye and 630 mm (24.88 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum temperature at Yangon (Kaba Aye) was 43°c at East (11-50) hours MST on 8-6-2004.

Monsoon: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of the 10-6-04. Rain or thunder showers would be the dominant features over Kanin and Mon States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeawaddy and Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine States, upper Ayeyawady and isolates in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthary Division. Degree of certainty (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Mon sea waters. Outlook for southern and coastal: Thundery conditions are likely in upper Myanmar areas.

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**Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Portuguese**

**YANGON, 10 June—** Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of the Portuguese Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Portuguese Republic which falls on 10 June 2004. — MNA

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**Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects relief measures for storm victims in Myebon Township**

**YANGON, 9 June—** Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, arrived at Kanthaunggyi Village, Myebon Township, via Sittway, yesterday morning.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by local authorities and departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

At Kanthaunggyi Village Basic Education High School, the Prime Minister met local authorities, departmental officials and local people. He was told that due to damages caused by strong winds, there were losses of rice and paddy, boats, cattle, schools, departmental buildings, religious edifices, paddy fields and prawn ponds. They were also told that assistance for relief programmes provided by the Rakhine State Chairman, ministers, deputy ministers and officials; next, local authorities and departmental officials reported on availability of drinking water and requirements of roads and bridges, education and health sectors.

After fulfilling requirements, the Prime Minister delivered an address, saying that they were there to provide more assistance and give encouragement to local people facing difficulties.

Thus, States and Divisions made donations with the concept that they should give assistance to their brethren who were affected by the storm.

The regional in-charge will provide donations to the national races who reside in the areas where the storm occurred.

All the national races are living in the Union of Myanmar with Union Spirit and consolidation of nationalism spirit. In so doing, the government is managing for forging national unity among the national races.

As the government, on its part, is making efforts for development of hill and plain regions including border areas and uplift of living standard of all the national races, officials, social organizations and local people in urban and rural areas are harmoniously cooperate in the tasks for development of their regions.

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**Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects progress of Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road**

**YANGON, 9 June—** Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and officials, inspected maintenance of Pathaung Bridge in Myeik on 5 June morning.

Taninthayi Division Superintendent Engineer U Bo Win and Myeik District Senior Engineer U Hla Soe reported on construction of Myeik-Taninthayi Road.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed them to systematically use gravel and repair the road for its durability.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein gave a supplementary report.

On arrival at Talapat Creek Bailey Bridge on Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road, they inspected repair of the 90-foot-long bailey bridge. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on close supervision for durability of the bridge and productions of gravels from quarries. Next, they inspected construction and repairing tasks along the road.

They went to the combined office of General Administration Department in Pyigi Mandaing where they inspected the office of respective departments. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Pyigi Mandaing Hospital and saw over patient wards, delivery room and operation theatre.

And, Lt-Gen Maung Bo provided assistance to construction of 6-apartment staff quarters.

In the evening, they arrived at the office of Lebnya-Mandaing River Bridge Construction Project.

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**Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental officials and local people at the hall in Myebon Township.**

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**With hands linked firm around the National Convention.**