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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made a speech. He said that he was there and fulfilled the requirements since the university was established in 1993. Kalay University was established in this region that is adjacent to Chin State to enable the students from Chin State to pursue higher education easily.

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For growing crops all year round

The agriculture sector contributes much towards food sufficiency of people and it is the main economy of the State. Moreover, farmers and rural people which constitute the majority of the nation’s population depend on agriculture for their living.

Agricultural development means strengthening of the State’s economy. It will also bring about higher living standard of the people.

With this end in view, the Government is making every efforts for ensuring water for agricultural purpose. Up to this date, 160 dams and reservoirs have been built throughout the country. As the Government is seeking various ways and means to supply water, the farmers, on their part, are to grow crops wherever possible.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on growing paddy and other crops and greening of enrofs for all seasons in the 30-mile radius of Yangon.

In accord with his guidance, various kinds of crops that are suitable to the soil will have to be grown on every cultivable land.

Annually, 1.1 million acres of land are put under monsoon paddy and about 250,000 acres of land under summer paddy in Yangon Division. The quicker the monsoon paddy could be harvested the sooner the cold season crops such as beans and pulses, edible oil crops and summer paddy will be grown. Therefore, farmers are to strive for ensuring triple cropping instead of single or double one.

Nowadays, paddy is grown in the rainy season and in summer, as well as pigeon pea or green gram, beans and pulses. If a farmer grows crops thrice a year successfully, it is sure that his income will increase and living standard will be higher.

Now, work is under way for greening the 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport and growing monsoon and summer paddy and other crops such as beans and pulses, edible oil crops and vegetables all year round.

At a time when efforts are being made in accord with the guidance of the Head of State for greening the 30-mile radius of Yangon City, officials concerned are urged to organize and give necessary assistance to farmers to grow paddy and other crops all the year round.

People’s Desire

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Dry Day Supervisory Committee Chairman Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Vice-Chairman Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe and members inspect the inspection teams. — MNA

Dry day inspection teams check Tatmadaw, departmental vehicles

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Extension of Bagan-NyaungU airport terminal inspected

YANGON, 13 June—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe together with officials concerned arrived at Bagan-NyaungU airport this morning.

Civil Aviation Department Director-General U Win Maung and officials submitted work progress in building the airport terminal and greening of the environs.

General Manager of Myanmar Airways U Soe Lwin and Chief Engineer U Hla Nyunt explained matters on construction for passenger step, conveyor belt, ground power and air starter. The minister fulfilled the requirements and urged officials concerned to make efforts for completion of the project as scheduled. The terminal extension being built with traditional architectural design will be 300 feet by 50 feet. — MNA

Film entertainments to NC delegates

YANGON, 13 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungshpin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled ‘Yinthaer Ka Haung Yarth’ (Winter in the heart) directed by Maung Wunna and starred by Lwin Moe, Tin Eindra Bo, Myat Kathy Aung and Ei Phyu Soe. — MNA

NC delegates buy consumer goods at welfare shop at Nyaunghpin Camp. (News on page 8) — MNA

National Convention delegates play golf at Nyaunghpin Camp. (News on page 8) — MNA

National Convention delegates play billiard at Nyaunghpin Camp. (News on page 8) — MNA
Gunmen kill Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister

BAGHDAD, 12 June—Gunmen firing from a car killed Iraq’s Deputy Foreign Minister Saturday in the first assassination of a senior official since the new interim government was announced this month. Iraqi authorities blamed Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Bassam Salih Kubba, 60, the slain minis-
ter, was Iraq’s most senior career diplomat and was slated to stay on in the new admin-
istration that takes over on 30 June
from the US-led occupation authority.
Kubba was mortally wounded when gun-
men drove up behind his car in the city’s Azimiyah district and opened fire, Foreign
Ministry spokesman Thamir-Adhami said.
The assailants then passed the stricken vehicle and fired a second time, the spokes-
man said. Kubba’s driver escaped injury, but Kubba died in a hospital.

Azimiyah is a predominantly Sunni Mus-
lim neighbourhood where Saddam took ref-
uge as American forces overrun the city in
April 2003 and support for the former re-
gime runs strong there.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement
that the attack “bears all the hallmarks of
leftover supporters of Saddam Hussein’s evil regime.”

Kubba was the second senior Iraqi figure
to be killed in the last three weeks and the
first since UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi ap-
pointed the new leadership to take power on
30 June

Izzadin Saleem, who at the time headed the
now-disbanded Iraqi Governing Coun-
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Hard-line Islamic leaders above reassessed their power in Fallujah, 30 miles west of
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Ten US Marines and hundreds of Iraqis
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Fallujah, which was launched after four
Americans working for the Blackwater USA
security company were ambushed, killed,
their bodies mutilated and hung from a
Euphrates river bridge.

Brig-Gen Mark Kimmitt told reporters that the
city had been generally quiet since
Marines lifted the siege in early May.

Kimmitt also said the US-led coalition had
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commander in Iraq, approved lethal orders at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad
for military dogs and subject detainees to temperature extremes, reversed sleep
patterns and diets of bread and water.

The Washington Post says Saturday’s edition the infor-
mation is contained in docu-
ments newly obtained by the
newspaper.
The documents spell out in greater detail than previ-
ously known the interroga-
tion tactics Sanchez author-
ized in early September
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leum products from the Mid-
dle East to the destinations
through the Strait of Malacca,
which passes Indonesia and
Malaysia, will take less time
about one week faster.

The PTT is conducting a
feasibility study of the
project, which is expected to be completed by the end of
this year. — MNA/Xinhua

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A US marine from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines secure the area holding a machine gun
during a house-to-house raids in the village of Taliya on the outskirts of restive city of
Fallujah, 50km west of Baghdad, on 11 June, 2004. — Internet

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Pakistan postpones decision on sending troops to Iraq

ISLAMABAD, 12 June—Pakistan today said it would wait for an appropriate time to decide about sending troops to Iraq or not. "We have not yet responded to the United States request for sending troops," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Masood Khan told Deutsche Presse-Agentur, dpa in Islamabad.

"The time is not ripe to take a final decision. Let there be a political change (transfer of power to Iraqi Governing Council) in Iraq first," Khan said.

The transfer of sovereign power from the US-led occupation forces to the Iraqi Governing Council is scheduled for June 30 despite the dramatic upsurge in fighting between Iraqi insurgents and the US-led coalition forces.

The United States last April requested the Muslim country to contribute troops for protecting the UN mission, when it was established in Iraq. Pakistan had been turning down similar US requests, saying it would send its troops only under a UN umbrella or that of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

A widespread opposition at home against sending troops to the Gulf country had also influenced the government’s decision, which did not want to be seen as part of the “occupation forces”.

“We welcome the transfer of power to the Governing Council,” Spokesman Khan said, adding that this is one of the many steps being taken in the right direction.

But the expected end of fighting over security situation in Iraq and said, we hope the situation will improve and problems confronting the people will be resolved." — Internet

Bulgaria to withdraw troops from Iraq in 2005

SOFIA, 12 June—Bulgaria will pull all its 450 soldiers out of the turbulent Iraq next year, Foreign Minister Solomon Passy said on Saturday.

Bulgarian troops will not stay in Iraq beyond 2005 and the Bulgarian government will work out a specific withdrawal timetable according to the Iraqi interim government’s demand, Bulgarian television agency quoted Passy as reporting.

Some Bulgarian soldiers in Iraq were attacked by suicide car bombings on 27 December, in which five were killed and 26 wounded. Later conflicts have left one soldier dead and four injured.

Many soldiers have applied for returning Bulgaria, and 42 of the second contingent deployed in Iraq have been sent home for turning down assignments. Up to 15 soldiers of the third contingent, who will be dispatched to Iraq soon, have handed in applications for not going to the Arab country. — Internet

Iran welcomes UN resolution on Iraq

TEHERAN, 12 June—Iran welcomes the adoption of a UN Security Council resolution on Iraq as a step towards restoring peace in the country, Iran’s influential former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said on Friday.

"Although the resolution is weak, it is a step forward towards getting Iraqis and Americans out of the hell created by the Americans,” Rafsanjani told worshipers at Friday prayers at Teheran University, in remarks broadcast live on state media.

The resolution endorses a sovereign interim government in Iraq from the end of June and elections by January 2005.

The interim government will be in charge of oil revenues and will have the right to order US-led troops out of Iraq. “This resolution may help Iraqis decide their future,” Rafsanjani said.

Shiite Iran has strongly condemned the US-led occupation of Iraq, while Washington has warned Teheran not to foment anti-US sentiment among Iraq’s Shiite majority. — MNA/Reuters

Vietnam to make artificial rain

HCMC, 12 June—Vietnam plans to make artificial rain by 2010, in a bid to increase water reserve for its irrigation demand in the dry season, according to local newspaper Saigon Libera- tion on Thursday.

The project, which is expected to cost 50-60 million Vietnamese dong (3.2-3.8 million US dollars), will be first implemented in the northern delta and midland of the country.

It will be divided into three stages. The 2005-2006 preparation stage will focus on science research, determining suitable technology, training scientific staff, and preparing technical infrastructure.

The 2007-2010 trial stage will make artificial rain in the northern delta and midland, and receive technology transfer. The official implementation stage from 2011 will focus on producing artificial rain in other localities across the country.

However, to implement the project, the country will send technical staff to Rus- sia in July, and then to China, Thailand and the United States to learn their rain-making technology and experiences.

— MNA/Xinhua

Shenzhen drivers walk to work on “car-free day”

SHENZHEN, 12 June—Thousands of car owners in the southern boomtown Shenzhen walked to their offices Friday to mark the city’s first “car-free day.”

Incomplete statistics show 100,000 drivers in Shenzhen left their cars behind and walked, took a bus or rode a bicycle to work on Friday, shortly after the 33rd World Environmen-

tal Day that fell on June 5.

The municipal government has marked the first Friday following the World Environmental Day every year as a “green action day” — a day for the government and people to carry out various public welfare activities for the betterment of the city’s environment.

— MNA/Xinhua

NASA craft to fly by Phoebe, a dark moon of Saturn

WASHINGTON, 12 June—Dark, rough and contrary, Phoebe has long been an object of fascination to astronomers, and on Friday, NASA’s Cassini space probe will fly by this moon of Saturn for the closest look yet.

Cassini will capture data on Phoebe as it soars by to a four-year orbital mission around the ringed planet, scientists said in a statement.

The craft’s closest pass to Phoebe will take place at 4:56 p.m EDT (2056 GMT) on Friday.

Phoebe is a bit of an eccentric among Saturn’s 31 known moons, orbiting the planet in the opposite direction from most of the planet’s other large satellites, at a 30-degree tilt when compared to Saturn’s equatorial plane.

"That means it’s really odd," said Bonnie Buratti, who has studied Phoebe for 20 years and is a lead scientist on the Cassini mission.

Last observed from space in images snapped by the Voyager probe in 1981, Phoebe is known to be rough and craggy, so uneven that there may be a huge mountain or crater, Buratti said in a telephone interview from the Jet Propulsion Labora- tory in Pasadena, California.

Cassini will take pictures from a much closer vantage point — 1.240 miles as op- posed to 1.4 million miles with Voyager — and could shed some light on what Phoebe’s uneven surface is made of and where it originated.

Astronomers already know Phoebe’s surface is extraordinarily dark, reflecting only about 6 per cent of the light it gets from the sun. This darkness could be a sign that it was originally from the Kuiper belt, an area at the far reaches of the solar sys- tem that teems with such objects.

Earlier observations indi- cate that the darkness may indicate the presence of carbon on Phoebe, an important finding since carbon is one of the building blocks of life, Buratti said.— MNA/Reuters

In this picture, an armed Iraqi Shi’ite militiamen stand guard near the office of radical Shi’ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in Baghdad’s suburb of al-Sadr city on 11 June, 2004. — Internet

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Communists oppose any Indian troops going to Iraq

NEW DELHI, 12 June — India’s Communists, key supporters of the new coalition government, said on Friday that there should be no question of sending troops to Iraq, in an angry response to a suggestion from the Foreign Minister that the issue could be reconsidered.

“The Indian Foreign Minister’s ambiguous remarks in Washington must be clarified,” the country’s largest left-wing party, the Communist Party of India (Marxist), said in a statement.

“The Mammoth Singh government must make it clear that there is no question of sending Indian troops to Iraq to bolster the American occupation.”

Foreign Minister Natwar Singh said on a visit to Washington on Thursday that his government would take a fresh look at the issue of sending troops to Iraq after the Security Council gave its unanimous blessing to a new interim government in Baghdad.

“There is a resolution unanimously passed in the United Nations ... We’ll look at it very carefully. But I must emphasis that this matter will have to be placed before the government at the highest levels so it would be premature for me to say yes or no,” Singh said after a meeting with US Secretary of State Colin Powell.

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The UN Security Council adopted on Tuesday an US-British resolution that formally ended the occupation of Iraq on June 30.

India’s troops, which are in the coalition, have no plans to withdraw for the next 5 years.

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Japan has sent around 550 ground troops to help rebuild Iraq in its riskiest military mission since World War II.

A civil defence worker walks past the remains of a destroyed vehicle following a car bomb in the Sadyya district south of Baghdad, on 11 June, 2004.

Americans say Iraq war not worth it

LOS ANGELES, 12 June — A majority of US voters now say it was not worth going to Iraq in 2003 and feel the United States is getting bogged down there, according to a Los Angeles Times poll published on Friday.

In the survey of 1,230 registered voters conducted across the country from Saturday through Tuesday, 53 per cent said it was not worth going to war in Iraq while 43 per cent said it was and 4 per cent said they did not know. The sample has a margin of error of 3 per cent points.

The paper said the survey was the first time one of its voter surveys found a majority of voters doubting whether the situation in Iraq was worth the United States going to war there.

In a March LA Times survey 53 per cent of voters said the war was worth fighting and 43 per cent said it was not, a reverse of the current figure.

The paper said that 35 per cent of American voters thought the United States was making good progress in Iraq while 61 per cent said the country was getting bogged down there.

But 52 per cent of voters said that they thought the United States was winning the war in Iraq and less than one in four said the guerrillas were winning.

Despite a growing sense that the war was not justified, voters did not advocate a quick pullout of Iraq.

Less than 20 per cent said America should withdraw its troops within weeks. Seventy-three per cent said that there should be no specific date for withdrawal because disorder and civil war could result.

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Hashida and Ogawa had arranged for Mohamad’s visit to Japan before they were killed by gunmen on May 29 south of Baghdad. The two Japanese were cremated in a Buddhist ceremony at a Bangkok temple this week.

Japan has sent around 550 ground troops to help rebuild Iraq in its riskiest military mission since World War II.

A civil defence worker walks past the remains of a destroyed vehicle following a car bomb in the Sadyya district south of Baghdad, on 11 June, 2004.
An Iraqi man stands near the wreckage of destroyed vehicles in Baghdad on 13 June, 2004. The vehicle was blown up in Baghdad, killing at least 12 Iraqis.

Ali Karim, 9 year-old Iraqi boy, was badly wounded in overnight clashes between US forces and Shi'ite militia in the Baghdad suburb of Sadr city on 11 June, 2004.

Iraqi medics examine Fatima Abdul Rida, age 11, after she was injured in the cross-fire between US forces and Iraqi militiamen on 11 June, 2004.

Iraqis gather near a bullet-riddled vehicle outside the Najaf, Iraq, police station on 10 June, 2004.

A car bomb exploded on a highway in the Sayediya district of Baghdad, Iraq, as a US patrol passed nearby on 11 June, 2004.

Surif Hussein was injured in the cross-fire between militants and local police on 10 June, 2004.

A young Iraqi boy passes by a destroyed and blood-splattered mini van in the Sadr City district of Baghdad, Iraq. The vehicle was destroyed after overnight battles between US forces and Iraqi militiamen on 11 June, 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Border and rural area developments

Loitawkham bridge in Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), contributes much towards the convenience in travelling of local people. — photo: Too Soe.

The opening ceremony of a tubewell in Budalin, Sagaing Division in progress. — PBA

For better transportation in rural areas, roads linking one village and another are being built. The photo shows one of the road construction sites in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division. — PBA

Zawgyi Dam in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division. — mna

Water intake facility of power station that generates 15 kilowatts of electricity in Kehsi Township, Shan State (South). — PBA

The New Light of Myanmar
The Tatmadaw’s strength and the Union railroad

The Union nations stand taller, whenever their unity becomes stronger; and they face the danger of fragmentation as soon as their unity weakens. These are the two trends of the Union nations, and Myanmar is on the first trend towards progress.

We are on this positive trend because of the collective and energetic efforts of leaders at different levels of the nation with the leadership of the Head of State and the capability of the Government, willing to develop every part of the Union, having goodwill for the entire people of the nation, staying away from egoism and selfishness and striving to develop the whole Union.

Of the many achievements that make the nation stand with pride, a Union railway has emerged due to the endeavours of the Tatmadaw.

In his address, delivered at the meeting of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held on 23 June 1994, Senior General Than Shwe said, “Transport plays a vital role for development. It is important to build all-weather roads linking the main regions for progress. The national economy will develop only if there is better transport.”

At Pyintha Railway Station in the southern part of Taunggyi District, southern Shan State, at 9 am on 21 March 2004, a ceremony was held to open a new railroad that reflects the strength of Tatmadawmen.

“As a special task, the State continuously pays serious attention to improvement of the living standard of all the nationalities of the Union. A region will develop only if there is peace and stability and transport facilitation. Thus, in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the existing motor roads have been upgraded and the new ones built, while new railroads have been built to transport a larger number of passengers and volume of goods at less cost”, said Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint at the presence of over 30,000 people attending the ceremony.

“The Government has built the 37.7-mile Shwencyang-Yakswak railway, the 104-mile Aungban-Lokaw railroad, 61.68-mile Shwencyang-Haikhaung railroad in Taunggyi District; and 27.56-mile Nambasn-Mongrai railroad in Loilem District. Hence, the regional people can now travel from one place to another at low cost”, said the commander. The people nodded in support of his words reflecting the Government’s goodwill, the people have been enjoying. For example, because of the existence of the railway linking Haikhaung and Taunggyi, consumer demand rises in all villages and small towns lying along it. Many small food stalls have become restaurants, and trading of goods between the two destinations has prospered, thereby creating many local successful traders. Some shopkeepers whose daily sales never even reached K 1,000 are now selling goods worth ten or more thousand kyats every day. These persons, who are enjoying a successful and prosperous lives, were also included in the crowd.

The commander continued to say, “In accord with the further guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 103-mile railroad from Haikhaung to Namshan via Ponchatung will be built in the interest of all the national races residing in the region, without looking into account the economic benefit. When completed, the railroad will link villages in the southern part of Taunggyi District and those lying in the southern sector of Loilem District, and will help bring economic and social development together with improvement in public knowledge to the whole region.

“The work to survey the axis for the railroad demands labour because of the mountainous terrain covered by jungles and steep rocky slopes and sparsely located villages in the areas. Thus, I have already assigned Tatmadawmen of the region and units under the Eastern Command to fulfill the requirement with the strength of the Tatmadawmen.

Soldiers of the command headquarters and battalions and units under the command started to build the new railroad section from Haikhaung to Pyintha on 1 August 2001. The completed part of the section — a 16.8-mile railroad — was opened on 27 March 2003 in honour of the 61st Armoured Forces Day. The remaining 4.3-mile long Pyintha-Htrii section is now completed, and will be opened today.”

Nowadays, the Tatmadawmen are discharging the three main duties of the Tatmadaw. The three main duties are — to fight for the nation if there comes out the enemy; and to undergo military training and to serve the public interest when the nation is peaceful. As peace and stability is the key to the whole nation, the Tatmadawmen are undergoing military training to be ever ready for national defence, and are striving with might and main to serve the interest of the people. They are building the railroad linking Taunggyi and Loilem districts to ensure a cost-effective transport for the regional people. In this way, they are working in the interest of the people.

In conclusion of his address, the commander said, “The remaining section of the railroad will be built with the courage and perseverance of the Tatmadawmen. When the whole railroad project is totally completed, it is sure that there will be smooth flow of goods and improvement in the social standard of the people. The railroad will also help strengthen and propagate the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit. And with this I conclude.”

The place was reverberated with the applauses of the crowd of 30,000 people attending the ceremony. *****(To be continued)*****(Translation: TMT) (Kyemon: 25.5.2004)

National Convention delegates keep fit with help of sports facilities

YANGON, 13 June—Delegates to the National Convention take physical exercises and keep themselves fit with help of sports facilities at Nyaungnu Camp. Win Thuza Shop is being kept open to sell various kinds of products manufactured by the Ministry of Industry.1 Similarly, Government Employees Cooperative (GEC) Shop sell foodstuffs, personal goods, textiles, stationery and periodicals.

In addition, various items of medicines and books on health education subjects are available at the shop of Grand Health Care Cooperative Ltd.

Likewise, Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information opens Sarpy Beikman Book Stall lending reference books, magazines, journals, novels to the delegates and sell the books which had won Sarpy Beikman Manuscript Awards at reasonable prices.

Furthermore, the shop of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries sells fresh fish, chicken, pork, eggs, vegetables and canned foods. Laundering services are being given to the delegates.
Government has ...

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Serving the interest of one race or one organization or one party is to be avoided. That is why the 24-departmental development regions have been designated and work is well under way for bringing about harmonious development across the nation. In the process, priority is being given to development of economic, education, health and transport sectors as well as human resources development.

All are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for Kalay University to possess the characteristics of a university like other universities. Nowadays, systematic steps are being taken for the nation to be on the democratic path. In this connection, the National Convention being convened is not only the first step for the period of transition to democracy but also the important step in transition to democracy but also the important step in development of the region.

The forum is being attended by delegates of national races, delegates of people from all walks of life and others. It is incumbent upon the entire national people including faculty members of Kalay university to enthusiastically participate in successful realization of the seven-point future policy programmes of the State by doing their bit with patriotism and Union Spirit. Next, the General, the Secretary and party viewed subject-wise research works of the university.

They inspected the education resource centre, education learning centre, computer training centre and language lab. The Prime Minister inspected the site for building the main building of the university. Afterwards, they proceeded to Kalay General Hospital where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Tun, specialists and nurses.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected the surgical ward, special intensive care unit and operation theatre. At the briefing, he was told the patients of the three-storey main building of the college and Primary Health Unit were to be moved to the new site for building the main building of the university.

In this connection, farm minister U Aung Myo Min Tun and faculty members welcomed Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, who reported on appointment of specialists, strength of staff, supply of modern hospital equipment, field trips of specialists, setting up of funds, extended buildings and construction tasks. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Hla Myo Oo gave supplementary reports.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on momentum to be accelerated in rural health care service, efforts to be made in cooperation with the related departments in carrying out sanitation tasks, keeping of pleasant and clean town.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party went to Government Technological College (Kalay), principal U Myo Min Tun and faculty members welcomed them. Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung reported on nurturing of technicians and construction of the main building.

Olympic Co-Chairman U Aik Tun reported on arrangements for construction of three-storey main building of the college and Primary Health Unit on location and area of the college, aims of opening the institution, course duration, diplomas and degrees conferred, training courses, number of students and strength of academic and admin staff and greening tasks.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on systematic training for the students of technological colleges in order to become qualified technicians. Principal of Government Computer College (Kalay) Daw Aye Aye Thein reported on aims of opening the college, kinds of degrees, strength of faculty members, number of students, course duration and programmes, teaching aid, construction and greening tasks. Minister U Thaung gave supplementary reports on matters related to producing qualified computer technicians.

The Prime Minister fulfilled requirements of the computer college and inspected scale model of the main building and the site for building it. The Prime Minister met members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, local people and entrepreneurs at Aung San Hall in Kalay.

Chairman of Kalay District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Moe Nyunt reported on location and area of the district, set-up of township, ward, village tract and village, allocation to the district, household population, cultivation of monsoon and cold season crops and production, implementation of economic plans, measures undertaken, competitions of rice, only when the country grows more rice, can rice be exported, and urged all service personnel and engineers at this sector to make efforts for more agricultural production. He also spoke of the need to compile correct data on cultivation acreage and output.

He said the objectives to become Saging Division as a granary of upper Myanmar and to extend monsoon cultivation acreage up to two million acres have been laid. All are to work hard for realization of the objectives, he added.

As the production increases, economic life will improve. Responsible personnel are to implement rural development tasks making field trips to the grass-roots levels. He said township is the most basic level and the chief minister at the township level to undertake the tasks effectively in implementation of agricultural development and rural development projects.

The government on its part has built economic infrastructure including dams, transport infrastructures, hospitals and dispensaries and schools and colleges for human resource development.

Local people are also responsible for development of Kalay district. With the sense of duty, they are to participate in the efforts for development of the region in hand within the government. He called on them to make efforts for regional development and to implement the seven-point future policy programme in unity.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented TV and computer for No 1 and No 2 Basic Education Learning Centre in Kalay to the headmasters.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived Kalay Industrial Zone Supervisor Committee and members of Industrial Zone Management Committee.

They heard reports on location and area of Industrial Zone, allotment of land for industrialists, assembling of automobiles, manufacturing of hydro electric turbines and agricultural equipment presented by Chairman of Kalay Industrial Zone Supervisor Committee Chairman of Kalay District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Moe Nyunt.

Aftewards, Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Committee U Aung Min presented reports on assembling and sales of Maung Myanmar Super Jeep, arrangements for assembling 10-ton truck and passenger bus, production of hydro electric turbines and production and sales of agricultural equipment.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt then fulfilled the requirements.

Later, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party viewed Maung Myanmar Super Jeep, equipment used for general purpose and agricultural equipment at the showroom.

In the evening, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Maung Myanmar Super Jeep, Kyauktaik and paid homage to Sagaing Pagoda and ancient Buddha images.

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paddy plantations of the lo-cal battalions of Lashio Sta-tion. Next, they went to 100- ton Feedstuff Factory of Myanmar Kokang Cultural Troupe. At 9.30 am, the cer-eemony to open the feedstuff factory was held. Com-mander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and a local national race formally opened the fac-ty. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe unveiled the signboard of the factory. Afterwards, Factory Manager U Lwin Kaik Yi reported on matters related to the factory. Next, a local presented commemorative pennants to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the commander. The factory was opened to benefit breeders of Myanmar. The factory will produce feedstuff and vac-cine for pig and poultry and it can produce 100 tons per day. They also inspected Shwemyin Hnakuang battery plant of Shwemyin Hnakuang Industrial Co.Ltd. The plant distributes its prod-ucts to townships in Shan State (North), Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divi-sions. On 10 June, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at 1,000-acre highland farm-lands of Loihsamsit Model Agricultural Zone in Kutkai Township after inspecting Muse District Import-Sub-situate Small-scale Industrial Ward. Tactical Operations Com-mando Col San Shwe Tha reported on cultivation of paddy, maize and soya bean as the national duty for im-plementation of drug elimi-nation and local food suffi-ciency beginning 2004-2005 in Shan State (North) in ac-cordance with guidance of the Head of State. Next, they inspected maize and soya bean planta-tions on both sides of Kutkai-Hsontwi Road. Nger, pigeon pea and Hsinshweli hybrid maize are thriving on 300 acres of lands of local regiments and units, 100 acres of developments, 150 acres of Myanmar Agri-culture Service, 216 acres of USDA and social organization and 234 acres of local farmers.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours... (from page 16) Township PDC office at 10:30 am. The township PDC chairman reported on health, social and education issues, land utilization, veg-etable cultivation, land reclamation, and township de-velopment and departmen-tal officials on their respec-tive sectors. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said Rakhine State has economic pros-pects, relying on agriculture. This year, 40,000 acres of land have been extended and it has been targeted to cultivate one million acres of monsoon paddy. MaungU township is a place where monsoon paddy can be cul-tivated most, he added. A total of 2781 acres of land were extended and over 120,000 acres of monsoon paddy have been set to be culti-vated in the township. So, it is needed for the agricul-tural committee to make field trips and to supervise for cultivation. Rural people are urged to carry out agricultural and livestock breeding works on a manageable scale, he noted. For its part, the State has set up 24 development re-gions to ensure the balanced development of the whole country, and is implement-ing border areas develop-ment projects. In addition, five rural development tasks are be-ing carried out. It is why local peo-ple are to participate in the task in cooperation with de-partmental officials, he said. He then stressed the need for officials to keep MaungU Township, the an-cient cultural region, clean and tidy. He next greeted those present. It is Maung Township that can cultivate monsoon paddy most in the entire Rakhine State. It is learnt that 2781 acres of land have been extended in 1004-2005 and 121203 acres of monsoon paddy have been set to grow in the township. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited Yan Aung Zeya Stupa built by King Min Bin Gyi in 1353. Next, on behalf of the wellwishers of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 1080000 for the funds to-wards the stupa to Rakhine State Archaeology Depart-ment (Branch) Director U Kyaw Lwin Oo. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than signed in the visitors' book and left instructions on renovation of the stupa. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected condition of bridges and Yangon-Swittway Union Highway between Mawky and Mimpya townships by car.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects production process of Shwemyin Hnakuang Battery Factory.— MNA

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Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 13 June — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).

Coord meeting with MAEPS and entrepreneurs held

YANGON, 13 June — A coordination meeting between Myanmar agricultural equipment production sub-committee and entrepreneurs of respective industrial zones from states and divisions was held in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on 9 and 10 June. It was attended by members of the sub-committee, chairmen of supervisory committee for industrial zones, manufacturers of agricultural equipment totaling about 160.

In the meeting, Secretary of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Chairman of Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Production Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech. Next, those present reported on measures being taken for manufacturing of agricultural equipment in respective industrial zones and private-owned ones, investment, availability and use of raw materials, strength of labour, arrangements for technology developments, quality control, management and extension of market and further boosting of production. Afterwards, members of sub-committee and those present joined in the general round of discussions.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt donates provisions to a Sayadaw at Sakahla Dhammayon Kyauktaik in Kalay. (News on page 1)— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets students at computer room of Kalay University. (News on page 1)— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party view general purpose machinery at Kalay Industrial Zone. (News on page 1)— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects patient ward at Kalay General Hospital. (News on page 1)— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives instructions to faculty members and staff of Kalay University. (News on page 1)— MNA

Donate blood

Set up the garden while time is ripe
* For our village to enjoy fruits regularly
Set up the garden while time is ripe
Putting in all your strength, our villagers
If only they get into cultivation,
Will there be
Pleasant garden will flourish,
Flourish in good shape on our land.
* If we have to wait for
Those with ill health
Garden’s soil will erode
Weeds on land will grow
And these will quickly appear.
* The pleasantness of our village
To flourish, we all of us
Must, while opportune, strive harmoniously
Let’s all try, let’s try.

Nwai Cho (Trs)
Canada’s trade surplus soars
OTTAWA, 12 June — Canada’s trade surplus soared to its second-highest level on record in April as exports grew at six times the pace of imports, according to figures released Thursday by Statistics Canada.

For the month, Canada’s trade balance with the rest of the world shot up to 7.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 5.8 billion US dollars), second only to the surplus of 8.6 billion US dollars), in January 2001.

Exports in April rose by 4.4 per cent to 36.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 28 billion US dollars). At the same time, imports advanced 0.7 per cent to 29.1 billion Canadian dollars (about 22 billion US dollars).

April’s export growth was fuelled by strong internal demand and high prices for most industrial commodities, according to the agency. Contributions to the gains were higher exports of aircraft, paper and paperboard, chemicals, mineral fuels and lubricants.

Internal demand was boosted by the strong Canadian dollar, which rose to about 91.0 US cents on the New York foreign exchange market earlier in the month.

With the value of imports held down by the strong Canadian dollar, the value of exports grew by 11.6 per cent in April compared to the same month last year.

With the value of imports expanding by only 1.1 per cent, the trade surplus increased to 7.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 5.8 billion US dollars) in April, the second-highest level on record.

In April, the surplus on trade in goods was 6.9 billion Canadian dollars (about 5.2 billion US dollars), compared with 5.5 billion US dollars a year ago.

The surplus on trade in services was 0.7 billion Canadian dollars (about 0.5 billion US dollars), compared with 1.1 billion US dollars a year ago.

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ICF, based at Chennai in south India, has so far exported 425 passenger coaches to several nations, including Thailand, Myanmar, Zambia, the Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Mozambique.

Established in 1952 as a premier manufacturer of all-steel railway coaches of monopolistic design, ICF’s product mix was later extended to include self-propelled railway vehicles and Electric Multiple Unit train sets.

Asian FM’s to issue cooperation documents
During ACD meeting
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China playing more important role in international affairs

Beijing, 13 June — Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former secretary-general of the United Nations (UN), said China has become an important world intermediary and is playing a more and more important role in international affairs.

Boutros-Ghali made the remark in reply to reporter’s questions in a joint interview with Chinese media Saturday in Beijing.

The former secretary-general said it is very hard to play an intermediary to help solve the complicated and sometimes even conflicting international disputes, expressing his appreciation to China’s constructive role played in the Korean nuclear issue and the two rounds of six-party talks.

The key factor to the peaceful solution of the Korean nuclear issue is how strong the political will that the concerned parties hold, Boutros-Ghali said, noting that the process faces a lot of difficulties and challenges.

He pointed out that international community is too eager to see positive results from the six-party talks, which is, however, in his view, may takes years after years to bear fruits.

Poor nations see signs of agreement in trade talks

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 13 June — Developing nations see some signs of agreement in world-trade talks on the eve of an important meeting with rich nations to avert an impasse, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Saturday.

Amorim said the G-20, which will meet with ministers from the United States, European Union, India and Australia on the sidelines of the United Nations Conference on Development and Trade in Sao Paulo.

All momentum for the Doha Round of WTO trade talks, which is supposed to be concluded this year, could be lost if talks get reached by mid-July, negotiators say.

The European Union has offered to discuss an end to farm export subsidies, providing other rich nations follow suit. Amorim said the G-20 needed assurances that na-tionals states, such as the United States, Britain, Canada and Japan, would be prepared to meet the EU demand. Work is also well-advanced on the question of subsidies for the rich nations.

The FARC, founded 40 years ago, is Colombia’s largest guerilla group, with 17,000 members.

WFP still feeding Zimbabwe, ready to expand aid

Johannesburg, 13 June — The World Food Programme is continuing to feed vulnerable Zimbabweans in despite government claims of a bumper harvest, and is ready to broaden its activities in the country if asked, the UN body has said.

Zimbabwe told international donors in May it would not require emergency food aid on predictions of a bumper harvest — a statement greeted with scepticism by many analysts.

A UN report on communal farming groups suggested that 5 million people are poorly fed.

An assessment of whether the country needs food aid has become more urgent as aid workers in Zimbabwe said the government was openly delaying the release of food aid, which is consumed mainly by the urban poor.

Washington, 13 June — The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at the end of April.

President Robert Mugabe has said Zimbabwe will produce 2.3 million tons of maize this year but international aid organizations have estimated it could face a shortfall of up to 900,000 tons on national demand of 1.8 million tons.

WTO chief still confident of trade deal in July

GENEVA, 13 June—World Trade Organization (WTO) chief Supachai Panitchpakdi expressed confidence on Friday that global trade talks would meet a July deadline for a final agreement.

“I am not thinking about any plan “B”. There has to be an agreement...(and)...I am still confident that it can be done,” he told Reuters in an interview.

The WTO director-general, who will be attending next week’s conference of the United Nations’ trade and development agency, UNCTAD, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, said planned talks between ministers on the fringes of that gathering could be crucial for the outcome of current negotiations in Geneva.

They would be “important, if not decisive” for what kind of agreement would be possible, according to the World Trade Organization’s chief.

WTO states are racing to complete outline deals, or frameworks in trade parlance, for a number of key areas of the Doha Round of free trade negotiations, in trouble almost from their launch in late 2001.

The collapse of a ministerial conference in Cancun, Mexico, last September almost derailed the negotiation, and the July deals aim to put trade liberalization, which econom-ists say could boost global output by $1 trillion, on track.

Asked the price of failure, the quietly spoken former Thai premier paused: “I want to use the word ‘catastrophic’.

After July, the United States will be distracted by November presidential elections and the European Union will also see sweeping change in its executive Communist.

But probably more importantly, all momentum for a breakthrough is supposed to be concluded by the end of 2004, could be lost, leaving the timing of any resumption an open question. “I have said it could be years,” Supachai said.

From Sao Paulo, Supachai said he hoped to see more from the G-20 developing coun-tries’ talks, led by Brazil, India and South Africa, on how far they could go on opening their own markets.

Turtles kept lost Peruvian fishermen alive

LIMA (Peru), 13 June — Three Peruvian shark fisher-men lost at sea for 59 days survived by eating turtle meat and turned to drinking the blood of the ship’s engine but of the ship’s engine but turned to turtle blood instead.

What is the most important thing to promote the six-party talks mechanism is patience, Boutros-Ghali said. Boutros-Ghali was here to attend an International Seminar on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence held as scheduled from June 14 to 15.

The Five Principles, include mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integ-rity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other’s internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and peaceful coexist-ence.

Boutros-Ghali said the Five Principles had been gradually accepted by the interna-tional community and become fundamental rules in dealing with state-to-state relations.

He said he believes, under the new circumstances, the principles would have a new life and further develop, he added.

Artists perform the opening ceremony around a replica of a Caravelle, prior to the Euro 2004, Group A soccer match between Portugal and Greece at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, Portugal on 12 June, 2004. — Internet

Refacement of trade talks at the heart of the informal World Trade Organization talks on Sunday, and Amorim said much work remained to ensure poor nations did not lose gains of recent months.

“There are some indica-tions of more positive con-vergence. Let us pursue them,” Amorim told fellow trade ministers for the G-20 group of developing nations.

“Let us build on our achieve-ments so far and make sure that this positive momentum will be maintained.”

Trade and foreign relations ministers are meeting in Sao Paulo to get world free-trade talks back on track after they collapsed last September in Cancun, Mexico.

WFP spokesman Mike Huggins said late on Thurs-day that the Zimbabwe Government had asked the orga-nization to continue feeding around 650,000 vulner-able people, such as orphans of HIV/AIDS victims and the elderly.

The WFP fed around 4.5 million up to April this year as the country grapples with its worst economic crisis since independence in 1980, but the need for food aid has fallen in recent weeks as rural com-munities harvest the maize crop.

It is not known whether Zimbabwe will ask the WFP to resume food distributions after the harvest or whether imports and domestic pro-duction will prove sufficient.

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Porto, 13 June— Greece got the European Championship off to a stunning start on
Saturday when they recorded the greatest win in their history by upsetting host nation
Greece, who qualified
of the 50,000 crowd.

Porto, 12 June— Manchester United have topped a league table of Europe’s most valuable
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soccer match between the two countries at the Dragoao Stadium in Porto, on 12 June, 2004. — Internet

Raul seeks heat from Spanish crowd

Faro (Portugal), 12 June— Raul believes Spain will benefit from the warmth of the
crowd as well as the heat of the sun when they start their Euro 2004 campaign with
what is virtually a home game against Russia on Saturday.

The Algarve Stadium, between the towns of Faro and Loule, is just a
40-minute drive
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Answers for yesterday’s Crossword Puzzle

Raul has been in poor form for Real Madrid this season but he maintained his
equalizing with a playoff win against Norway.

Spain in general, and Raul in particular, did not show the quality in the last
European Championship, when they lost to
Norway and needed fortunate wins over Slovenia and Yugoslavia to make the quar-
terfinals.

Raul’s last contribution was to fire a penalty over the bar in the final minute of the quarterfinal against France, thus missing the chance to take the game into extra-time.

Raul has been in poor form for Real Madrid this season but he maintained his excellent scoring run for Spain over the quali-
fiers for Euro 2004, with seven goals in 10 appearances as Inaki Saze’ made it through with a playoff win against Norway.

“If I feel that I’m in good form,” Raul said. “I’m really optimistic about this tournament, as is the rest of the squad.

“The atmosphere in the camp is good and friendly. It’s going to be important to win the first game to keep morale high.”

Spain’s Juan Carlos Valecon, right, takes the ball past Russia’s captain Alexei Smerin, center, and approaches Russian goalkeeper Sergey Ovchinnikov before scoring the only goal during the Euro 2004 Group A soccer match between Spain and Russia at the Algarve Stadium in Faro, Portugal, on 12 June, 2004. Spain won the match, 1-0. — Reuters

Egypt welcomes Athens torch

Athens, 13 June— Egyptians welcomed the Olympic torch on its first visit to the country on Friday, with flags, dancing and Arabic pop music in the heart of Cairo as part of the run up to the Athens Games.

Around 2,500 spectators in the Egyptian capital cheered as businessman Mohamed Nassar came into view carrying the torch before several children broke away to run along-
side him.

A large contingent of police kept watch over the crowd as the torch was placed on a stand in Liberation Square while traditional dancers and musicians performed around it dur-
ing a 30-minute break. The flame arrived in Cairo on Friday from Delhi, where it finished its final lap in Asia on Thurs-
day. It’s nice to see the (Olympic) torch here,” said Ashraf Farooq who had come with his wife and three children to see the festivities.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) sponsored an Afghan mine victim named Najmuddin to be
one of the 103 runners, who carried the torch for around 300 metres each, taking it a total distance of around 34 kilometre-
s to the pyramids from the local Olympic Committee’s office in the suburb of Nasr City.

Najmuddin was fitted with artificial legs after driving over an anti-tank mine when he was 18.

Egyptian actor Hussain Fahmy, who is also a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador, was mobbed by the crown as he prepared to carry the torch on from Liberation Square.

“I’m enjoying it,” he said, while fixing a sweatband to his forehead. The torch’s passage through Cairo came to an end at the pyramids where around 1,000 people gathered to see an official from the local Olympic Committee and the last runner use the torch to light a cauldron by the ancient monument.

The torch will travel on to Cape Town in South Africa for the second part of its African leg before going to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. It returns to Greece on July 9 for a final homecoming tour before entering the Olympic Stadium in Athens to light the cauldron on August 13. — MNA/Reuters

FutureBrand director Marco Forato.

Forato.

The report said Europe’s
top 20 clubs earned revenues of over 2.5 billion pounds (47.3 billion US dollars) in the 2002/2003 season.

“Chelsea, bought last year by Russian tycoon Roman Abramovich, were currently
11th in the list but seeing a reversal of fortunes under their new owner who has in-
vested over 120 million pounds (218.6 million US dollars) in players.

Chelsea finished second
in the Premier League last season and reached the semi-
finals of the Champions League.

Joe Mourinho, win-
er of the Champions League with Porto, has taken over
from Claudio Ranieri as new
teacher.

The club’s star appeal is likely to increase further and as long as it continues its ‘on
the field’ success and retains existing players, fan loyalty in traditional markets is likely to
grow,” the report said.

AC Milan, Bayern Mu-

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Spanish Civil War

Barcelona, Juventus, Inter Milan, Borussia Dort-
mund and Liverpool, also featured among the leading brands.

MNA/Reuters

The tears of far-left politician Jesus Apar- te
As a small boy, he had more chances
of getting a higher education than
of making a name for himself in
the business of politics.

He always thought of becoming a
lawyer or a teacher, but his parents
were too poor to send him to
school. He ended up working in
the fields and helping his family
through the years of hardship.

When the Civil War broke out in Spain, Apar
te joined the Republican side and became a
brigade leader. However, he was
captured by the Nationalists and
sentenced to death.

Fortunately, he was released after
some negotiations between the
Republican and Nationalist
forces.

After the war, Apar
te continued his political activi-
ties, and became a member of
the Communist Party. He
played an important role in
the post-war reconstruction of
Spain and was a key figure in
the country’s development.

Sadly, Apar
te’s life was cut short when
he was assassinated by the
Nationalists in 1936.

His legacy continues to
influence Spanish politics
and society to this day.
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WEATHER

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Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: Let me in (GTT)
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Moonlight shadow (Missing heart)
8:55 am National news
9:05 am Music: Baby keep smiling (Leubeg)
9:15 am Music: Balck coffee (All Saints)
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
9:00 pm Spotlight on the star
9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Radio Magazine/Other
9:30 pm Women’s affairs: Strive for the development of the women’s sector and of the nation
9:35 pm Vocal Gems/Golden Land’s Melody
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PBL

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder showers have been scattered in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy fall in Yangon Division and isolated heavy fall in lower Sagain Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Yangon (Central) (5.00) inches, Yangon Airport (4.49) inches, Yangon (Hmawbi) (3.98) inches and Monywa (2.95) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-6-2004 was 31.00°C (88°F). Minimum temperature on 13-6-2004 was 20.0°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9.30 hrs MST on 13-6-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-6-2004 was 2.2 hours above normal. Rainfall on 12-6-2004 was 114.4 (44.4) inches at Yangon Airport, 107mm (4.5 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 127mm (5.00 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 777mm (30.59 inches) at Yangon Airport and 652mm (25.67 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 913 mm (32.01 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from South at 13:50 hours MST on 12-6-2004.

Day reference: According to the observations at 09:30 hrs MST today, the depression over Bay of Bengal has centered about (320) miles Southwest of Kolkata, and we forecast to move to the North-East of that area. Monsoon is generally vigorous in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast indicates that thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speeds may reach (40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Containment of strong monsoon. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas: for 14-6-2004: Some rain with temporary heavyfalls. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forcast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14- 6-2004: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Storm news

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects agriculture tasks in Lashio Station, attends opening of 100-ton Feedstuff Factory in Kutkai

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo on tour of Myeik, Kyunsu townships

YANGON, 13 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence met local people and social organizations at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 10 June and delivered an address. Also present on the occasion were 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, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of social organizations and local heads. In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the Union of Myanmar is home to national brethren who have been living in the country throughout the successive eras. Myanmar regained her independence through the United Nations and all nationals. Flourishing of Union Spirit and forging the national unity are of vital importance for the country. The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is striving with might and main for perpetuation and development of the nation. In so doing, government and private sectors have been combined for agricultural development and for emergence of an industrialized nation. The government is enlisting the strength within to bring about all-round development of the State, and creating opportunities for departments and social organizations enabling them to take part in nation-building tasks. Being a developing country, the nation is trying hard in order not to lose the national interests due to development gaps among the nations of the world. The government is building infrastructures in transport, education and

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.