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Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected patient ward, operation theatre, special intensive care ward, diagnosis unit and X-ray room. They heard reports on the location of the hospital, layout plan, treatment and staff affairs presented by Medical Superintendent Dr Lay Khine. In response to the reports, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave instructions to renovate and extend the hospital in accord with the chosen plan.

On arrival at Ancient Myanmar Manuscript Centre, Monywa, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party were welcomed by Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Myint and officials. They next viewed mobile library, palm-leaf manuscript and parabaik booth, education resource centre, book booth, stone inscription booth, artefacts for national literature and culture with keen interest in the Centre. (See page 9)

Khawa Dam built by Construction-2 of Irrigation Department to be opened soon seen near Chinywagyi, Padaung Township. — MNA

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PDC Chairman U Saw Aung briefed on matters relating to social, health and agriculture in the township. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made an address. He said five rural development tasks are being implemented for the development of the rural regions. In this regard, officials concerned need to make field trips to grass-roots levels to carry out the tasks. The township has targeted to cultivate one million acres of monsoon paddy in 2004-2005. He also urged the officials and town elders to make efforts to exceed the target. Rakhi State is the largest pepper growing region. He spoke of the need to utilize three methods of extended cultivation — traditional cultivation, manageable cultivation and scientific and commercial cultivation. He stressed the need to breed fish and prawn run fish and prawn run poultry farming in the state. Later, he inspected renovation of the road section between milepost No 102 and milepost No 59 on Padaung-Taungup Road.

At the briefing hall of Road Construction Group-8 of Public Works in Taungup, an official concerned reported on repairing of Padaung-Taungup Road. They went to extended coffee cultivation zone in Nyaungjoe Region in Padaung Township and inspected coffee plantation. An official of the Myanmar Farms Enterprise briefed on cultivation of coffee in Padaung Township. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions and inspected coffee nursery. During his tour, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also went to Khawa Dam Project in Padaung Township which will be inaugurated in the near future. It was built by the construction group-2 of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. At the briefing hall, an official of the Irrigation Department reported on progress of work. After hearing the report, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected spillway, control tower and conduit of the dam. They then arrived at work site to dig canals with the use of machinery near Padaung and also saw over the work site. — MNA

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Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets rectors and faculty members of Monywa University and Monywa Institute of Economics at Monywa University on 14-6-2004 — MNA

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Ariyasaccana dassanam, to discern the noble-truths; this is the way to auspiciousness.
Towards successful implementation of seven-point policy programme

The State Peace and Development Council has been putting its energies into the task for the emergence of a peaceful, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy. It is doing whatever is necessary, according to the seven-point policy programme, to keep the nation moving along the right path to democracy. Now, the National Convention, the first and most important step in transition to democracy, is well under way.

In his meeting with the staff of Kalay University on 11 June, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt stressed that the on-going National Convention is the first and most important step towards democracy, that delegates representing all national races and mass and class are taking part in it and that it is important for the entire people including university teachers should actively cooperate and lend themselves to the task of successfully implementing the seven-point policy and making the National Convention a success.

Myanmar is a land where national brethren have been living in unity and amity since time immemorial. Our Union is up of seven states and seven divisions. Therefore, it is very important to give top priority to parallel development of all regions and equal interests of all the national people living there. It is to this end that the development plan for border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks are systematically implemented.

The Government has opened a university in each state and division but in some cases two or three as necessary.

For instance, there are two universities — one in Dawei and one in Myeik — in Taninthayi Division, and Shan State has a university each in Taunggyi and Panglong and a degree college each in Lashio and Kengtung. It is necessary for all those responsible including teachers themselves at Kalay University to try to the best of their ability so that it will become a prestigious university for Chin State and the Kalay Region.

We would like to call on all university teachers including those at Kalay University to make every endeavour for human resource development and at the same time to work in concert with the entire people to be able to translate the seven-point policy programme into reality.

Development works inspected

YANGON, 16 June — Deputy Director-General of the Development Affairs Thura U Soe Aung, together with Director U Win Maung and Director (Engineer) U Htay Nyunt, arrived in PyinOoLwin of Mandalay Division on 12 June and inspected works for keeping the town green and pleasant. They inspected nursery farm and water supply and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Film entertainments to NC delegates

YANGON, 16 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Sub-committee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegations to the National Convention daily at the gymnasm of Nyanubnapin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "A Phay Nay Ya" (Father's role) starring Dway, May Than Nu, Thar Nyi, Myo Thanda Tun and Kyi Le’ Oo. — MNA

People’s Desire

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspects progress in construction of the canal in Kyatmauktaung Dam. — MNA

Dam construction projects inspected in Shan State, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 16 June— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspected the flow of water in Zawgyi River near Myogyi Village, Ywangan Township, yesterday. Officials of the Irrigation Department reported on condition of dams and the areas irrigated from Zawgyi River. The minister inspected the site for construction of the dam on the river near Kin Village. Director-General U Kyaw San Win of ID reported on the flow of water in the river. The minister proceeded to Lamyaw Cotton Research and Farm in Kyaukse Township. The farm manager reported on research works and distribution of quality strain. Managing Director Dr Thein Htay of Myaingaon Minbla Lake and Samon Dam and farmlands. On arrival at Kyaukse Dam Project site near Kyaukse Village in Natmauk Township, the minister heard reports on construction of the main dam, conduit-pipe 1 and 2 control tower and spillway and digging of canal presented by Deputy Director U Myo Tun of Construction-7 of ID. The minister inspected construction tasks of Taungyaechaung Dam project near Tebinke Village, Kyaukpadauk Township.

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Iraq to get worse before it gets better

BAGHDAD, 15 June — A taxi driver looking for a fare tries to make a joke: When US-led administrators hand sovereignty of the country back to Iraqis, guerrillas will storm the prison where former president Saddam Hussein is held and bring him back to power.

When asked why anyone would want the former dictator back, Mohammed Abdullah, 30, chuckling sadly, says, "because everyone knows things were better under Saddam."

Even if the electricity worked better to power air-conditioners to beat the 100+ degree heat, or more people were able to talk about these days is the lack of security in their country.

For foreigners, newly named interim government officials and "collaborators" who worked with the US-led administration and US troops, the intelligence reports indicate things will get worse after the handover. Guerrillas will try to destabilize the new interim government, but officials will stand firm, says Dan Senor, a US administration spokesman in Iraq.

People seemed happier on the streets of the capital in the days after the interim government was named by United Nations officials, last 1 June. It seemed like more families were out shopping after the heat of the day had cooled, more people were smiling, and the Egyptian tunes on the radio seemed fresh and new.

But in recent days, several new government officials have been gunned down in front of their homes or at work — killing the buzz. The deputy foreign minister was killed Sunday, as was a Baghdad University official. Tuesday, an education ministry official was killed who had been coordinating changes to the country’s educational curriculum and its textbooks.
Jordan says no to sending troops to Iraq

ISTANBUL, 15 June — Jordan rejects suggestions it should send troops to Iraq and opposes the deployment there of any military forces from other Iraqi neighbours, Jordan’s Justice Minister Saleh Bashir said here Tuesday.

Bashir said: “We will not send any soldiers to Iraq and we are against the presence of military forces from neighbouring countries in Iraq,” added Bashir, who heads the Jordanian delegation to the Istanbul meeting.

Bashir was responding to comments by NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer that Arab states should take part in a multinational force in the war-torn country, alongside NATO forces.

“If on the basis of the UN Security Council resolution the government in Baghdad asks NATO to play a role, we are not going to shut the door in its face. That would not be correct,” de Scheffer said in an interview published in Wednesday’s edition of the French news-paper Le Monde.

Delegates from the other neighbours of Iraq — Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey — also said there had always been an understanding none of Iraq’s neighbours would send soldiers there.

An Arab minister told AFP on condition of anonymity that Iraq was categorically opposed to allowing forces from neighbouring countries onto its soil, but could allow soldiers from other Arab countries to serve in a multinational peacekeeping force alongside NATO soldiers.

“If some Arab states want to participate in a such a force, they can as long as they are not neighbours of Iraq,” the minister said. — Internet

Indonesian President inaugurates monorail project

JAKARTA, 15 June — Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri here on Monday inaugurated the development of a 66-kilometer US-dollar monorail project aimed at easing the crowded traffic in the capital city.

“Hopefully, by the year 2006 the monorail has been operated,” Megawati was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying during the inauguration.

The project will be divided into two lines: green line and blue line. The monorail to pass the 14.3-kilometre green line is expected to transport 150,000 passengers daily, while the monorail passing the 12.7-kilometre blue line will transport 120,000 people daily. — MNA/Xinhua

Boeing wins US $3.9b Navy plane deal

WASHINGTON, 15 June — The US Navy on Monday awarded Boeing Co a 3.9-bilion-US-dollars contract to design a replacement for the submarine-hunting F-3 aircraft, bypassing Lockheed Martin Corp., maker of the current fleet.

Chicago-based Boeing, the No 2 US defence contractor, snared the Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft, or MMA, contract from Lockheed, which analysts recently said could win the deal, despite the Navy’s fondness for the Boeing 737.

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BEIJING, 15 June — China is expected to have its first woman astronaut in 2010, according to the latest issue of Science Exploring Magazine.

China plans to select women astronauts in late 2005 or 2006 across the country, and the first woman astronaut will appear in a space station and work as a pay-load expert, the report says, quoting an official in charge of the selection work.

The women astronauts will be selected from among ordinary women aged between 25 and 45. Once selected, the women will receive three-to-five-year training before they are sent to outer space, which includes normal training courses for astronauts and special training designed according to women’s physical characteristics.

Crude oil prices fall under OPEC output report

NEW YORK, 15 June — Crude oil futures dropped sharply Monday in New York as traders reacted to reports that Saudi Arabia and other major producers were carrying out their promises to raise output.

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Saudi Arabia and the UAE said they were producing about one million barrels a day more of oil.

The decision had helped bring down soaring crude oil prices, which climbed to a record 42.45 US dollars a barrel in New York on 1 June. — MNA/Xinhua

Three blasts kill at least 21 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 June — A suicide bomber rammed a truck packed with explosives into a convoy of foreign contractors Monday, killing at least 13 people in a busy Baghdad neighbourhood during the morning rush hour.

About the same time, two more bombs exploded — one south of the capital, one north — killing eight others, making the day one of the deadliest in Iraq in the past month. One American, two Britons, a French citizen and a Filipino were among those killed in Baghdad, military officials said. Three were General Electric employees working on power plants in Iraq, and two were their security guards.

Coalition officials expect violence to continue in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 15 June — Coalition officials expect more violence leading up to and after the June 30 handover of authority in Iraq, officials in Baghdad said today.

Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for Multinational Force Iraq, said “mixed intelligence” reports regarding post-June 30 Iraq suggests there will be continued violence, “with that violence directed at trying to demonstrate that the new government is shaky, wobbly and won’t hang in there.”

In the meantime, he said, the coalition forces will continue military operations and “continue to assess that intelligence (and) continue to stand ready for that additional violence along with our Iraqi security partners. So our assessment is whether it happens or not, we’ll be prepared to handle it,” he said.

Dan Senor, senior Coalition Provisional Authority spokesman, said Iraqi government leaders have been posed for the expected aftermath. “If you look at the statements made by Prime Minister (Ayad) Allawi in recent days,” he noted, “this is a government that seems prepared for the fact that they will be tested post-June 30.”

“Terrorists and the Ba’athist die-hards that are looking to wreak havoc in this country probably have every good reason to test the will of the new government,” Senor continued.

“And I think the statements from the new leader — I think there’s a bit of a hardliner stance that regard: that they will do everything they can to beat back this terrorist threat and not allow it to throw this path to democracy off track.”

Another post-June 30 problem the new leadership must contend with is what to do with deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

US forces captured Saddam in December, but no formal charges have been brought against him. — Internet

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Iraqi rescuers carry victim of a car bomb explosion in central Baghdad, on 14 June. 2004. A suicide car bombing sowed havoc in the heart of Baghdad on Monday, killing at least 13 people, five of them foreign contractors in a passing convoy. — Internet

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British veterans launch “Gulf War Syndrome” inquiry

LONDON, 15 June — British war veterans said on Monday they had commissioned an inquiry into “Gulf War Syndrome” that would be independent and headed by a retired judge. “I am delighted to be invited to conduct an independent public inquiry into Gulf War illnesses. My intention is to open the inquiry as soon as possible, and to hold hearings in public,” Lloyd said in a statement.

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Two Turkish nationals abducted in Iraq

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Vietnam to monitor web site access

HANOI, 15 June — Vietnam will monitor access to politically sensitive, violent, superstitious or sexually explicit web sites and computer games at Internet cafes, local newspaper Vietnam Investment Review reported on Monday.

In a legally-binding instruction issued last week, it said all of the country’s 4,000 Internet cafe owners must provide a list of all the web sites visited by their customers in the previous 30 days, and supply credit card details or identity card numbers of those who accessed any of the inappropriate web sites, and must not offer computer games relating to sex or violence.

The owners can be charged if the customers downloaded information deemed “bad” in political terms.

Authorities, including provincial leaders and culture and information officials at the ward level, have to take more responsibility for preventing youths from accessing inappropriate web sites, said Vu Xuan Thanh, an official for investigation department.

Monitoring Internet cafes is very difficult due to a lack of equipment and staff with information technology expertise, he admitted.

An inspection of Internet cafes nationwide conducted in 2002 showed that customers were mainly pupils and students aged between 14 and 24, of whom 70 per cent accessed the Internet to chat; 10 per cent to play computer games; and 10 per cent to search for data, including 5 per cent accessed web sites with sexual content.

Vietnam now has over one million Internet subscribers. But, the actual number of local people accessing the Internet is much higher, standing at an estimated of nearly four million.

China to participate in new-type Airbus airplane manufacturing

BEIJING, 15 June — China will provide parts for the manufacture of Air- bus A380, the world’s largest passenger plane under development, according to an agreement signed between the China Aviation Industry Corporation 1 (AVIC I) and the Airbus company.

The AVIC I will produce landing gear parts for Airbus A380s, according to the agreement. “Airbus and Chinese plane manufacturers have carried out good cooperation, which promoted the technological level and economic benefits of Chinese airplane manufacturers,” said Gu Huizhong, deputy general manager of the AVIC I.

One fourth of the 3,500 Airbus airplanes now in operation around the world are equipped with parts provided by China, and in the last 20 years, Chinese airplane manufacturers took over contracts valued at more than 500 million US dollars from Airbus for parts production.

AGHDAD, 15 June — Iraqi police forces managed to break a gang specialized in stealing antiquities and smuggling them, the Azzaman newspaper reported on Monday.

The forces of the Iraqi Ministry of Interior were able to restore about 2,000 pieces of stolen antiquities that were prepared to be smuggled, the report said. “The special patrols were able to arrest the most dangerous gang for stealing and smuggling antiquities,” which was planning to carry out the biggest operation of its kind in the history of Iraq, said Hussein Ali Kamal, undersecretary of the ministry.

The gang members were based in a house in Mansour, an upscale district in Baghdad, according to Kamal, who pointed out that the police raided the house and arrested four members of the gang.

The gang included 15 members while a number of antiquities merchants in the neighbouring countries were ready to take the loot to a European capital, he explained.
Britain says probing new Iraq prisoner abuse claim

London, 16 June — Britain said on Tuesday it was investigating new allegations of abuse of prisoners after receiving a complaint from the Red Cross.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said a complaint had been received from the International Committee of the Red Cross regarding the treatment of prisoners captured after a battle on 14 May in southern Iraq.

“We can confirm that a complaint has been received from the ICRC in relation to the way internees were treated between the point of arrest and arrival at the internment facility,” he said. He added that none of the detainees had injuries caused by bayonets, apparently responding to reports that British soldiers may have used bayonets following the battle near the town of Majar al-Kahir.

Britain has said 14 Iraqis died in the battle after a patrol was attacked by followers of Shi'ite cleric Moghadda al-Sadr. It is investigating a total of 75 instances of deaths or injury to Iraqi civilians involving its forces since the beginning of the invasion of Iraq last year.

On Monday, the Attorney General Lord Goldsmith announced that Britain would prosecute four soldiers for assault and indecent assault for sexually abusing Iraqi prisoners.

The alleged abuse was discovered by a photo lab technician last year when a soldier just back from Iraq took his film in to be developed.

Separate pictures showing British soldiers apparently beating Iraqi detainees were published in a newspaper earlier this year. However, the Daily Mirror later acknowledged those photos were fake, and its editor was sacked.

MNA/Reuters

Five killed in Iraq worked with General Electric

New York, 15 June — Five people killed in a suicide car bombing in Baghdad on Monday were employees of a subsidiary of the US conglomerate General Electric or security contractors working with the company, a company spokesman said.

He said three were employees of a wholly-owned GE subsidiary, Granite Services Inc, and the other two were security staff contracted to the company’s team in Iraq.

Spokesman Gary Sheffer said he had no further details on the identity or nationality of the five workers. He said the company had taken extra security measures for employees and those supporting them in Iraq.

Vietnam to boost footwear exports


To fulfil the targets, the country is working out a development strategy for the local footwear sector, according to local newspaper Investment on Monday.

MNA/Reuters

US protests alleged abuse in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 15 June — The US Government reiterated on Monday its call for Americans in Saudi Arabia to leave the Gulf country for safety.

“We have strongly urged them to depart ever since April 15th,” State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said at a briefing after an American citizen was found missing in Saudi Arabia since the evening of June 12.

Boucher said the American is in close touch with Saudi authorities investigating “the apparent kidnapping”. Militants, belonging to the terror organization al-Qaeda led by Saudi-born Osama bin Laden, announced that captured US engineer Paul Johnson, 49, on Saturday.

The militants, who are waging a campaign to drive out foreigners and sabotage the oil sector, have told the Saudi economy, also claimed responsibility for gunning down another American in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, the day before.

They vowed to treat the captive as US troops treated Iraqi prisoners of war in Abu Ghraib Prison near Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua

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Police also detained Lutz’s friend Ann Lantz, who was waiting outside the arrivals gate, Anatolian said. It did not give Lantz’s nationality.

Police alleged Lutz had carried the cocaine, with an estimated street value of five million US dollars, from Brazil to Germany before travelling to Istanbul, the agency said.

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UNCTAD ministerial session formally inaugurated

Sao Paolo (Brazil), 15 June — The 11th ministerial session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) was formally inaugurated here on Monday, aimed at pushing for a fairer international trade system and reducing poverty among developing nations, in particular the least developed countries (LDCs).

The opening ceremony drew the attendance of about 3,000 delegates and representatives from over 180 UNCTAD members, about 100 inter-governmental organizations and 2,000 delegates and representatives from over 180 UNCTAD member states.

More than 40 per cent of developing country exports are to other developing countries and trade is increasing at a rate of 11 per cent a year, the UN said.

Poor nations’ access to lucrative farm markets is an obstacle as July deadline looms in the Doha Development Round of WTO talks meant to create an extra 500 billion US dollars for the world economy.

Annan said the Doha Round would only succeed if poor nations were granted full access to the markets of the industrialized world and farm subsidies were eliminated.

“The goal of an outcome would strike a blow not only for coherence, but for development and justice too,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

Paulo. “If they reduce tariffs and open up the global market, they will benefit the poor nations to increase their access to farm markets and consumer goods, and improve standards of living in poor states.”

Opening a 180-nation UN trade and development summit in Brazil, Annan told poor nations to increase pressure on wealthy states for access to farm markets and slash tariff barriers to combat what he called “discrimination” in global trade.

“The trade among poor countries, in so-called South-South agreements, will not interfere with WTO talks,” Annan told delegates in Sao Paolo. “If they reduce tariffs among themselves by half they would get 15.5 billion US dollars in additional trade.”

The World Trade Organization’s Director-General Pascal Lamy told reporters on the sidelines of the 11th UN Conference on Trade and Development that rich and poor nations were still far from breaking a deadlock on world trade talks.

Slow progress in so-called North-South talks between developed and developing nations has renewed hope in the West that the Round will break through in a few weeks.

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Emerging Infectious Diseases: a threat of global health

Prof Dr Paing Soe

(Concluded from yesterday)

It is becoming clearer that infectious agents can play a role in diseases previously believed to be noninfectious in nature. A link between Graves’ disease and Venterionia encephalitis, identified in 1994, is an autoimmune disease that results in hyperthyroidism due to antibodies reacting with the receptor for the hormone thyrotropin (TSH) as quickly as 30% of the time. The mechanism by which these proteins and TSHR may play a role in the induction of autoimmune disease is not known. Graves’ disease is one of the most common endocrine diseases in Myanmar but in 1970s it broke out yearly in the North and North-Central region of the country. Hepatitis E virus, a recently identified virus, is associated with worm infestation in some cases in hospitals (Concluded)

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Role of entrepreneurs ...

Not only ancient palm-leaf manuscripts, paraibak and stone inscription but also books, journals and magazines written in Myanmar and English are kept in the centre, as well as researchers will be able to make use of the centre.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Monywa University where they were welcomed by Recto- ther of Monywa University Dr Maung Htoo, Rector in- charge of Institute of Economics (Monywa) U Aung Myint, professors and faculty members.

Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt pre- sented reports on conducting courses, major subjects, stu- dent population, IT rooms equipped with 133 computers, strength of staff and construction tasks at Monywa Uni- versity and history of Institute of Economics (Monywa), conducting courses, major subjects, IT rooms equipped with 121 computers, student population, strength of staff appointed and construction tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said assistance was rendered regarding edu- cation, health and transport sectors during his inspection tour of townships in Sagaing Division. The Prime Minis- ter also said that he went to Kayal University and Kalay Technological College while he was in Kayal, adding that he also went to the construction project of Monywa Technological College during his tour of Monywa and gave instructions. For the same reason, the Prime Minis- ter continued, he met with the faculty members of Monywa University while he was at the university.

Technocrats like teachers, doctors, administrative officers and engineers, who would carry out their respec- tive responsibilities, are needed in providing assistance to such aspects as education, health, agriculture and man- agement in the townships of Sagaing Division. To mod- ernize the country, technicians are essential human re- sources. Since such pandits are to be produced at univer- sities and colleges, the role of faculty members are of prime importance, he stressed. The teachers are required to train the students till they have a mastery of their re- spectve subjects and establish themselves as well-rounded individuals. Moreover, the teachers are also responsible for spiritual development of their students so that they can contribute to the interests of the nation and the peo- ple, he urged. Keeping the nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit dynamic is imperative as there live in unity over one hundred national races in the Union of Myanmar. Emphasis is being placed on rural development, just as measures are under way to ensure equitable development across the Union through the establishment of develop- ment zones. With this end in view, efforts are being made to narrow the development gap between border areas and non-border areas, between urban and rural areas, and between one region and another, thereby ensuring equi- table development in all regions and the prosperity and propagation of the Union.

Absolutely imperative is the emergence of reliable human resources that realize the attitude and objectives of the Government and are capable of maintaining and protecting the future nation. The shortage of intellectuals and intelligentsia will make the nation-building tasks in- effective. Later, the Prime Minister urged the faculty mem- bers of the university to do their every bit energetically in the drive for the success of the seven-point Roadmap that will put the future State on the right track of democ- racy.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Monywa Institute of Economics, where they in- spected the school buildings and greening tasks.

The Prime Minister also met with local authorities, departmental employees, members of social organizations and townsettlers at the Town Hall of Monywa.

On the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt heard reports on the location and area of Monywa Dis- trict, climatic conditions, magnitude of rainfall, cultiva- tion and production of paddy and other crops in 2003-04, arrangements for cultivation of paddy and other crops for 2004-05, local food sufficiency, and education and health undertakings. After hearing the reports, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt coordinated education and health tasks as well as regional development tasks and fulfilled the requirements. The commander presented a report on location and area, crop cultivation, developments, culti- vation of ten major crops, monsoon paddy cultivation, and food and edible oil production of the division, plans to extend paddy cultivation to reach two millions acres, development of mineral and industrial sectors, gross domestic production growth of the division and imple- mentation of five rural development tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that he and his party had looked into the requirements in health, education and transport sectors in the townships. They had also attended the ceremony to open Myitha River Bridge (Kalewa). Because of the bridge the jour- ney from Monywa to Kalewa via Yagyi does not need to pass through the Maha Myaing forest, thereby cutting the travel time between the two destinations. As there was no motor road in the past, towns and villages in the area had to rely on Chindwin River for transport, but thanks to the road and the bridge, transport difficulty of the area can be overcome. People from Chin State can now travel to the plains easily, and the road has helped develop border trade with India. In addition to trade and com-
Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects…

(Nawngkio) on Shwenyaung-Yaksawk-Inndaw-Kyaukgu-Taungkham-Nawnghkio Road that links Shwenyaung Township in Shan State (South) and Nawngkio Township in Shan State (North). Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin reported on salient points on the project; Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein, on arrival of cement, progress in pillars and approach structures. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs, saying that the government has been making strenuous endeavours in implementing the projects and plans for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. Now, Shan State has enjoyed a transport network.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, a huge investment is being made for Dokhtawady Bridge Project. On completion of the project, the bridge will help raise the socio-economic life and living standard of local national peoples and speed up implementation of regional development tasks. And it will further fortify national solidarity.

In conclusion, he called for timely completion of the project, minimizing loss and wastage, ensuring worksite safety, and durability of the facility.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected the site of Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkio) and waterfall and gave instructions on early completion of the bridge in accord with the standard set and worksite safety.

The Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkio), 468 feet long and 28 feet wide, is situated on Shwenayung-Yaksauk-Inkaw-Kyaukgu-Taungkhan-Nawnghkio Road. It has three feet wide walkway on each side and can withstand 36 tons of load. The construction of the bridge started on 22 February 2004.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party went to the special high yield paddy field in Ohmamakhia Leクyinkwew Village. Chairman of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Win reported on input in cultivation of paddy, farmer U Ar Law Ka on expenses and benefits in cultivation of 10 acres of paddy.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing gave instructions to farmers.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the commander made arrangements for local farmers to visit summer paddy model farm in Nanhkam Township in Muse District.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected summer paddy model farm and greeted farmers. They proceeded to the site of building of road near Cheymyitpin Village in Nawngkio Township and inspected the axis of the road.

They arrived back here on 14 June. — MNA

Human Resource Development Meeting held

YANGON, 16 June — The fifth meeting of the Working group on Human Resource Development of Greater Mekong Sub-region was held at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and ADB Mekong Branch Educational expert Mr Paul Chang extended greetings. Delegates from six member nations of Mekong Sub-region, ADB officials and observers attended the meeting. MNA

Minister inspects dry dockyard, Ahlon Dockyard

YANGON, 16 June—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspected the 12,000-ton Dry Dockyard Project of the Myanma Shipyard this morning.

The managing director of the Myanmar Shipyard reported on work progress and future plans with the use of charts. The minister looked into progress of work and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister proceeded to the retaining walls project at the corner of Strand Road and Bagaya Street. Officials reported on building of retaining wall for cleanliness of the port areas.

The minister also inspected repairing of ships at Ahlon Dockyard. Officials conducted the minister round the shipyard. At the meeting hall, officials reported on yearly repairing of ships, strength of the staff and building of small and large vessels. The minister gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Londanpauk bridge under construction in An Township, Rakhine State. (News on page 16) — MNA
Japan to strengthen human trafficking measures

Tokyo, 16 June—Japan pledged on Tuesday to strengthen steps to stop human trafficking following the release of a US report that said Tokyo was not doing enough to protect its “thousands of victims of sexual slavery.”

In its annual report on human trafficking, the US State Department said Japan was a destination nation for Asian, Latin American and Eastern European women and children trafficked for forced labour and sexual exploitation. “We want to strengthen measures in areas where there are insufficiencies,” said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda.

The US report said Japan’s notorious “yakuza” gangs were involved in such crimes. It placed the nation on a “Tier 2 watch list” of countries that require “special scrutiny” and could fall into the lowest category. “Considering the resources available, Japan could do more to protect its thousands of victims of sexual slavery,” the report said.

Brunei ratifies WHO tobacco control convention

MANILA, 16 June—Brunei Darussalam has ratified the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which is designed to reduce the devastating health and economic impact of cigarette smoking.

“Brunei Darussalam’s ratification of the FCTC is an outstanding commitment to improve the country’s standard of living and of health of its people. This decision will inspire other countries to take action on the FCTC,” Dr Shigeru Omi, WHO’s Regional Director for the Western Pacific, said Tuesday in a statement.

Brunei, the 18th country to ratify the FCTC, has already taken important steps to control the use of tobacco. It banned tobacco advertising, established free policies in schools and government buildings, and increased taxes on tobacco by 200 per cent, the statement said.

It also recently mounted a national campaign, “30 days without cigarettes”, that included a travelling exhibition highlighting the dangers and the true financial costs of smoking it said.

In Brunei Darussalam, 30 per cent of men and 5.2 per cent of women are regular smokers. Tobacco-related illnesses are the leading causes of disease, including lung cancer, heart disease, acute lower respiratory infections, and asthma, and death. Brunei became the seventh country in the WHO Western Pacific Region to ratify the convention after it ratified on 3 June, 2004. The others are Cook Islands, Fiji, Mongolia, New Zealand, Palau, and Singapore.

Philippine unemployment rises to 13.7%

MANILA, 16 June—The Philippine unemployment rate rose to 13.7 per cent in April from 12.2 per cent for the same period last year, the National Statistics Office said Tuesday.

Of the entire labour force of 36.5 million, 5 million do not have jobs, compared to last year’s 4.2 million, the office said.

In January, the unemployment rate rose to 11 per cent from 10.6 per cent a year ago, the office reported in March, with some 3.9 million of the country’s workers unemployed as of January, compared with 3.56 million a year earlier.

Considering the period was school graduation season, the unemployment rate was expected to show a further rise when the survey results were released in June which covers the January-April period, the office said.

Indonesia increases measures to combat sugar smuggling

JAKARTA, 16 June—The Indonesian Customs and Excise Directorate General is cooperating with the National Police in investigating the case of smuggled sugar stored in three warehouse houses as there appears to be evidence of documents for forgery, a top Customs official said on Monday.

“We and the police have started investigating the route of sugar smuggling and have summoned several people to assist us in our inquir- ies,” Customs and Excise Director General Eddy Abdurrahman was quoted by the official Antara news agency as saying.

Costs-Smuggling officials confiscated 42,900 tons of sugar after the April 30 deadline for importing sugar,” he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Japan extends aid to Cambodia

PISAOM PENH, 16 June—Japanese Government on Tuesday extended about 9 million US dollars aid to Cambodia.

The fund will be used for construction projects of primary schools in Phnom Penh and Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center.

An Exchange of Notes on the extension of a grand aid was signed by Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Namhong and Japanese Foreign Minister Kunio Hatoyama.

Nambong and Japanese Charge d’Affaires to Cambodia Susumu Inoue in the presence of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

On 18 May, Japan offered more than 18 million dollars aid to improve Cambodia’s water supply system and the human resource development. Japan is one of the largest donors to Cambodia.

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 16 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 500,000, and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 5,000,000. 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: 01-240018), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagyang Division Development Affairs Commit- tee) (Tel: 071-201201), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Divi- sion Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).— MNA/Reuters

Drive safely
France to launch two air-to-ground defence projects

PARIS, 15 June — France will launch two new research projects of the air-to-ground battle system involving a total investment of 435 million euros (515 million US dollars), Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie announced Monday.

The projects aim to “enable our Armed Forces and industries to prepare themselves for networked warfare,” Alliot-Marie said at the inauguration of “EuroControl Face exhibition held in Paris. The projects will be partially financed by private companies, she added.

The first project centres around a pilotless model aircraft of long-endurance and capable of carrying out multimissions. This new type of aircraft named EuroMale is to be developed in the year 2008. Alliot-Marie declared.

Estimated at 300 million euros (355 million US dollars), the project will be mainly under the charge of Europropulsion, Defence and Space Company (EADS), with help from French defence electronics group Thales and French aerospace giant Dassault Aviation, she said.

According to Alliot-Marie, “The second project will yield a futuristic combat system involving infantries, networked robots, armoured vehicles and drones.

Amounting to 135 million euros (160 million US dollars), this project will be carried out mainly by Thales.”

MNA/Xinhua

India, China must cooperate to reform UN

BRUSSELS, 16 June — India and China, co-founders of the Panchsheel Principles (five principles of peaceful coexistence), must work together to reform the United Nations and expand the Security Council to include populous and democratic developing countries to ensure a “viable” world order, former Indian President Dr. Narayan an said here on Monday.

“Please believe that China and India as the co-authors of the five principles could work together to bring about such a democratic transformation of the world body to serve the interests and the aspirations of mankind as a whole,” Narayanan said in a keynote speech at an international seminar to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of Panchsheel.

“We believe that the United Nations should be reformed and the UN Security Council expanded and made more representative of humanity, as a whole including representation on it of the great and populous and democratic developing countries of the world,” he said.

Narayanan was addressing the seminar attended by an array of statesmen and former diplomats, including former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and former UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali.

“An appropriate code of conduct for a globalized world would be the five principles of peaceful co-existence and not the overlordship of one super power or group of nations. The United Nations should be at the core of this world order,” he said.

“Any intervention for the sake of human rights or democracy should be by the United Nations or by the express approval of the United Nations,” Narayanan said at the two-day seminar organized by the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs.

MNA/PTI

China urges restraint on flood aid

WASHINGTON, 15 June — China recalled its ambassador to Haiti Monday after Haiti’s government on Friday asked for US$15 million in immediate aid to help deal with the devastated country’s post-flood situation.

China’s State Council Information Office announced Monday it had offered US$1 million in emergency aid to Haiti.

MNA/Reuters

China dismisses US human rights report

BEIJING, 15 June — Chinese police have smashed 434 drug gangs, uncovered 7,650 drug-related cases, seized 7,486 suspects and 1,743 kilos of illegal drugs, and retrieved 38.99 million yuan (4.7 million US dollars) of illegal money since 1 May, according to the Ministry of Public Security Monday. “It marks an initial victory in our five-month crackdown against drug trafficking,” which will end in September, Li Yuanchao, deputy director of the ministry’s anti-drug department.

The ministry announced on April 9 it would launch a nationwide crackdown to smash drug rings and their trafficking networks and to retrieve money involved in drug deals.

Drug crimes in southwest China are on the increase because of drug deals, a high incidence of diarrhoea, respiratory failure and accidents.

MNA/Reuters
Private sector should help NASA get to moon

WASHINGTON, 16 June — NASA should let private industry take the lead role in realizing President George W Bush’s plan to send humans back to explore the moon and eventually to Mars, a White House advisory panel recommended.

In a 60-page report set for formal release on Wednesday, the President’s commission on the future of space explora-
tion called for sweeping changes in the way NASA does business.

“NASA’s relationship to the private sector, its organ-
gizational structure, business culture and manage-
ment processes — all largely inherited from the Apollo era — must be decisively transformed to implement the new, multi-decadal space exploration vision,” the panel said in an executive summary obtained by Reuters on Tuesday.

The commission said there should be a far greater role for private industry in space operations and that the private sector should ultimately “assume the primary role” in getting access to low-Earth orbit.

Study finds sea protection costs less than fish subsidies

JOHANNESBURG, 16 June — Protecting the world’s oceans will cost governments far less than the amount they spend on subsidies for fishing fleets and will lead to bigger catches in the long run, according to a new study.

The study, by conservation group WWF International and Britain’s Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, estimates that a network of marine protected areas (MPAs) covering 30 per cent of Earth’s oceans would cost 12-14 billion US dollars annually.

It says this falls far short of the 15-30 billion US dollars already spent each year on subsidies to commercial fisher-
ies, which environmentalists say encourages overfishing.

The study was published on Monday in the US journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

MPAs turn around fisheries and build up (fish) populations in adjacent areas,” said Callum Roberts, one of the study’s authors who is a fisheries biologist at the University of York in England.

Chinese Premier visits HIV/AIDS expert

WUHAN, 16 June — Premier Wen Jiabao met some Chinese experts on the study and control of HIV/AIDS last Friday and pledged that the government will try to prevent the spread of the deadly disease with consideration of the country’s own situation.

During his recent study tour in central China’s Hubei Province, the Premier paid a special visit to Professor Gui Xi’en, a noted HIV/AIDS expert with the Zhongnan Hos-
pital of Wuhan University in Wuhan City, the provincial capital.

Wen praised the expert for his contribu-
tion in fighting the disease. Gui and his colleagues spoke out their views on the issue, and Gui urged the government to bring HIV/AIDS under control by creating greater awareness among the population, fighting drug addiction, and pro-
tecting infants from being infected by their HIV-carrying mothers.

The government has given top priority to HIV/AIDS and other deadly epidemics like SARS, hepatitis-B and schistosomiasis, the Premier said, adding that the government plans to publish official figures of HIV car-
diers and AIDS patients.

AIDS orphans to receive special care in China

BEIJING, 16 June — China plans to build up its first orphanage for those whose parents died of AIDS, according to Huang Mengfu, chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce.

Speaking Tuesday at the inaugu-
ral ceremony of the China Red Ribbon Foun-
dation, Huang said the or-
phange called the “Red Ribbon Family” would be built in Shangcai County, central China’s Henan Province.

Covering two hectares, the project will start in 2004 at a cost of 3.5 million yuan (about 423,216 US dollars) for the first phase.

AIDS orphans aged from six to nine would be ad-
mited to the “Red Rib-
bon Family”. Huang said.

The China Red Ribbon Foundation is a non-
governmental organization co-founded by the All-
China Federation of Ind-
ustry and Commerce and over 20 private enter-
prises.

Huang said the NGO would cooperate with the Chinese Government on the work of AIDS prevention and control, especially in China’s remote and poverty-
stricken areas.

The assessment report on China’s AIDS prevention and control, released by the Ministry of Health in early 2004, says an epidemic cover-
ing all the mainland’s 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities.

There are 840,000 HIV-car-
diers, of whom 80,000 suffer AIDS.

Experts urge to act fast on chest pain to preserve heart

WASHINGTON, 16 June — Aggressive new guidelines published on Monday call for quick treatment of a common form of heart attack marked by chest pain and shortness of breath.

The American Heart Association and Ameri-
can College of Cardiology issued the joint guide-
lines for treating ST elevation myocardial infarc-
tion or STEMI, a severe heart attack in which an artery is completely blocked.

While heart attack patients may be un-
sure about their symptoms and wait to call an ambulance, every minute counts in this form of heart attack, said Dr Elliot Antman of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, who helped write the new guidelines.

“It is not unusual for patients to wait two to four hours or longer before seeking treatment, when they should get help as quickly as possible to minimize damage to their heart,” Antman said in a state-
ment.

The Heart Association said an estimated 500,000 Americans have a STEMI every year.

“Treating this type of heart attack re-
quires fast action, because if blood flow is not restored to the heart within 90 minutes, permanent damage will occur,” Antman said.

“Speedy treatment not only means the difference between life and death, but also between disabling the patient to an active lifestyle after a heart attack.”

Antman said earlier guidelines were not always helpful to doctors trying to make fast decisions about treatment. One crucial decision is whether to open the blocked artery with a clot-
busting drug or by using tiny flexible tubes called stents that prop open blocked arteries.

The new guidelines, published in the jou-
rnal Circulation and the Journal of the Ameri-
can College of Cardiology, distill this decision to four issues:

— How much time has passed since the onset of symptoms?
— How great is the risk of death?
— How great is the risk of bleeding in the brain if clot-busting drugs are used?
— How long will it take to get the patient into a cardiac catheterization "We also strongly en-
dorse the use of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors for all patients to improve heart function,” Antman said. — MNA/Reuters

Female members of China’s New Shanghai Circus perform a plate-spinning routine during a show preview at Sydney’s Crown Casino on 16 June, 2004. Carrying on a tradition of acrobatics, balancing, juggling and contortion dating back 2,000 years, the circus will tour Australia’s east coast following their shows in the United States, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and Thailand. — iNewsre
IOC issues anti-doping rules for Athens Olympics

**GENEVA, 16 June—** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has issued the IOC Anti-Doping Rules which will be applicable in relation to the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004.

The document has been sent to the National Olympic Committees, the International Summer Sport Federations and the Anti-Doping Agencies.

During the Period of the Olympic Games, all doping controls initiated by the IOC shall include testing for all prohibited substances and all prohibited methods referred to in the prohibited substances and methods listed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) or adopted by the IOC, and all antidoping organizations shall be subject, during the Period of the Olympic Games, to doping controls initiated by the IOC at any time or place with no advance warning required to be given to the Athletes.

The Period of the Olympic Games is defined as “the period commencing on the date of the opening of the Olympic village for the Olympic Games”, namely, July 30, 2004, up until and including the day of the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games, namely, August 29, 2004.

The IOC intends to authorize the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to carry out doping controls, on behalf of the IOC, during the Period of the Olympic Games, outside Greece and at non-Olympic venues inside Greece and authorizes all anti-doping organizations to carry out doping controls on the athletes within their authority during the Period of the Olympic Games, prior to the athlete having validated his accreditation for the Olympic Games and/or subsequent to the athlete having finished his final competition at the Olympic Games.

**Czechs survive Latvian scare to win 2-1**

**AVERO (Portugal), 16 June—** Strikers Milan Baros and substitute Marek Heinz spared the Czech Republic’s blushes with two second-half goals to give them a 2-1 win over debutants Latvia in their Euro 2004 Group D match on Tuesday.

Latvia, the 500th outsider playing in their first major tournament, can still look on the result as a great achievement after holding the Czechs to a 2-2 after 77 minutes scoring in first-half injury time.

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Baros rifled the equalizer in the 73rd minute from a Karel Poborsky cross after the Latvians had shocked the Czechs with a brilliant fast and simple counter-attack finished by striker Maris Verpakovskis on the stroke of halftime.

Baros had hung on to the ball too long after a fine crossfield break when he could have passed to the lurking Pavel Nedved on the right and lost it on the edge of the box.

The ball was played back into Czech territory down the left where striker Andrejs Prohorenkovs ran to the goalline and his low cross eluded covering defenders and keeper Petr Cech to reach Verpakovskis, who turned the ball in from less than a metre.

The Czechs had far more of the ball but rarely found the right touch when in sight of goal. The Latvians gave away a string of corners as the Czechs, seeking to get an early breakthrough, pinned them back but the final ball always went Latvia’s way.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Nedved’s blistering shot from right was blocked by centre back Igor Stepanovs.

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**Granrork back to join Denmark in Portugal**

**LISBON, 16 June—** Danish’s Jesper Gronrork came back from sorrow of his mother’s death and flew here, joining the Denmark squad on Tuesday morning.

On arrival the Chelsea midfielder, who failed to follow his teammates to Portugal following the death of his mother on Thursday, went directly to Denmark’s base on the Algarve, about 250 kilometres away from Lisbon. He has spent the last few day at home in Denmark.

The winger may play in Denmark’s second Group C match against Bulgaria on Friday. Denmark drew 0-0 against group favorites Italy on Monday.

Danish, European champions in 1992, also played Sweden in the first phase of the tournament. His back was very welcomed by Denmark coach Morten Olsen.

**Trapattoni plans changes for Italy after stalemate**

**GIMARAES (Portugal), 16 June—** Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni is considering changes to his team after a disappointing 0-0 draw with Denmark in Monday’s Group C opener.

Asked if he would alter his lineup against Sweden on Friday, Trapattoni said: “In light of the tiredness and what I saw in the second half, I think so, even if there won’t be too many.”

“We completely got wrong our way of dealing with the game. In the first half we just weren’t there. But this is a little lesson that can maybe do us some good,” he added.

Italy struggled to keep up with the Danes in the opening period and although they were brighter after the break, when Gennaro Gattuso was brought on in midfield, Italy were more subdued than seemed likely.

Still they had good reason to be happy as Germany emphatically proclaimed their presence in this tournament.

**Van Nistelrooy strikes late to deny Germany**

**PORTO, 16 June—** Dutch goalskeeper Edwin van der Sar lets a ball to hit his net as Torsten Frings of Germany (not in picture) scores the first goal against Netherlands during their 2004 Group D soccer match at the Dragao Stadium in Porto on 15 June, 2004. — INTERNET

The Dutch created the first chance after only two minutes when skipper Philip Cocu lobbed the German defence but the ball was just beyond the reach of Van Nistelrooy who failed to connect.

Apart from that the Dutch had very few chances of note, largely because German coach Rudi Voeller was wary of the tactical plans Germany had against his Dutch rival Dick Advocaat.

The Netherlands played with Van Nistelrooy as a lone striker as expected, but he was isolated time and again and surrounded at times by up to five German defenders.

The tactic failed because of ineffective midfield displays from Edgar Davids and Boudewijn Zenden who were both replaced at halftime.

They were largely played out of the match by robust tackling and defending by the German defenders, especially the outstanding Christian Womn.

Both teams came into the match in a nervous state of mind following poor build-ups to the finals with the Germans under pressure after a recent 5-1 defeat by Romania and a 2-0 home loss to Hungary this month.

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The game was played in a passionate atmosphere at the Dragao Stadium with the thousands of orange-clad Dutch fans becoming more subdued as their team was pushed back — until their dramatic late equalizer.

It finally came and German goalskeeper and captain Oliver Kahn, celebrating his 35th birthday, had a rather more subdued celebration than seemed likely.

UEFA celebrates 50th anniversary of its founding

**PORTO, 16 June—** The Union of European Football Association (UEFA) celebrates its 50th birthday on Tuesday by releasing thousands of balloons in its 52 member countries and at two Euro 2004 games in Portugal.

The organization was formed on June 15, 1954, by delegates from 25 associations, representing a total of 30 countries.

The founders included Frenchman Henri Delaunay, whose name is on the European Championship trophy at stake in the June 12-July 4 tournament.

In a congratulatory letter to UEFA president Lennart Johansson, Sepp Blatter, president of the world soccer’s governing body FIFA, said: “Since its foundation, UEFA has helped European football to acquire an enviable reputation.”

“UEFA’s competitions at club and national team level, such as Euro 2004, which has been successfully launched in Portugal, embolden and thrill football fans all around the world.”

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### Weather

**Wednesday, June 16, 2004**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, Southwest Monsoon has advanced into the whole country. Weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rainy or thunderstorms have been isolated in Kayah State, upper Sagon and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Mon State and Tanintharyi District, isolated heavy falls in Kayah, Kayin States, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (18.94 mm), Mawka (2.96 mm), Myin ventilation (8.7 mm), Kawthoung (7.48 mm), Gwa (6.38 mm), Co Co island (4.65 inches), Dawa (4.57 inches) and Thaton (4.51 inches).

Maximum temperature on 16-6-2004 was 30.4°C (87°F). Maximum temperature on 16-6-2004 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9-30 hrs MST on 16-6-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 16-6-2004 was (0.7) hour approx. Rainfall on 16-6-2004 was 12mm (0.47 inch) at Yangon Airport, 3mm (0.11 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 2mm (0.08 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall from 1-1-2004 was 792mm (31.18 inches) at Yangon Airport and 606mm (25.95 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 84mm (33.11 inches) at central Yangon. Incl. Yangon min. wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Northwest at (18.25) hours MST on 16-6-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Benghal. Forecast valid until 16-6-2004: 16-6-2004: 20°C (68°F). Rain will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Tanintharyi divisions, isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Kayah, Mon State, Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Tanintharyi divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%). State of the sea: Occasionally squalls with rough seas are likely off and along the coast. Onshore wind speed in squalls may reach (30 to 40) mph. Outlook for the subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-6-2004: More rain. Degree of certainty is (90%). Forecast for Manda- mya and coastal area for 17-6-2004: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**“New Rainfall Record”**

(Issued at 11.30 hrs MS on 16th June 2004)

The amount of rainfall at Yangon (7.52 inches) observed at 09:30 hrs MS on 16th June 2004 at Hpa-an was maximum recorded this month for the month of June last (39 years). The former record was 180 mm (7.09 inches) on 26th June 1972.
Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects Dokhtawady Bridge Project (Nawngkhio)

YANGON, 16 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, senior military officers and officials, visited Taungkham Monastery in Taungkham Village, Nawnghkio Township, on 13 June morning.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe offered alms to Presiding Sayadaw and supplicated on religious matters. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to Wetwun-Taungkham Road Project being undertaken by Public Works. The commander reported on facts about the project and benefits on completion of the project. Shan State Superintendent Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein, on finding out of axis, progress in building earth road and future tasks; Senior Engineer (Civil) U Myint Thein, on arrival and use of heavy machinery. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected the project. They inspected crop plantations and road condition along Wetwun-Taungkham Road. Next, they looked into axis of the road and left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met local people in Letpangon Village. They headed for Dokhtawady Bridge Project (See page 10).

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets with departmental officials, social organizations, townelders in Maei

YANGON, 16 June—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence met departmental officials, social organizations and townelders at the Basic Education High School in Maei on 13 June morning.

Also present on the occasion were Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Commander Col Tin Hlaing and Col Myint Soe of Taungup Station.

Commissioner of Rakhine State General Administration Department U Ye Naing Aung reported on facts about Maei, Head of Township GAD U Thein Sein, on location, area, education, social, health, agriculture and livestock breeding sectors of the region; and officials, on work done department-wise.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than in his speech said that prevalence of law and order, restoration of peace and stability, strong economy and development of human resources play a vital role in regional development. Now, peace and tranquillity has been restored fully in Maei region. Emphasis is to be placed on such basic business as agriculture and livestock breeding for boosting the economy of the region. Local people can double their income through extended cultivation of cold season crops. Every household needs to breed local chickens. He called on local people to carry out tasks in concert with departments concerned.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party looked into Minkaung Creek Section of Yangon-Kyaikpyu Road Project and gave instructions. They also inspected work progress.

On arrival at Lontawpauk Bridge Project in An Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard a report by officials on progress of work and future tasks. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected tasks at the site and fulfilled the requirements for timely completion of the project.

On arrival at the site for construction of Thanthamachay Bridge Project in Yangon-Kyaikpyu Road, eight bridges have been built and six are under construction. Taungup-Maei road section on Yangon-Kyaikpyu Road is 42 miles and four furlongs long and 40 feet wide. Now, the road is being upgraded. Afterwards, they went to Taungup and met officers, other ranks and families of Taungup Station. He instructed officials to carry out education, social, health and welfare tasks of Taingadawmen and families and cordially met them. (See page 10).